

hawai'i 2014
travel itinerary
hawai'i/oahu



welcome letter

Aloha,

I'm glad that you are able to join the Phuking Asian Traveler and hope that your trip to Hawaii is both relaxing and fun.

I know that this trip to Hawaii is the first for most of you, so I've come up with this very basic itinerary with some suggestions. This guide also includes other important information.

During this trip, I have kept the number of group events/meals to a minimum to allow everyone the flexibility to see and do what you want to do.

I look forward to spending this time with you in paradise and hope you do as well.

Thank you for joining the Phuking Asian Traveler's Hawaii 2014 Edition.

Mahalo,

The Phuking Asian Traveler

Be Hungry. Be Curious. Be Lost.



hawai'i the big island

It's easy to feel awed on Hawaii Island.

From the molten magma flowing from Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to the snow-capped heights of Maunakea; from the green rainforests of the Hamakua Coast to the jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach; Hawaii Island is an unrivaled expression of the power of nature.

To avoid confusion with the name of the entire state, the Island of Hawaii is often called the "Big Island," and what an appropriate name it is. Nearly twice as big as all of the other Hawaiian Islands combined, its sheer size can be inspiring. You'll find all but two of the world's climatic zones within this island's shores.

The dramatic size and scope of the largest Hawaiian Island create a microcosm of environments and activities. On this island's vast tableau, you'll find everything from extravagant resorts and incredible golf courses to modest local towns and sacred Hawaiian historical sites, from the birthplace of King Kamehameha I to Hawaii's first missionary church in Historic Kailua Village (Kailua-Kona). With so much to see, it's best to experience the island in small pieces. There's plenty of room on Hawaii Island for your return.

Courtesy of Hawaii Tourism Authority





accommodations hub royale pacific

At the Hub Royale Pacific, Hawaii, be prepared to go back in time.

This grand, historic Victorian house is located near downtown Hilo on Reed's Island, a hidden jewel of Hawaii on the Big Island. Surrounded by the natural beauty and wildlife, this beautiful house is placed on the National Registry for Historic Places.



day one adventure begins

Depending on your flight itinerary some of you may be flying in directly from the mainland to Kona International Airport and some may be connecting via Honolulu.

We'll all meet at Kailua-Kona and get situated to the surroundings. Once the entire group has met up, we will travel to the Hub Royale Pacific.



group event welcome dinner

Nothing better than eating at a Hawaii original.

Contemporary sushi and new wave Asian inspired dishes served in a lively setting is what makes Sansei Seafood Restaurant and Sushi Bar a critic's favorite. *Wine Spectator* called Sansei "Endless innovation with a strong Japanese accent." *Bon Appetit* named the restaurant one of their "Favorite Asian Restaurants" and one of "America's Best Sushi Bars."



day two

choose your activity

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Watch the landscape change before your very eyes at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Located 30 miles southwest of Hilo, this is the home of Kilauea volcano, one of the most active volcanoes on earth. The chance to witness the primal process of creation and destruction make this park one of the most popular visitor attraction in Hawaii and a sacred place for Native Hawaiians.

Historic Kailua Village

Located just 15 minutes south of Kona International Airport, Historic Kailua Village (Kailua-Kona) is a lively seaside town in the heart of the sunny Kona Coast. Once a sleepy fishing village and a retreat for Hawaiian royalty, Kailua Village is now a destination for affordable accommodations, great shopping, dining and learning about Hawaii's rich culture.



things to do

kona brewing co.

Kona Brewing Company's Kailua-Kona Pub on Hawaii's Big Island opened in November 1998. It's second location opened in Decemeber 2003 in Oahu.

The pub is known for great hand spun pizzas, local organic salads and fresh beers on draft that you can't find anywhere else.



everyday at your leisure



Oahu is home to the most famous beach in Hawaii, Waikiki Beach. 2-miles of white sand stretch along Honolulu. In addition to Waikiki Beach, Oahu is also home to the Super Bowl of surfing, the fabled North Shore.

