

A Visitor's Guide to Honolulu



Restaurants

Close to the Convention Center

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf-Coffee and pastries similar to Starbucks. Walk west on Kapiolani for two blocks and turn right at Papa Johns. 1646 Kapiolani Blvd. 808-949-5077 5am-10pm

Teddy's Bigger Burger-Relatively good fast food burgers and shakes. Walk west on Kapiolani for two blocks and turn right at Papa Johns. 1646 Kapiolani Blvd. 808-951-0000

Ala Moana Food Court-has many different types of food and is relatively close, think average food but lots of variety! Walk west on Kapiolani for two blocks and turn left. In the middle of Ala Moana Mall. 9:30am-9pm

Phuket Thai-(Waikiki) this Thai food is recommended 1960 Kapiolani Blvd. 808-942-8194 11am – 10:15pm

678 Hawaii-(Waikiki) across the street from the convention center. Has good Korean BBQ, but can take a while if they are busy. Expensive! 1726 Kapiolani Blvd. 808-941-6678 11am-2am

Keos-(Waikiki) Excellent Thai food. Expensive! 2028 Kuhio Ave. 808-951-9355 5pm-10pm

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Coffee Shops/Breakfast

- Eggs 'N Things**-(Waikiki) claims 'best breakfast in Hawaii', often busy. 343 Saratoga Rd. (main loc)(808)949-0820 6am-2pm, 4pm-10pm
2464 Kalakaua Avenue (808)926-EGGS 6am-2pm, 4pm-10pm
451 Piikoi St. (closest) (808)538-3447 6am-10pm
- Wailana Coffee house**-(Waikiki) also apparently good for late night 1860 Ala Moana Blvd (808) 955-1764 Open 24 hours!
- Morning Glass**-(Manoa) excellent coffee and breakfast too 2955 East Manoa Rd. 808-673-0065 7am-4pm
- Gorilla in the Café**-(Waikiki) probably the best coffee walkable from the convention center 2155 Kalakaua Av. 808-922-2055 6am-10pm
- Cream Pot**- (Waikiki) good Sunday brunch 444 Niu St. 808-429-0945 6:30am-2:30pm
Closed Tuesday
- Diamond Head Market and Grill**-(Waikiki) Great baked goods. 3158 Monsarrat Ave. 808-732-077 6:30am-9pm
- Bogarts**-(Waikiki) Great breakfast/brunch food, acai bowls, etc 3045 Monsarrat Ave (808)739-0999 6am-6pm

Cheep-Entrees under \$15

- Thai Herb Kitchen**-(Kapahulu) Great Thai food. BYOB* 740 Kapahulu Ave. 808-735-7878
- Marukame Udon**-Asian Udon (Waikiki) There's always a line but it moves fast 2310 Kuhio Ave. 808-931-6000 7am-9am and 11am-10pm
- Mei Sum**-Chinese (ChinaTown) Great dimsum 1170 Nuuanu Ave. 808-531-3268 8am-9pm
- Little Village Noodle House**-Chinese (ChinaTown) Huge menu BYOB* 1113 Smith St. 808-545-3008
- Verde**-Mexican (Kaimuki) Great burritos and tacos too. 3607 Waiialae Ave. 808-737-4700 7am-8pm
- Rainbow Drive In**- (Kapahulu) 'Plate lunch' local food, (standard comes with 2 scoops rice, mac salad). Popular with locals, good food. 3308 Kanaina Ave 808-737-0177 7am-9pm

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Affordable-Entrees \$12-\$25

