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Home Sweet Home

After I finished up grad school in Chicago, and experiencing one too many bone-chilling winters, I quickly pleaded insanity and moved back to my beautiful hometown of Waimanalo. I missed the cool nights often hushed to sleep by melodic crickets; the constant smell of fresh hay and handsome horses greeting passersby. From the grand folds of the Koolau Mountain Range to the ono (delicious) street side vendors that vary from ice-cold coconuts to pickled mango, I realized that Waimanalo is unlike any other town in Hawaii.

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>> MORNING

For a relatively easy hike, head up to the **Makapuu Point Lighthouse Trail** to get a peak of the sun as it wakes. Although some wear slippers up the sloped, paved path, I recommend wearing covered shoes as the cliff's edge can become scary and slippery. Come early as parking tends to fill up quickly.



>> AFTERNOON

If you're braver than I am and want to try your toes on the nose, check out the beach bend just before Waimanalo Pier known to us locals as "Baby Makapuu" or "Baby Maks" (pronounced "mocks"). Big groups flock there for an all-day camp affair of surf and family time with the keiki in the tidepools.



>> EVENING

After a full day of soaking in sunrays, top it off with a hearty meal at **Sweet Home Waimanalo**. Try the hearty and spiced-infused tofu burger, a local favorite that "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" host Guy Fieri once claimed to have surpassed many of his former red meat competitors.

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The summer season heats up with a variety of hot events

INSIDER'S GUIDE

Lei Day

On May 1st, everyone from locals and visitors will wear or give out Hawaii's most popular symbol of love.

The last time Louise Alina was part of Oahu's Department of Parks and Recreation's annual Lei Day celebration was when she was in high school.

"I can just picture her," Alina says as she gushes about seeing the Lei Day court queen for the first time. "She was so pretty. Her white satin gown. It was all so beautiful."

Fast forward to 2014, after a friend convinced her to run for the kupuna (elder) division in the Lei Day court, Alina was chosen as the 87th annual Lei Day queen.

"I hadn't experienced Lei Day again until I was actually in it," chuckles the Kaneohe resident who would only attribute "Lei Day" with lavish school programs at her elementary and high school – a fond memory of many locals who were raised in Hawaii. "We were a working family so we didn't really go out as much."

After experiencing the 2014 Lei Day and all the hands and hearts that went into the special day, Alina grew a renewed sense of appreciation of the state's momentous occasion.

"What a wonderful experience it was," Alina says. "The flowers, the halau (hula group) dancing, the lei competition ... I told my family we all have to go and see it every time now."

From weary arms holding up wilted strung-up plumeria flowers on Hotel Street to the bountiful Queen Kapi'olani Regional Park in Waikiki, Lei Day has evolved into an event that celebrates Hawaii's most popular symbol of love.

In the newly bloomed tourism year of 1927, when Matson Navigation Company's luxury liner service began between California and Honolulu, Don Blanding – an artist and a poet laureate – suggested to his Honolulu Star Bulletin co-workers that they name a specific day in celebration of lei making.

"Hawaii observed all of the mainland holidays," Blanding explained in *Hula Moons*, his 1930 book of memoirs. "Why not have a Lei Day? Let everyone wear a lei and give a lei ... Let it be a day of remembering old friends, renewing neglected contacts, with the slogan 'aloha,' allowing that flexible word to mean friendliness on that day."

After Blanding discussed his idea with "Kamaaina Kolumn" columnist Grace Tower Warren, she enthusiastically pursued it and suggested that the day should be May Day, coining the popular phrase (and song) "May Day is Lei Day." In 1929, Governor Wallace Rider Farrington signed a Lei Day proclamation urging the citizens of Hawaii to "observe the day and honor the traditions of Hawaii-nei by wearing and displaying lei."

To get a glimpse of the different weavings and artistic talents of lei-makers, the annual Lei Contest Exhibit



"Let it be a day of remembering old friends, renewing neglected contacts, with the slogan 'aloha.'"

will be featured and open to the public between the park bandstand and the shell from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you don't have a child to watch in a May Day program or have yet to experience the appreciation of Hawaii's most festive event, Alina says the Parks' Lei Day celebration at Kapi'olani Park is the place to be.