The Big Island has some of the most unique beaches in the world including Punalu'u Beach, famous specifically for its black sand. Honaunau beach allows divers to swim with over 40% of Hawaii's native fish and colorful coral. Its reefs were created by lava pouring into the ocean.

things to do helicopter tour

Founded in 1985, and honored by National Geographic as "Hawaii's premiere helicopter tour company," Blue Hawaiian is the only helicopter tour company that serves all of Hawaii—Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island. Blue Hawaiian was also the first in the world to introduce the incredible EC130-B4 "ECO-Star," the world's first 21st-century touring helicopter.



day three

choose your activity

Kona Coffee Tour

There are hundreds of coffee farms in Kona, from the small art town of Holualoa to Kealahou, and many offer tours to the public. Visit thriving coffee orchards and learn about the meticulous harvesting process. Then explore the coffee mills and see how the beans are processed



Mauna Kea Sunrise Tour

Wake up early to watch the sunrise atop of the world's tallest mountain, Mauna Kea. Stop by the Onizuka Visitors Center and do a little bit of stargazing while your body acclimates to the altitude. Afterwards, travel up to the summit where the panoramic view is spectacular.



day four travel to oahu

Depart from Hilo International Airport for a short hop to Honolulu International Airport.

Visit iconic Waikiki Beach and downtown Honolulu before heading up to the North Shore and relaxing at the Hub Royale North Shore.



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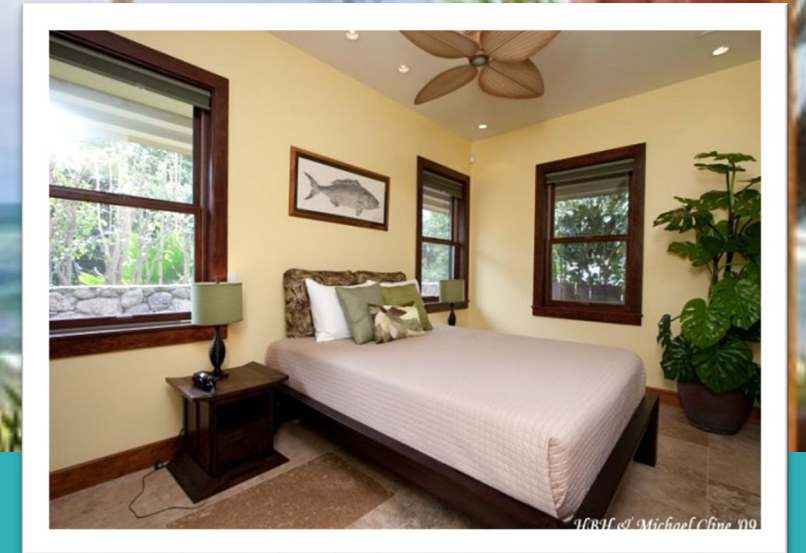
the gathering place

Known as “The Gathering Place,” Oahu certainly lives up to its name. The third largest Hawaiian island is home to the majority of Hawaii’s diverse population, a fusion of east and west cultures rooted in the values and traditions of the Native Hawaiian people. It’s this fundamental contrast between the ancient and the modern that makes discovering Oahu so enjoyable.

The clear blue waters of Kailua Beach meet the metropolitan cityscapes of Honolulu. The historic architecture of Iolani Palace meets the timeless memorials of Pearl Harbor. The big city of Waikiki meets the small town of Haleiwa on the North Shore. Whether you’re hiking atop iconic Leahi (Diamond Head), enjoying some of Hawaii’s best shopping, or simply unwinding on the sands of the island’s beautiful beaches, you’ll find variety at every turn on Oahu.

