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Wakīkī Aquarium

When the facility opened in 1904, The Honolulu Aquarium, as it was called then, was considered state-of-the-art, with 35 exhibits and 400 marine organisms. Admission was 10 cents and some visitors even arrived on horseback. Today, the facility houses more than 3,500 organisms, 285 volunteers, and welcomes over 330,000 people and 30,000 schoolchildren each year. **2777 Kalākaua Ave., www.waquarium.org**



Bishop Museum

Built in memory of the late Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, Bishop Museum proudly stands in the historic Kalihi district of Honolulu, housing the world's largest collection of Polynesian artifacts. Various educational exhibits take place around the campus including new features within Hawaiian Hall, Pacific Hall, and daily shows at the J. Watumull Planetarium. **A1525 Bernice St., www.bishopmuseum.org**



Honolulu Zoo

Located across the street from Queen's Surf Beach in Waikīkī, the Honolulu Zoo is home to 1,230 animals, including monkeys, endemic birds, giraffes, zebras, tigers, elephants and orangutans. In the early 1900s, the park's administrator began collecting wild animals to put them on display. As the number of animals grew, the city eventually took over the land and the Honolulu Zoo was born. **151 Kapahulu Ave., www.honolulu zoo.org**

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Honolulu Museum of Art

Featuring the largest collection of fine art in the Pacific, from ancient Chinese pottery to Impressionist paintings to visiting exhibitions of cutting-edge contemporary art. And while the Asian collections—Japanese woodblock prints, Buddhist statues and much more—could inspire hours of contemplation on their own, the heart of HMA lies in its surprising array of American and European art. Works by Monet, Matisse, Bontecou and Frankenthaler are part of the Museum's permanent collection.

900 S. Beretainia St., honolulumuseum.org



Pearl Harbor

Everyday, 4,000 visitors from all across the world come to pay their respects to those who've lost their lives on the Sunday morning of December 7, 1941. The USS Arizona Memorial, which marks the final resting place of 1,102 of the 1,177 sailors and marines who were killed, is a dedicated shrine in the form of a bridge floating above the sunken USS Arizona battleship. Its structure, which has two peaks at each end, represents the height of American power before the war, the depression after the attack, and the final rise of American pride after the war. Visits to the site are free and include a boat ride to and from the memorial, and a 23-minute documentary in the theater. Ticket passes for the boat ride can be reserved online or given out on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. **1 Arizona Memorial Pl., nps.gov/valr**

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Ka'ena Point

The mo'olelo (oral history) of Hawaiian culture says that Ka'ena Point was once the last home for passed loved ones before their souls departed from the earth. It's also here where Laysan albatrosses spend their nesting season while native plants, such as the ohai bush, blossom abundantly. Discover tide pools, small stone arches and picturesque views of the Makua coastline. A fisherman's or hiker's paradise, be wary of the water's edge as dangerous currents can become instantly large and unpredictable. hawaii.stateparks.org

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“This is an iconic spot of history ... Where the energy is so thick, sometimes I don’t bring my tour group down here” KUMU LOPAKA KAPANUI, cultural practitioner and storyteller of Mysteries of Hawai‘i, regarding his tour stops along old Pali road.

Pali Lookout

This is where a gruesome battle took place between King Kamehameha I and a rival chief—a fight that helped determine the fate of Hawai‘i. When thousands of warriors were pushed off the escarpment into the valley below, Kamehameha’s fate was sealed as the one who would unite the islands. The view, the history and the strong gusts of wind—a signature of the Nu‘uanu Pali—let you know without doubt that this is a place of power.

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