

HAWAII - Oahu

The most popular island and the hub of Hawaii. Known for Honolulu City Center, Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, the North Shore and Diamond Head. A great first island stop!

Hotel Recos

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki

A good hotel that is great for families. Lots of pools, waterslides, lagoons and restaurants. Nice option for multi-generational families - kids can play while grown-ups can lounge, read or play along.



Hilton Hawaiian Village

Outrigger Reef Resort Waikiki

A highly-rated hotel, near the Royal Hawaiian Center. Pools, spas, beach service, plenty of restaurants and lots of on-site activities.



Outrigger Reef Resort

Things To Do

Pearl Harbor Memorial

The Pearl Harbor National Monument is a must-see history visit when coming to Oahu. Good to book ahead of time to avoid waiting in line. Also includes boat tickets to USS Arizona for a tour.



Pearl Harbor

Turtle Canyon Snorkeling

This experience gets rave reviews from all that have done it. Turtle sightings guaranteed. Includes transfer from Waikiki and catamaran transport to snorkeling spot.



Turtle Canyon Snorkel Adventure

Outrigger Canoe Riding

See Waikiki from the water! Ride an outrigger canoe together and experience a Hawaiian tradition! It is a blast. You paddle the board out to the surf break and surf multiple waves.



Outrigger Canoe Rides

Fireworks Friday Paddle Boarding

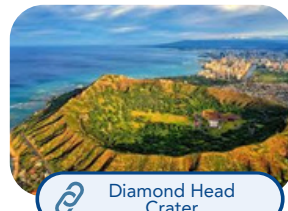
An amazing experience - even if you're not a strong paddle boarder. You go out on paddle boards right off Waikiki Beach at dusk - paddle on your knees or standing. The boards light up (attract turtles) and watch the fireworks while floating!



Firework Friday Paddleboarding

Hike Diamond Head (en route to North Shore)

Climb legendary Diamond Head crater. It's a 760-foot summit with an amazing view from the top. Busier later in the day so go in the morning to avoid larger crowds. Amazing to see sunrise if you're up really early. The hike is moderate. We recommend driving yourself there during North Shore excursion day.



Diamond Head Crater

Dole Farm (en route to North Shore)

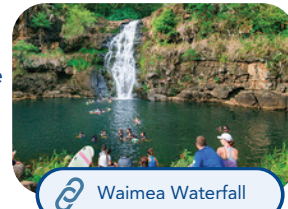
Taste the best pineapple in your life! Visit the farm, see the heritage, learn all the steps about growing - harvesting, processing, and packing. Really interesting and only in Hawaii! Plus there are lots of sampling moments!



Dole Pineapple Farm

Waimea Falls (North Shore)

A casual walk on a paved path through the botanical gardens and historical sites up to the waterfall. The walk is 3/4 of a mile one-way. There is an option to purchase one-way or roundtrip transportation on electric shuttles.



Waimea Waterfall

Shark Diving (North Shore)

Observe wild sharks from inside an underwater shark cage. They swim right by - it's amazing. There is a trained crew so you are safe at all times. Also possible to see turtles and whales.



Shark Diving

Other Recos

Food

Dukes - amazing breakfast - don't miss it!

Sweet E's Cafe - yummy breakfast

StripSteak - wonderful for dinner out

PokeBar - easy lunch (if you like fish)

Tiki's Grill & Bar - great food & music

Getting Around

Recommend getting a car service to the hotel from the airport. You will be tired and don't need a car the entire time.

Rent a car in Wakiki for the time you are doing anything in the North Shore. Many folks rent fun jeeps so you can see everything.

Shopping

Alo Moana Center - high end shopping mall

Luxury Row - the "5th Avenue" of Hawaii

Royal Hawaiian Center - outdoor mall with lots of restaurants

Waikiki Beach Walk - great for casual eating and souvenir shopping

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