"I think (people) will get a really warm and happy feeling being in Hawaii for our world is so troubled now," she says with a heavy sigh. "This will help everyone see the other side. How we have such a variety of people and cultures. Hopefully they can take that with them and share it with other people: the aloha spirit."

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Frozen in Time

Ask any Hawaii resident what childhood snack they recall the most and they'll likely mention shave ice. Named after its literal term of "shaved" pieces of ice that's packed firmly into a paper cup or a fancy flower cup holder, shave ice's refreshing reputation has steadily kept pace as one of Hawaii's most favorite snacks. From traditional syrup flavors of strawberry or pineapple to extravagant additions of azuki beans or a heaping scoop of custard pudding, Oahu boasts some of the best treats that's sure to beat the day's heat.

ICONIC STOP

After a full day of sun, fun and surf out in the North Shore, locals and visitors flock to the **M. Matsumoto Grocery Store** where they've been selling the same shave ice for more than 60 years.

E KOMO MAI

All are welcome to **Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha**. Not only is the shave ice delicious, the atmosphere makes you feel as if you're a long lost relative.

SMOOTH OPERATOR

Now located in three locations on Oahu, **Waiola Shave Ice's** signature smooth-as-butter shavings keeps cult-followers coming back for more. If you're a daring eater, try the scrumptious azuki bean bowl, topped with mochi balls.

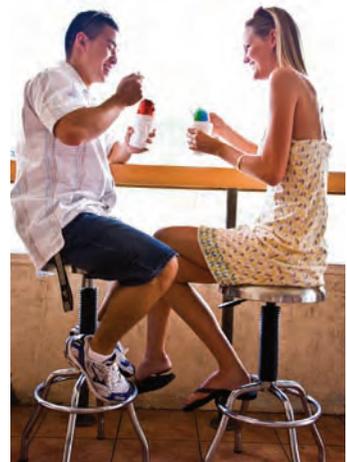
LET IT SNOW

Perfect after a full day of cruising through the laid-back beach town of Kailua, **Island Snow** whips up the

delectable dessert for hundreds (including President Barack Obama) of people lined up early to get a taste of the local treat.

LIGHT AND FLUFFY

For a different take on shave ice, head over to **Frost City** for its light-as-air shavings paired with a creamy finish. Frost City freezes pre-made flavorings and serves up its treats by shaving the blocks into paper-thin pyramids of refreshing goodness.



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a store in New York City, featuring the ever evolving design ideas of local boys Ryan Arakaki, Todd Shimabuku, Jun Jo and Keith Kanagusuku. in4mants.com. Pearlridge, 98-1005 Moanalua Rd., 808.488.0411; Chinatown, 1154 Nuuanu St., 808.538.8898.

KOI HONOLULU—This boutique helps shoppers make a big statement with dazzling celebrity favorites including jewelry and apparel by Chan Luu, Tylie Malibu, Lauren Moshi, Siwy, Faith Connexion and Kippy (to name a few). Find your next edgy outfit among their tasteful displays and be sure to keep an eye out for the paparazzi. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.6888.

LESORTSAC—Offers a variety of arm candy such as mini bags, handbags, totes, backpacks and travel bags. The retailer here offers Hawaii exclusive designs. lesportsac.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.973.6306; Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Rd., 808.973.6300; Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, 2424 Kalakaua Ave., 808.971.2007; Royal Hawaiian Center, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., 808.971.2920; Waikēle Premium Outlets, 94-790 Lumiaina St., 808.686.9788; Waikiki Shopping Plaza, 2250 Kalakaua Ave., 808.971.2919.

PINEAPPLE COUNTY—Trendy casual wear and an ever-expanding accessory selection creates relaxed yet elegant looks for the vibrant crowd. pineapplecounty.com. 342 Lewers St., 808.926.8245.

PRINCESSE TAM-TAM LINGERIE—Lovely lingerie is fashioned out of whisper-thin chiffon, charmeuse and the like, with ribbons and seamless seams that ensure a comfortable fit. Find European brands such as La Perla and Verdisima. princessetamtam.com. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.3330.

