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## HONOLULU, HAWAII | OAHU

Honolulu, on the island of Oahu's south shore, is capital of Hawaii and gateway to the U.S. island chain. The Waikiki neighborhood is its center for dining, nightlife and shopping, famed for its iconic crescent beach backed by palms and high-rise hotels, with volcanic Diamond Head crater looming in the distance. Sites relating to the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor include the USS Arizona Memorial, per Google.

### DAY ONE

Long day of traveling - bring snacks for the flight  
Landed late afternoon. Check-in and drop off bags.  
5:30 PM - [Sunset Dinner Cruise](#); 2 hours, \$120 USD  
Wonder along the beach

### DAY TWO

Rented a car for this day but transportation is available.

8 AM Breakfast: [Leonard's Bakery](#) (\$, Donuts)

[Dole Plantation](#); time spent is 1-2 hours

- Single scoop vanilla ice cream with free pineapple in a cone

Noon - North Shore

- Waimea Bay has a great large rock to jump off of
- Or cliff jumping at La'ie Point
- Other beaches [here](#)

Lunch: [Kau 'Aina Sandwich](#) (\$\$, Sandwiches) for a burger; USD cash only

- Options and Food Trucks: [Pupukea Grill](#), try the spicy tuna bowl (\$\$, Hawaiian Food Truck); [Giovanni's](#), try something with shrimp (\$\$, Seafood Food Truck); [North Shore Tacos](#), get some juice with your taco (\$\$, Taco Food Truck)

Dessert: [Matsumoto's Shave Ice](#) (\$, Ice Cream) - MUST STOP HERE for the best shaved ice EVER

- There will be a line, but you can't skip this place. Cash is better here.
- Stick around Haleiwa for shopping

5 PM Tour, Dinner & Show: [Ali'i Luau Buffet](#) at the Polynesian Cultural Center; \$85 USD

- Other buffet options available

### DAY THREE

7 AM Breakfast: grab something small, like a granola bar

- Pack for the day - beach stuff, water bottle, change of clothes, etc.

8 AM - [Diamond Head](#) for a morning of hiking; time spent is 2 - 3 hours, \$5 USD per vehicle

- There's different levels of difficulty. You can start at the very bottom or you can drive half way up to a huge parking lot and start from there. Most people start from half way point.
- Get here EARLY - maybe catch the sunrise, but it's cooler in the morning

11 AM - [Hanauma Bay](#) for snorkeling

- Other Beach Options: Waikiki Beach, Lanikai Beach, Kailua Beach, Waimanalo Beach, and [more](#)
- Take surfing lessons from a local
- Look for sea turtles

4 PM - Shopping at [Ala Moana](#) (outdoor mall) or [Aloha Stadium Swap Meet](#) (flea market)

- Flea Market is awesome with great prices and you can bargain. Unique finds compared to the chain stores of the mall.

7 PM Dinner: [Duke's](#)

- Really interesting history. Get a table near outside for fireworks.
- Make a reservation in advance

10 PM - Nightclub & Drinks: Above Ultra Lounge (\$\$, Dance Club); Ginza Night Club (\$\$, Dance Club); or Creekside (\$, Dive Bar)

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#### DAY FOUR

8 AM Breakfast: Leonard's Bakery (\$, Donuts) again, cause it's that good

10:30 AM - [Cage Diving with Sharks](#); 2 hours not including travel time to the location, \$95 USD

1 PM Lunch: [Helena's Hawaiian Food](#) (\$\$, Hawaiian)

2:30 PM - Kualoa Ranch

- Start with the [Secret Island Beach](#) - go here before the ranch; time spent is 2.5 hours, \$50 USD
- Then, [Kualoa Ranch Zipline Tour](#); 2.5 hours, \$160 USD

7 PM Dinner: [Tonkatsu Tamafuji](#) (\$\$, Japanese)

Drinks: Bar 35 (\$\$, Bar)

#### DAY FIVE

7 AM Breakfast: grab coffee and a breakfast item

8 AM - Day Trip to the [Big Island in One Day](#); 11 hours, \$175 USD

- Sights include: volcanoes, waterfalls, sightseeing, history and more
- Bring a backpack of items for the day. You'll be flying and airline bag restrictions do apply

8 PM Dinner: [Kozo Sushi](#) (\$, Sushi); [Ono Seafood](#) (\$, Hawaiian Poke)

#### DAY SIX

8 AM Breakfast: find a local market for grab coffee and a breakfast item; don't forget lunch items

Waterfall Hike to [Maunawili Falls](#); 2.5 miles round trip

- Pack a backpack with towels, bug spray, sunscreen, and lunch. Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and tennis shoes.
- [Other Hike](#): Ha'iku Stairs (Stairway to Heaven)
  - o Not exactly [legal](#) but the view is something you'll talk about for the rest of your life
- Other Hiking Options → [Trails](#)

Clean up at the hotel

3 PM - Afternoon dessert, check out [Madre Chocolate](#) (\$\$, Chocolatier) or [Mochi Lab](#), try the butter Mochi (\$, Bakery)

4 PM - [Pearl Harbor visitation](#)

- Take the boat ride to see the USS Arizona Memorial
- Veterans volunteer here. Stop for a bit and honor the story they tell you. It's moving to say the least.

7 PM Dinner: [Topped](#) (\$\$, Korean BBQ); [Burgers & Things](#) (\$\$, Burgers); [Franky Fresh](#) (\$\$, Burgers); [Teddy's Bigger Burgers](#) (\$\$, Burgers)

#### DAY SEVEN

Early flight, check-out

Goodbye Honolulu | Oahu. Head home.