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accommodations hub royale north shore

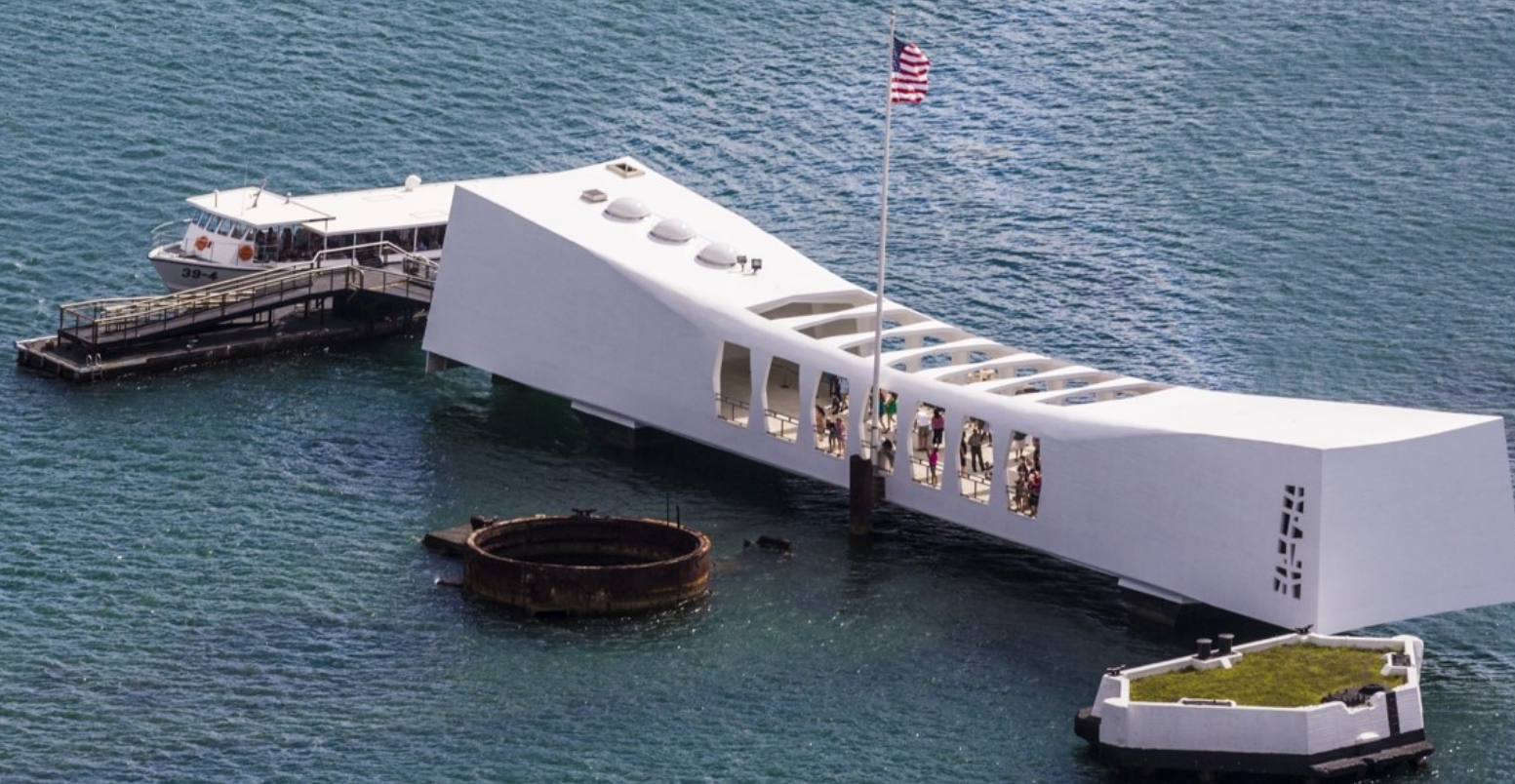
At the Hub Royale North Shore, Oahu, be prepared to discover an ocean-side paradise.

This house is beachfront luxury. The home itself is a spectacular example of island style balanced perfectly with high end luxury and modern conveniences which will make you feel like you are staying in a high end resort.

things to do pearl harbor

The USS Arizona Memorial is a place to learn about the historic attack and pay respects to the brave soldiers that fell that day.

Visitors can take a boat shuttle to the USS Arizona Memorial, a floating memorial built over the sunken hull of the Battleship USS Arizona, the final resting place for many of the ship's crew. In the shrine room, a marble wall exhibits the names of the men who lost their lives on the Arizona.



day five

choose your activity

Ala Moana

With 290 stores and 80 ways to dine in 2 million square feet, Ala Moana Center is your most comprehensive shopping experience in Honolulu – and the world’s largest open-air mall. Here, everyday brands mix with red-carpet designers – Harry Winston, Dior, Gucci – and Hawaii originals like Philip Rickard Honolulu, Tori Richard and Town & Country Surf.

