

Hawaii Schedule

If you are lucky enough to have a trip to Hawaii, following are some thoughts on how to cover as much ground as possible with the minimum amount of wasted time. You are going to the land of Aloha and if you want to see the sights, these suggestions will work pretty well.

Start your trip in Maui. The airport (OGG) has become pretty large and jets from every major airport fly there nonstop. If you can afford it and want to make the trip even more special, fly business or first class. Dig into your pocket and buy the newest version of Maui Revealed: The Ultimate Guidebook:

- https://www.amazon.com/Maui-Revealed-Guidebook-Andrew-Doughty/dp/1949678067/ref=sr_1_1?crd=QJRKBOT6K83&keywords=maui+revealed+2023+edition&qid=1668110029&srefix=maui+reveale%2Caps%2C127&sr=8-
- Day 1. Wake at 2 am (remember the time difference from where you came from and it won't be so bad), take very, very warm clothing and drive the roughly 2 hour trip to the top of Haleakala Crater so you will be above the clouds to see the sunrise. This needs to be done at least once in your life, but it's breathtakingly beautiful seeing the sun rise over the extinct volcano. Note that if you are not with a group you need to reserve a parking spot ahead of time. <https://www.nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/haleakala-sunrise-reservations.htm>
- Spend 2-4 days in Maui, either in Kaanapali or Kapalua on the northwest side of the island or in Wailea in the southwest area.

Fly early in the morning to Hilo (airport ITO) on the island of Hawaii.

- You are about 30 minutes by rental car from Volcano National Park and perhaps the volcano will also be active when you get there.
- Either spend 4-6 hours seeing the volcano and then leave the island from the Hilo airport (ITO), or drive to the west side of the island and spend 2-4 days at one of the resorts near Kona. If you stay on the Kona side, depart the island from the Kona airport (KOA).

Fly early in the morning to Kauai (airport LIH).

- Buy the newest version of The Ultimate Kauai Guidebook: Kauai Revealed
- https://www.amazon.com/Ultimate-Kauai-Guidebook-Revealed-dp-1949678164/dp/1949678164/ref=dp_ob_title_bk
- Rent a car and spend 2-4 days on Kauai and see the most luscious island in America. My favorite hotel on Kauai is the Grand Hyatt in Poipu and it's absolutely beautiful. For a special treat, enjoy at least one pizza meal at Brick Oven Pizza (about 15 minutes NW of the Hyatt, 2-2555 Kaumualii Hwy, Kalaheo) and have them put their garlic butter on the crust. Even if you're from NY or Chicago, you'll thank me later. Part of the beauty of Kauai is driving to secluded beaches where you might be the only ones

around. Also popular is the hike from Haena State Park on the north shore. If you do this hike, wear old sneakers and socks and be prepared to throw them away as they will probably be stained an orange color that can't be cleaned. Your clothes might also be done for.

Fly early in the morning to Honolulu (airport HNL)

- Pearl Harbor is next to the airport and visiting it is one of the most moving experiences of one's lifetime. Rent a car for the day and spend 4-6 hours seeing Pearl Harbor including the Arizona memorial, Battleship Missouri, Bowfin submarine and Pacific Aviation Museum. Be careful of booking paid tours as they are not part of the National Park program. The following links are to the US government site, battleship Missouri, Bowfin submarine and aviation museum where you can make reservations for the free Arizona Memorial tour and the tours that require a fee:

<https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/233338>

<https://ussmissouri.org/#>

<https://www.bowfin.org/>

<https://www.pearlharboraviationmuseum.org/>

- Spend the remainder of the day exploring other sites on Oahu and fly home (exhausted, but very happy) in a red eye flight.