

HONOLULU (OAHU), HAWAII

Hawaii's capital since 1845, Honolulu is a meeting point of many cultures – indigenous and immigrant. Located on the south-east shore of Hawaii's third-largest island, Oahu, Honolulu is the most-visited destination in the whole State, with parks, museums, natural beauty, and monumental history

KEY INFO

Currency: USD

Population: 345,500 (953,200 Oahu)

Emergency #: Dial 911

Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable

ID Requirements: Photo ID

Languages: Hawaiian, English

Drive on the: Right

Pharmacy: CVS, 841 Bishop St, Honolulu, HI 96813

Time Zone: GMT-10 (Hawaii Standard Time)

Wi-Fi: Honolulu HotZone (free public wi-fi)

PORT LOCATION

Honolulu Harbor has two docks for cruise ships: Pier 2, and Aloha Tower Cruise Terminal (Pier 11). Pier 2 is about a 10-minute walk from Downtown Honolulu

Getting Around: It is possible to walk around the city, though the public bus system is reasonably priced and easy to use (\$3 single/\$7.50 day ticket). For something geared towards tourists, the Waikiki Trolley includes over 30 stops, with four different routes (\$30 single-line/\$55 all-lines). Bike rentals are available around the city via the Biki smart phone app. Taxis and Uber are prevalent

📍 www.thebus.org

📍 www.waikikitrolley.com

📍 www.gobiki.org

Port Facilities: Restrooms

Port Address: Pier 2 Cruise Terminal, 521 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96813

BEACHES NEAR HONOLULU

Waikiki Beach: Hit the beach in Honolulu's popular tourist district. 15-minute drive | bus line 20

Sunset Beach: Watch pro surfers catching waves off the North Shore. 50-minute drive

Ala Moana Beach Park: Urban beach stretching along a 100-acre city park. 4-minute drive

FOOD & DRINK

Don't only think about restaurants in Honolulu – also check out the many hole-in-the-wall eateries. These casual grab-and-go options serve up some of the best street food going

Lucky Belly: Head to Honolulu's 200-year-old Chinatown neighborhood for galleries, unique boutiques and great Asian food. Lucky Belly started life as a food truck and exploded in popularity. It's famous, in particular, for its **Belly Bowl** ramen

Tropical Ice Creams: Ditch your vanilla scoop and embrace your inner tropical flair by sampling some of Honolulu's more adventurous flavors, such as a pickled green mango **OnoPops** ice pop

For more: www.hawaii-guide.com, www.gohawaii.com

TOP ATTRACTIONS

Dole Plantation: Discover the story of pineapples on Oahu from the name that is synonymous with the tropical fruit... that was never from here. Complete with a pineapple garden maze, garden tours, and even a pineapple express train tour. Free (\$ optional tours) | 40-minute drive

📍 www.doleplantation.com

Pearl Harbor Historic Sites: Struck in December 1941, Pearl Harbor remains an active military base to this day. Free to visit, this important historic site includes the USS Arizona Memorial, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum and Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. Allow 6 hours to see all four sites. Wear comfortable shoes. No bags are allowed (\$7 storage per bag). Open daily (7a-5p) | free entry | 10-minute drive or bus line 42 (50 minutes)

📍 www.pearlharborhistoricsites.org

Iolani Palace: The only royal palace in the United States of America. Iolani Palace was the official residence of the final two Hawaiian monarchs, and the site of the final deposition of the monarchy in 1893. Open Tue-Sat (9a-4p) | Entry \$30 (approx.) | 5-minute drive

📍 www.iolanipalace.org

The Bishop Museum: Explore the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Pacific artifacts. Also home to the Honolulu Planetarium (\$3 extra). Open daily (9a-5p) | Entry \$30 (approx.) | 15-minute drive or bus line 60 (30 minutes)

📍 www.bishopmuseum.org

Polynesian Cultural Center: Celebrate the spirit and culture of Polynesia at Oahu's top tourist attraction. 42 acres of tropical splendor and traditional hands-on activities. Discover fascinating culture and stories from natives of six Pacific cultures. Open daily (except Wed, Sun) (12:30p-9p) | Entry \$80 (approx.) | 1-hour drive or bus line 60 (1 hour 40 minutes)

📍 www.polynesia.com

Ala Moana Center: The largest open-air shopping mall in the United States of America with over 200 stores. 8-minute drive or bus line 65 (20 minutes)

Waikiki Aquarium: Third-oldest public aquarium in the United States of America. Open daily (9a-4:30p) | Entry \$12 | 15-minute drive or bus line 14/19/20/22 (30 minutes)

📍 www.waikikiaquarium.org

Honolulu Zoo: Come face-to-face with the animals of Hawaii at this tropical zoo. Open daily (10a-3p) | Entry \$21 | 20-minute drive or bus line 20 (50 minutes)

📍 www.honolulu zoo.org