Shrimp Trucks

Located on Oahu’s North Shore, Kahuku’s shrimp trucks don’t look like much. But watching the blissful customers walk away from these humble road-side restaurants with heaping plates of fresh, garlic shrimp scampi and your mouth can’t help but water. The locally raised, jumbo prawns sold at about a half dozen shrimp trucks in Kahuku are just one example of the hidden gems Oahu has to offer beyond the bright lights of Waikiki.



group event midweek dinner

Fire up the grill, pour some wine and make some Mai Tais. Let's grill some Bigeye tuna at the house and have a midweek party at the house .

Time to relax and catch up with each other and see how everyone is doing.



day six

choose your activity

Farmers Market

Taro root treats, purple-hued and sweet. Ripe mangoes, lilikoi, and papayas piled high. Some of the best poke (pronounced “pokey”) you’ll have the pleasure of tasting anywhere. Wherever you are on Oahu, you’re never far from a local farmers’ market.



Iolani Palace

Visitors to Oahu, historians and fans of royals will enjoy the old-world elegance and Hawaiian spirit of Iolani Palace. The last residence of Hawaii’s royal leaders, King Kalakaua, and later, his sister, Queen Liliuokalani, has sustained a painstaking restoration (down to details such as research and reproduction of original fabrics). While the first and second floors present the living areas, the basement displays photos, Hawaiian crown jewels, high-chief regalia and decorations given by the monarchs.

things to do hiking

Hawaii Island is heaven for hikers. Whether you're looking for a challenging trail on fields of lava to short, scenic hikes through historic sites, you'll find just what you're looking for on Hawaii Island.

Take a hike on Oahu and reward yourself with panoramic ocean views and lush mountain scenery. One of Oahu's most famous landmarks and most accessible hikes is up the slopes of Leahi (Diamond Head). Don't forget to bring your boots!



everyday world class dining



The metropolitan center of Hawaii, Oahu has a variety of excellent restaurants to choose from. On Oahu you can eat like a local in small neighborhoods like Kapahulu or Haleiwa or dine in high style at some of Hawaii's finest restaurants in Waikiki and beyond.

Oahu is home to arguably some of the best chefs in the world. Alan Wong, Roy Yamaguchi, George Mavrothalassitis, Sam Choy and Philippe Padovani were some of the founding chefs of the Hawaii Regional Cuisine movement. These local legends take the freshest, locally grown produce and ingredients to create flavorful dishes for visitors and locals alike.

things to do

Hanauma Bay

Staring out at the circular-shaped shore of Hanauma Bay on the southeast tip of East Honolulu, is home to an important nature preserve and the island's most popular snorkeling destination.

Swim into Hanauma Bay's clear blue waters and explore the lively reefs full of colorful fish.