QUIKSILVER—The popular surf brand represents a casual, healthy lifestyle deriving from its board-riding origin. The shops feature Quiksilver and Roxy clothing, accessories and related products for active, young-minded people. quiksilver.com. Waikiki Beach Walk, 2181 Kalakaua Ave., 808.921.2793.

REYN'S—Home of the world-famous Reyn Spooner aloha shirts, Reyn's has been the local place to shop for the

best quality aloha wear since 1959. reyns.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.949.5929; Kahala Mall, 4211 Waialae Ave., 808.737.8313.

SGH SUNGLASS HUT—This Miami-based sunwear brand was one of the first sunglasses boutiques to come to Hawaii and can now be found globally with over 2,000 stores. They offer the latest high fashion, classic and sport sunglasses to fit every face shape and personal style. sunglasshut.com. 2113 Kalakaua Ave., 808.926.0630; Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, 2424 Kalakaua Ave., #126, 808.923.9520; Macy's Waikiki, 2314 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.0406; Royal Hawaiian Center, 2233 Kalakaua Ave. Building A & B, Level 1, 808.926.7767.

TORI RICHARD—A family-run business in Hawaii since 1956, featuring men's aloha shirts as well as aloha wear for women and children. toririchard.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.949.5858; Hyatt Regency, 2424 Kalakaua Ave., 808.924.1811; Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Rd., 808.943.9472; Royal Hawaiian Hotel, 2259 Kalakaua Ave., 808.921.2702.

WESTERN CLASSICS—Find a collection of Native American-inspired detailing and colors in fashion and jewelry, from

Navajo sterling silver to cowboy boots and hats. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.1294.

Hawaiiana

BOB'S UKULELE—Kamaka, KoAloha and other popular labels are offered in what is one of the largest selections of private label ukulele on the island. bobsukulele.com. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.4292.

HILO HATTIE—You'll find the largest selection of made-in-Hawaii fashions and gifts, with free trolley service from Waikiki hotels to the flagship store on Nimitz Hwy. The trolley departs daily every 30 minutes from 8:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m. hilohattie.com. 700 N. Nimitz Hwy., 808.535.6500; Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.973.3266.

NATIVE BOOKS NA MEA HAWAII—Boasts an extensive selection of books and educational resources relating to the Hawaiian culture, including gifts and crafts made by local artists. Maui lavender products, unusual jams and food items, jewelry, pareu, and a commitment to Native Hawaiian culture give this shop its folksy personality. nativebookshawaii.com. Ward Center,



Allure You In

For over thirty years, visitors and locals alike have been extending their help for the perfect swimsuit from the gurus of the locally-owned boutique known as **Allure Swimwear**. Whether you're into one-piece, two-piece, or itty bitty piece, Allure Swimwear has got the right suit, fit, and style for you. Top name brands include L*Space, Mikoh, and Aqua Bendita. **Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., www.allure-hawaii.com**

1050 Ala Moana Blvd., Main Line: 808.596.8885.

Health & Beauty

LOCCITANE—A delightful skincare boutique that allows you to immerse yourself in the fragrances and sheer beauty of France’s Provence region. loccitanec.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.949.0800; Royal Hawaiian Center, 2233 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.0102.

LOVE RENAISSANCE—A Japanese skincare line known for their innovative anti-aging and serum-based natural products ranging from cleansers to moisturizers. Their mission is to “deliver beauty and happiness to everyone in the universe.” This is the company’s only boutique in the United States. love-renaissance.com. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.0991.

Jewelry/Watches

HARRY WINSTON—From engagement rings and fine jewelry to elegant men’s and women’s timepieces, Harry Winston has done and mastered it all. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua

Ave., 808.931.6900; Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 800.988.4110.

HAWAIIAN ACCESSORIES—Ancient Native Hawaiians once crafted prized koa wood into sculptures of gods, personal containers and canoes, exclusive for the alii class, or royalty. Today, koa is desirable for upscale furniture, ceremonial bowls and personal adornment. Hawaiian Accessories designs and crafts koa by hand into necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and pendants. hawaiianaccessories.com. Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, 2335 Kalakaua Ave., 808.921.3400; Outrigger Reef Hotel, 2169 Kalia Rd., 808.445.9096; Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, 2522 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.8957; Ala Moana Center above Center Stage, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.944.9928.