- Irifune**-Asian (Kapahulu) Terrific Garlic Ahi and sashimi. BYOB*
563 Kapahulu Ave. 808-737-1141
Open Tuesday-Saturday 11am-1:30pm and 5:30 pm-9:30pm
- Olive Tree**-(Kahala) Greek. BYOB*
4614 Kilauea Ave. 808-737-0303 5pm-10pm
- Real**-(Ward Center) Fancy Bar food. Great selection of beers on tap.
1020 Auahi St. 808-596-2526 2pm-2am
- Pint and Jigger**-(King) Fancy Bar food. Good selection of tap beers.
1936 South King St. 808-744-9593 4:30pm-midnight
- Café Maharani**-(King) Great Indian food. BYOB*
2509 South King St. 808-951-7447 5pm-10pm
- Downbeat Diner**- (ChinaTown) Hipster, good diner food and drinks.
42 North Hotel St. 808-533-2328 11am-midnight
- Lucky Belly**-(ChinaTown) Asian. Small menu but good ramen.
50 North Hotel St. 808-531-1888 11am-2pm, 5pm-12am
Closed Sunday
- Bankock Chef**-(Manoa) Great Thai food.
2955 East Manoa Rd. 808-988-0212 10:30am-9pm
- Tiki's Grill and Bar**-(Waikiki) good food and cocktails with a great view
and sometimes live music.
2570 Kalakaua Av. 808-923-8454 10:30am-1am
- Giovanni Pastrami**-(Waikiki) sandwiches, pizza, sports bar.
227 Lewers St 808-923-2100 8am-12am
- Duke's**- (Waikiki) Great atmosphere on the beach, always busy, expect
a ~45 minute wait. Worth the wait. Great salad bar, entrees, drinks.
2335 Kalakaua Ave 808-922-2268 7am-12am
- Big City Diner**-(Ward Center) Hawaiian/American comfort food. Good
breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
1060 Auahi St 808-591-8891 7am-12am
- Side Street Inn**-(Kapahulu) Tasty local/comfort food, large portions.
614 Kapahulu Ave 808-739-3939 3pm-11:30pm
- Kona Brewing Company**-(Hawaii Kai) Good pub food, local beer.
7192 Kalaniana'ole Hwy 808-396-5662 11am-10pm

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Expensive but good-Entrees >\$20

- Town**-(Kaimuki) Locally grown meats and veggies-quality cocktails
3435 Wai'ala'e Ave. 808-735-5900 7am-2:30pm and 5:30pm-9:30pm
Closed Sunday
- Salt**-(Kaimuki) Locally grown meats and veggies-quality cocktails
3605 Wai'ala'e Ave. 808-744-7567 5pm-midnight
- 12th Ave. Grill**-(Kaimuki) Local meats and veggies-quality cocktails
1145 12th Av. 808-732-9469 5pm-10pm
- Haleiwa Joes**-Worth the drive if you can get there. Amazing location,
great food, brunch buffet.
Kaneohe:46-336 Haiku Rd 808-247-6671 11:30am-4pm, 5:30-10pm
Haleiwa: 66-011 Kamehameha Hwy 808-637-8005 same hours
- Longhi's**-(Ala Moana Mall) Italian/Hawaiian, really nice view for sunset.
1450 Ala Moana Blvd #3001 808-947-9899 7:30am -10pm
- Doraku Sushi**-(Waikiki and near Ward Center) Japanese style restau-
rant, nice atmosphere, tasty sushi.
2233 Kalakaua Ave, 3rd floor 808-922-3323 12pm-10pm
1009 Kapiolani Blvd 808-591-0101 11am-1am
- Sansei Seafood & Sushi**-(Waikiki) 50% off great sushi Friday and Sat-
urday nights for Karaoke/Open mic after 10pm (go early, line). 50% off
also Sunday and Monday 5:15-6:30pm (early bird special).
2552 Kalakaua Ave 808-931-6286 5:30pm-10pm

Bars/Pubs

- Mai Tai Bar**-(Ala Moana Mall) happy hour, pupus, live music, open-air.
4th floor Ala Moana Mall 808-947-2900 11am-1am
- Rum Fire**-(Waikiki) Nice atmosphere (waterfront), but expensive.
2255 Kalakaua Ave. 808-922-4422 11:30am-12:00am
- Yard House**-(Waikiki) Restaurant, but best for beer.
226 Lewers St. 808-923-9273 11am-1am
- Arnolds Beach Bar**-(Waikiki) hole in the wall, local student favorite.
339 Saratoga Rd. 808-924-6887 9am-2am
- Lulu's**-(Waikiki) nice atmosphere, friendly bartenders.
2586 Kalakaua Ave. 808-926-5222 7am-2am

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Activities

Hiking

Educate yourself before starting, some of these hikes are difficult

Maunawilli Falls-A really pretty hike, sometimes muddy that ends in a short waterfall and swimming hole.