day seven

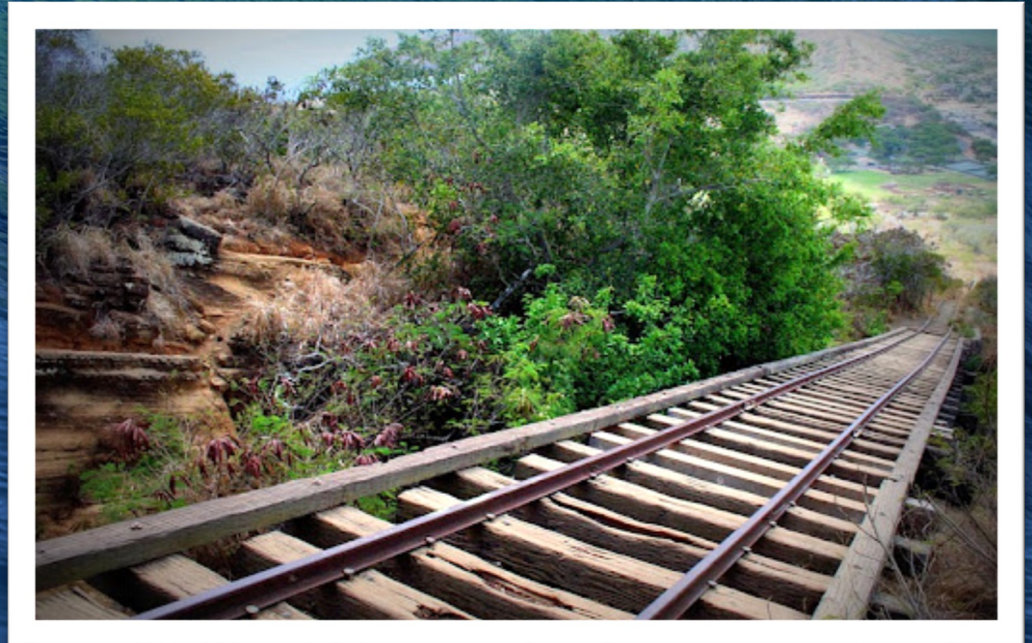
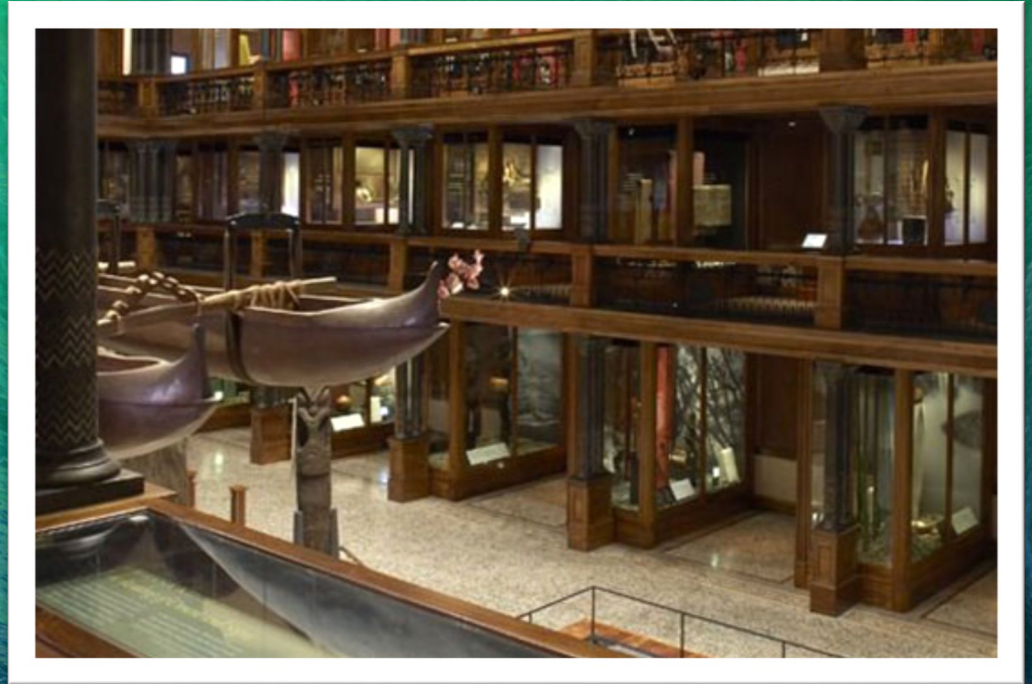
choose your activity

The Bishop Museum

Named for the late Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, The Bishop Museum features the most comprehensive collection of royal Hawaiian family heirlooms, documents and photographs. But the sprawling campus also includes the Science Adventure Center, a planetarium, native garden and an extension of the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame.

Koko Head Trail

Hike up 1100 demanding steps on ties of an abandoned railway that runs along the crater's west side. This is one of the best trails leading to Puu Mai, the crater's highest peak. The ties were for an incline tram used by the military during World War II, to transport personnel and supplies to a lookout post on the summit.



day eight

choose your activity

Waikiki Beach

Located on the south shore of Honolulu, Waikiki was once a playground for Hawaiian royalty. Waikiki was introduced to the world when its first hotel, the Moana Surfrider, was built on its shores in 1901. Today, Waikiki is Oahu's main gathering place for visitors from around the world. Along the Kalakaua Avenue you'll find world-class shopping, dining, entertainment, activities and resorts.