KAIMANA KEA—One of only a handful of exclusive Rolex boutiques in the U.S., this authorized Rolex dealer offers expert guidance on the purchase and care of the renowned Rolex watches. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., 808.971.2986.

MARGO TAHITIAN PEARL—Pearls harvested in the Tahitian Islands are known for their luster, shapes and

striking colors that can range from peacock to gray. At Margo Tahitian Pearl, customers can select their pearls and settings to make customized jewelry. margotahitianpearl.com. Waikiki Business Plaza, 2270 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 101, 808.922.8881; Hyatt Regency Waikiki, 2424 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 109, 808.922.8881.

MAUI DIVERS JEWELRY—In 1958, Maui Divers began as a dive shop providing scuba tours off Maui. Soon after, a deep diving expedition revealed a wealth of black coral with a density and purity never before seen—this was the start of Maui Divers Jewelry, the largest jewelry manufacturer in Hawaii. Today, the company is renowned for unique, high-quality handcrafted designs, featuring pearls, precious corals, Hawaiian gold, diamonds and gemstones. The majority of Maui Divers’ jewelry is hand-crafted from design sketch to casting to final stone setting in the company’s world-famous jewelry design center in Honolulu. The company owns and operates 52 locations on the four major Hawaiian Islands and in California and Guam. mauidivers.com.

NA HOKU—Na Hoku captures the essence of Hawaiian lifestyle and tradition in its collection of fine jewelry. Hawaiian for “stars,” Na Hoku carries unique fine jewelry designed and made in Hawaii. You’ll find original pieces set with Tahitian pearls, diamonds, and colored gemstones, as well as collections by renowned designers. The jewelry is designed to accent the individuality and style of its wearer and will forever be a memento of the Islands. nahoku.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.946.2100; Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Rd., 808.942.4858; Outrigger Waikiki, 2335 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.0556; Waikiki Beach Walk, 226 Lewers St. #112, 808.926.7700.

PEARL FACTORY—In a decades-old Hawaiian tradition, customers can personalize their pearl jewelry experience by choosing the oyster, watching it open for the pearl and selecting the jewelry’s silver or gold setting. It’s like a treasure hunt, with pendants, chains, bracelets, rings and earrings. pearl-factory.com. Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa, 2005 Kalia Rd., 808.942.2447.

SACRED JEWELS OF MU—Influenced by the mystic symbols of ancient Hawaii yet sealed with a modern touch, these distinct, hand-finished pieces

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Stunner Shades

Shield and protect your delicate retinas from the summer glare with a sassy yet classy new pair of shaded peepers. Whether you’re into bold and statement worthy or trendy yet classic, **Sunglass Hut** has an abundant collection that will suit the most pickiest of shoppers. Locations includes boutiques at the Royal Hawaiian Center and Ala Moana Shopping Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave.; 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., www.sunglasshut.com

tell the story of the islands. Find high quality, locally crafted rings, pendants, bracelets and other accessories in 18-karat gold, precious and semiprecious stones. jewelsofmu.com. Waikiki Beach Walk, 227 Lewers St., 808.923.0777.

TIFFANY & CO.—The New-York based jeweler is known internationally for engagement rings in classic settings, silver jewelry and charms, all elegantly wrapped in their signature blue box. You can also find gifts for babies, anniversaries and other special occasions. tiffany.com. Luxury Row, 2100 Kalakaua

Ave., 808.926.2600; Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.943.6677.

Shopping Centers

ALA MOANA CENTER—Kukui trees, taro, lily ponds and a lively mix of retailers and restaurants make Ala Moana more than the the largest open-air shopping mall in the world. Its 260+ stores and restaurants, and Center Stage entertainment, make it both a social and commercial commonplace. After the stores have closed, the nightlife and restaurants keep people coming.

alamoanacenter.com. 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.955.9517.

ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET—Featuring over 700 vendors, crafters and artists from all over the world, the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has become Hawaii's biggest and most famous flea market. Shop for everything here: clothing, accessories, made-in-Hawaii products, ethnic foods and vintage antiques. Open three days a week, Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$1 per adult, children 11 years and under are free. alohastadiumswapmeet.net. Aloha Stadium, 99-500 Salt Lake Blvd., 808.486.6704.

CENTER OF WAIKIKI—Built on the same site as one of the first theaters in Hawaii, the former historical building (built in 1936) has since been torn down to make way for this 30,000-square foot specialty retail center which includes Coco Cove, Rip Curl, Footlocker, California Pizza Kitchen and Atlantis Seafood & Steak as well as over 140 cart vendors along Duke's Lane. 2284 Kalakaua Ave.

DUKE'S MARKETPLACE—Conveniently located in the the Center of Waikiki, this landmark marketplace has been around for over 30 years. Featuring over 100 kiosks and stores, visitors are sure to find various "aloha" souvenirs to take home. 2301 Kuhio Ave.

KOKO MARINA CENTER—Located in East Oahu, Koko Marina Center has been serving the community for 50 years. Discover assorted eateries, waterfront dining, locally owned boutiques and convenience retailers. The Center also offers an abundance of activities. Adventure seekers can indulge in any water sport activity while land lovers can catch the latest blockbuster film or squeeze in a workout. You can even pamper yourself with a refreshing salon experience or rejuvenating massage. kokomarinacenter.com. 7192 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., 808.395.4737.

LUXURY ROW—Flagship boutiques include Tiffany & Co., Chanel, Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent, Coach, Bottega Veneta and Hugo Boss. luxuryrow.com. 2100 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.2246.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER—This newly renovated center covers three city blocks and boasts 100+ shops offering designer apparel and gifts. Cartier,



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Borrowed in Blue

If life is a party, then you must dress for it. For a one-of-a-kind outfit that's as unique as it is special, head out to the hippie-chic beach town of Kailua and drop in at **Hana Hou Vintage**.

Enter through the door and step back in time as racks of handpicked colorful and magnetic clothes and accessories are highlighted and adorned along the electric-blue filled room. Everything from the flower power '60s and bellbottoms of the '70s to even the shameless blue eye shadow '80s and scrunchie-loving '90s are represented and hand-picked for a new and appreciative home and fashionista. **Open Mon.–Sat., 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m.–4 p.m., 35 Kanehe St.**

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Hermes, Salvatore Ferragamo and the classic luxury retailers are part of the mix, as well as coffee houses and numerous restaurants offering international cuisine over four levels. The center's free Hawaiian entertainment and cultural programs are well-known and well-attended. royalhawaiiancenter.com. 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.2299.

WAIKELE PREMIUM OUTLETS—Discover 50 designer and name-brand outlet stores with savings of 25% to 65% everyday. Featuring A|X Aramani Exchange, Adidas, Banana Republic,

Barneys New York Outlet, BCBG Max Azria, Coach, Guess, Kate Spade New York, Nine West, Polo Ralph Lauren, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th and more. premiumoutlets.com. 94-790 Lumiaina St. West of Honolulu directly off H-1 Freeway, Exit 7, Waipahu. 808.676.5656.

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK—Forty specialty stores and many popular restaurants anchor the nearly 8-acre Waikiki Beach Walk in the heart of Waikiki. Among the attractions are Ruth's Chris Steak House, Roy's Waikiki and Kaiwa, a Tokyo teppan grill and sushi bar.

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Island Slipper

In the early 1940s, Takizo Motonaga, along with his wife Misao, opened their first business of selling Hawaii's most notorious island footwear of choice: slippers. As there were not many supplies for slippers during the World War II era, the Motonaga's had to improvise by using used old tires for shoe soles. One of the early ingenious innovations that Takizo came up prior to other vendors was the design of a left and right slipper, a change from the usual rectangular shape of a Japanese zori. Today, over a half a century later, **Island Slipper** has grown into a bustling business of new and improved fun, fancy, and easy footwear. www.islandslipper.com

Enjoy free weekly entertainment on Tuesdays, free yoga on the lawn on Wednesdays and a monthly concert series held every third Sunday of the month. waikikibeachwalk.com. 227 Lewers St., 808.931.3591.