Manoa Falls-A short hike through tall Hawaiian jungle that ends in a tall waterfall. Easy and close to town.

Manoa Cliff Trail-A 2-6mile hike along the ridge above Manoa Valley. Relatively flat, with some great views of Manoa Valley and the City. After approx. 2 miles you get to a restoration area managed for native vegetation. Connects with other trails to form longer loops or one way.

Kaena point-A 3 mile walk (one way) to the West end of the island. This is a seabird sanctuary with nesting Laysian Albatros and if you are lucky beached monk seals. This trail is level and easy to walk but has little to no shade so bring sun protection and plenty of water.

Makapuu Point Lighthouse Trail-Great views off the east side of the island. 1-3 hour hike, 3.5 miles.

Kuliouou Ridge Trail- 2.5-3 hour hiking time. Beautiful views.

Waimano Ridge Trail- A recent favorite, because of the uniqueness, but I have never done the whole thing (only ~half, trail gets less clear shortly after that, I always turn back at the point where I reach the long tunnel through the mountain, which is a sight to see).

Beaches/Beach Parks

If in doubt, ask the lifeguard about conditions before entering the water

Magic Island/Ala Moana Beach Park- close to convention center

Waikiki Beach- tends to be crowded, convenient to hotels.

Kaimana Beach- Walk east along Waikiki past the aquarium to this nice beach preferred by the locals.

Makapuu Beach Park-(East Side) Nice beach next to dramatic cliffs.

Sandy Beach- (East Side) strong swimmers only if there is surf

Waimanalo State Recreation Area - (East Side)

Kailua Beach Park- (East Side)

Lanikai Beach- (East Side) Richest neighborhood on the island. Beautiful sand, water, sights.

Sunset Beach and Pipeline- (North Shore) Beautiful beach. Big swell during the winter, the site of many surf competitions.

Waimea Bay- (North Shore) Beautiful beach tucked away in a little bay.

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Other

Pearl Harbor Historic Site - There is a free tour to see this historic site.

Hula Show-In Waikiki they often have free Hula shows in the evening that go on near Duke's statue on Waikiki Beach. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Not Free but Recommended

Hanauma Bay - (East Side) Best snorkeling on Oahu, strong swimmers (in good conditions, ask the lifeguard) should snorkel outside the inner trampled reef to find pristine corals and marine life. Closed Tuesdays, go early or you may not get in. \$7.50/person and \$1 parking/car.

Scuba Diving - This time of year (February) the South/East shores are often the most accessible for scuba. Recommend looking into wreck dives on the South Shore if diving is what you want to do.

Luau - Tend to be expensive, usually 'buffet style dinner and a show'. Popular venues: Polynesian Cultural Center (North-East Shore), and Germaine's Luau (South West Shore)

Museums

We don't spend much time indoors, but if it happens to rain...

Waikiki Aquarium-A short walk on the east side of Waikiki. Is small but has great exhibits with some unique fishes, coral and monk seals.

www.waquarium.org \$12/adult

Honolulu Zoo-A short walk on the east side of Waikiki. Has some endangered Hawaiian fauna and is mostly outdoors.

www.honolulu zoo.org \$14/adult

Honolulu Art Museum-A nice collection of asian art. Often has temporary shows that feature local artists.

www.honolulu museum.org \$10/adult

Bishop Museum-The state museum of culture and natural history. Wonderful exhibits of Hawaiian cultural artifacts.

www.bishopmuseum.org \$19.95/adult