Dole Pineapple Plantation

Hear the history of James Dole and learn how the fruit is grown on the Pineapple Express Train Tour. Then, lose yourself on the grounds, intriguing with gardens, the world's largest maze and that DoleWhip ice cream you keep hearing about.





Polynesian Cultural Center

In the pocket-sized town of Laie, sits a 42-acre landmark with a 50-year history: the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC). Visitors can immerse themselves in several Polynesian cultures thanks to replica villages from Tahiti to Tonga. Each village shares something different – outdoor activities, souvenir shops – so plan to spend a day.

day nine choose your activity

Surfer-Gazing, Beach-Lazing

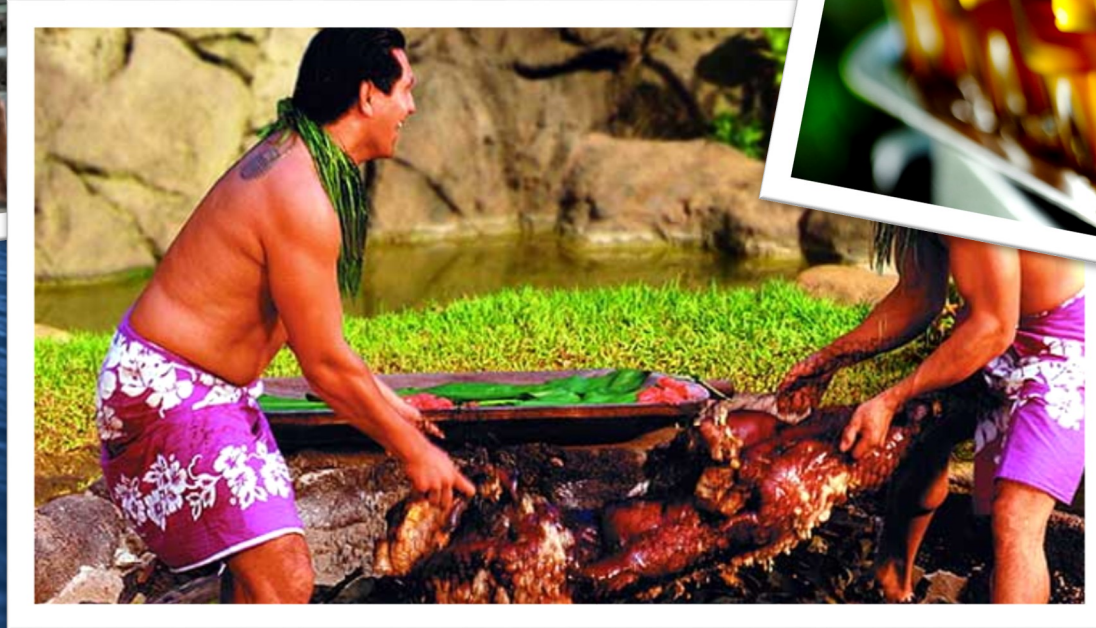
Seven miles of pristine beaches wind along Oahu's North Shore, home to the world's longest stretch of rideable surf spots. Pack a cooler, a beach chair and some strong sun protection to spend time at the big-wave surfing meccas of Sunset Beach, Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline) and Waimea Bay.



group event farewell dinner

A Luau Send Off - In true spirit of Hawaii

What would a trip to Hawaii be without a Luau? (Pretty good actually). Regardless, lets have some fun and experience some of the local traditions which feature cultural entertainment and a feast of local foods such as pork, chicken, poi, fresh fruit from the island.





day ten departure

Breakfast at Leisure

Enjoy a final breakfast in paradise at your leisure and spend the morning relaxing and reflecting.

Check out is at 11:00 am.

All departures back to the mainland are via Honolulu International Airport.

Alaska Airlines - Overseas Terminal Lobby 4

Hawaiian Airlines - Interisland Terminal Lobby 2, 3

Aloha!



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