Specialty Stores

COOKIE CORNER—Established in 1981 by guys who were scrounging up a way to make some extra money, The Cookie Corner has grown from a "half-baked concoction in a Downtown Honolulu alley" to stores in Kapolei, Kahala, Kaneohe and Kaimuki. Customers return for the freshly made buttery cookies and signature island favorites such as macadamia nut bite size cookies or the liliko tropical fruit bar. www.cookiecorner.com. 808.832.9840.

HOKU WIRELESS—This full service cell phone and computer store offers pre-oid SIM cards with web, data and internet. Rent cell phone and internet devices while on vacation. hokuwireless.com.

MARTIN AND MACARTHUR—A premier Koa furniture maker in Hawaii for over 50 years, Martin & MacArthur features the finest Koa gifts and home accessories for gracious Hawaiian living. They offer the widest selection of Koa jewelry boxes, Hawaiian hardwood bowls, framed Hawaiian weapons, framed feather leis - all made in Hawaii by the finest artists in the state. martinandmacarthur.com. Ala Moana Shopping Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.941.0074.; Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalua Rd., 808.792.1140; Outrigger Reef on the Beach, 2169 Kalua Rd., 808.477.2797.

NEWT—Find authentic one-of-a-kind Panama hats, hand-woven by master artisans in Equador. Complete your outfit with retro-print aloha shirts and tropical sportswear. newtatttheroyal.com. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.531.1888; 800.630.HATS(4287).

ROGER DUNN GOLF SHOPS—From a variety of golf gear, apparel, and accessories, you won't have to set foot in another golf shop ever again. 1132 Kuala St., Ste. 402, 808.456.5401; 1500 Kapiolani Blvd., Ste. 107, 808.942.7741.

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Golden Jubilee

Dressed in an intricately designed Spanish-Mission style building, the Hawai'i State Art Museum (HiSAM) will help the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) celebrate its 50th year of providing free art and cultural education programs to the public. Located on the second floor of the No. 1 Capitol District Building, HiSAM features four galleries, which house local artists' mediums that include paintings, photographs and sculptures. The museum also plays host to three monthly public programs, including a hands-on art activity session every second Saturday; an extended hour timeline and entertainment every first Friday; and a "talk story" lunch every last Tuesday. 250 South Hotel St., 808.586.0900, www.sfca.hawaii.gov

Attractions

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

(PEARL HARBOR)—The USS Missouri, America's last battleship, served her country through three wars, and is best known as the site of the signing of the Formal Instrument of Surrender, marking the end of World War II. Today, the "Mighty Mo" stands proudly overlooking her fallen sister ship, the USS Arizona, in Pearl Harbor. Visitors are welcome daily from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (with extended hours during June, July and August). The "Mighty Mo Pass" is \$25 per adult and \$13 per child (ages

4–12) and includes the choice of three optional tours. ussmissouri.org. 63 Cowpens St., 808.455.1600.

DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT—

One of the most visited destinations on Oahu, offering a two-hour, 1.6 mile hike from the inside of the crater to the summit. At the summit, hikers are awarded with the most breathtaking views daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is limited parking during peak periods. To avoid crowds, opt to arrive between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$5 per car, \$1 per pedestrian. hawaii.stateparks.org. Diamond Head Rd., 808.587.0300.

DOLE PLANTATION—Many Hawaii residents can trace their ancestral roots to the plantation days of Hawaii, when workers from other countries arrived to work in the plantations in the early 1900s. Cultural influences from those days linger, and at Dole Plantation, visitors can learn about them. You can ride on the Pineapple Express, tour the Plantation Garden and walk in the World's Largest Maze, shaped like a pineapple. The snack shop and general store sells everything pineapple, including Dole Whip Pineapple Ice Cream. dole-plantation.com. 64-1550 Kamehameha Hwy., 808.621.8408.



BERNICE PAUHI BISHOP MUSEUM welcomes visitors to see its unique Pacific and Polynesian artifacts. www.bishopmuseum.org



WAIKIKI TROLLEY—Offering four routes throughout Honolulu and Oahu, the Waikiki Trolley offers transportation to the island’s major shopping hubs, as well as sightseeing tours. Once you buy a pass you get unlimited boarding and re-boarding privileges. waikikitrolley.com. 3015 Koapaka St., 808.593.2822.

Island Views/ Neighborhoods

CENTRAL OAHU—Acres upon acres of pineapple and sugarcane fields once stretched here from the foothills of Mount Kaala. Now the H-2 freeway traverses through these central plains past Pearl Harbor, Aloha Stadium and through planned residential communities, outlet malls and military bases. Central Oahu is at a higher elevation, and it’s generally cooler here with lots of passing showers. A popular draw is Dole Plantation, just past Wahiawa on the way to North Shore, an agricultural and retail exhibit with pineapple memorabilia and treats.

DOWNTOWN HONOLULU—The financial and business center of the Pacific. By day the busy streets are packed with area workers, where skyscrapers and offices sit adjacent to historic buildings. Located in the center of town is the Hawaii State Capital Building, Aliiolani Hale and the highly photographed statue of King Kamehameha and Iolani Palace. Nearby on the waterfront is the iconic Aloha Tower, once the tallest building in Honolulu that greeted arriving cruise ships, now surrounded by the Aloha Tower Market Place and its wide variety of restaurants, bars, cafes and gift shops.

LAIE—Laie is one of the best known communities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the site of the Laie Hawaii Temple, the fifth oldest operating Mormon temple in the world and once compared to India’s Taj Mahal. The most notable attraction to this northeastern part of the island is the Polynesian Cultural Center, which is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Considered one of the world’s most successful cultural theme attractions, the center helps to preserve and perpetuate the more ideal aspects of Polynesian culture, and to provide work opportunities for students at the adjoining Brigham Young University Hawai’i.

LANIKAI—The turquoise waters, powdered-sugar sands and swaying palms rank this Windward beach among some of the best in the world. Sheltered by a wide, protective offshore reef, this half-mile strand of beach provides ideal swimming conditions, as well as kayaking, outrigger canoeing, sailing, surfing and windsurfing. During the weekdays, the beach is relatively calm, but on weekends during peak tourist season it can become extremely crowded. The beach is a popular spot for photo shoots, as seen on the pages of previous Sports Illustrated’s Swimsuit editions. Due to its position on the east side of the island, Lanikai is recognized as being a great place to watch the moonrise, particularly during the full moon. With the twin Mokulua Islands in the distance (both are seabird sanctuaries), Lanikai Beach truly lives up to its translated name of “heavenly sea.”

NORTH SHORE—Known as Oahu’s “country,” communities here lead a laidback lifestyle, making Honolulu’s hustle and bustle look like New York City by com-

parison. In Haleiwa Town, natural food stores and cafes sit alongside surf and souvenir shops. Other popular sites on the North Shore include the numerous shrimp trucks that line Kamehameha Highway in Kahuku, Waimea Valley, Dole Plantation and the 142-acre James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. gonorthshore.org.

Public Transportation

THEBUS—An easy, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly way to get around the island is via TheBus, the island’s award-winning public transportation system. Many routes depart frequently from Waikiki and stop at Oahu’s major attractions. Fares are the following: adults 17 and over: \$2.50 each way, seniors 65+ and people with disability: \$1 each way, youth ages 6-17, \$1.25 each way. Each trip allows for one transfer, which allows two connections. Visitors may also want to consider buying the four-day pass at ABC Stores and 7-Eleven stores. thebus.org. For route and schedule information, call 808.848.5555.

SPOTLIGHT



One-Stop Shopping

Aloha Stadium is much more than just a sporting venue for the University of Hawaii Warriors or Rainbows. On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the surrounding parking lot turns into an open-air market, featuring made-in-Hawaii goods, a Farmer’s Market, Art Gallery, Outlet Mall and even a stop for food trucks. Tours of the stadium are available on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. www.alohastadiumswapmeet.net