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TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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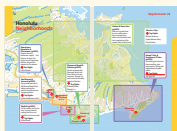
In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighborhoods
What's where

Explore Honolulu

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Honolulu

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Honolulu's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Honolulu. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: www.barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy. Hours: 11am-6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Honolulu

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Honolulu.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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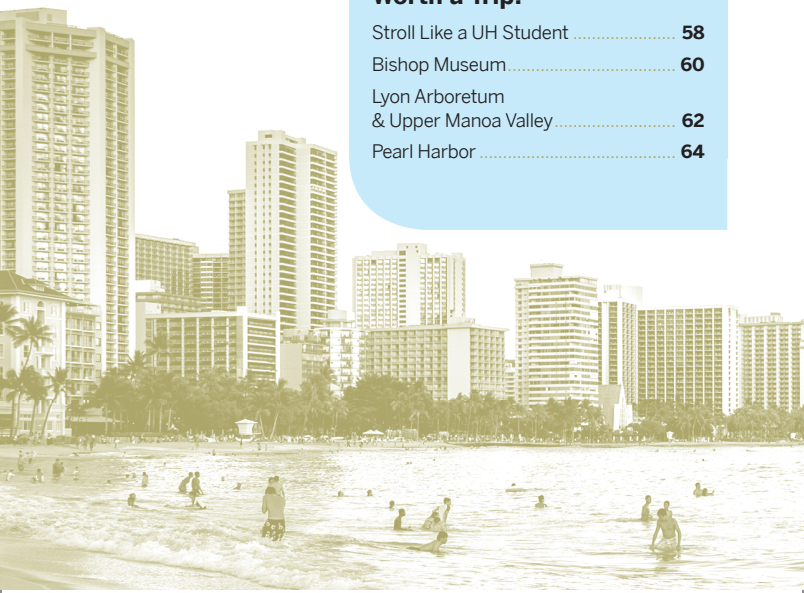
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Welcome to Honolulu

Landing at Honolulu's airport may plunge you into the Hawaiian-style urban jungle, but relax, it's still Polynesia. Even among downtown high-rises, you'll find capital city power brokers in breezy aloha shirts. By day, inspect royal feathered capes or hang out at the beach, then swizzle mai tais while slack key guitars play at Waikiki Beach after dark.

Waikiki Beach (p76)

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Honolulu Top Sights

Kuhio Beach (p70)

Kuhio Beach in Waikiki has everything on offer from protected swimming to surfing lessons, outrigger-canoe rides to catamaran trips, and even a free sunset-hula and Hawaiian music show.



'Iolani Palace (p24)

'Iolani Palace, the USA's only royal palace, has been lovingly and painstakingly renovated. No other place evokes a more poignant sense of Hawaii's history.



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Hanauma Bay (p106)

This wide, curved bay of sapphire and turquoise waters protected by a coral reef is a gem, especially for snorkelers. Head here to eyeball technicolor tropical fish through your mask.

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Pearl Harbor

(p64)

One of the USA's most significant WWII sites, the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor narrates the history of the attack and commemorates fallen service members.



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Diamond Head

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A dramatic backdrop for Waikiki Beach, Diamond Head is one of the best-known landmarks in Hawaii. It was named in 1825 when British sailors thought they'd found diamonds and struck it rich.



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Honolulu Museum of Art

(p46)

The three campuses of this exceptional fine arts museum may be the most pleasant surprise of your trip to Hawaii. Inviting and airy with stunning exhibitions and collections.



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Bishop Museum (p60)

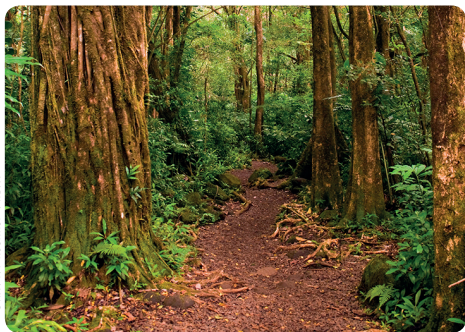
One of the finest Polynesian anthropological museums in the world, Bishop Museum is considered to be Honolulu's version of the Smithsonian Institute. An attraction for the whole family.



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Shangri La (p98)

Celebrity Doris Duke's passion for both Hawaii and Islamic art is encapsulated at Shangri La, her seasonal residence on Black Point, in the shadow of Diamond Head.



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Lyon Arboretum & Upper Manoa Valley (p62)

O'ahu is not all surf and sand. Inland are lush, verdant mountains and valleys, hiking trails and botanical gardens. Make the most of the green and explore the Upper Manoa Valley.



Honolulu Local Life

Insider tips to help you find the real city

After checking off Honolulu's top sights, here's how you can experience what makes the city tick – hip local hangouts, neighborhood favorites, family hotspots and quirky shops that make up multiethnic Honolulu.

Historic Chinatown Walk (p26)

- ▶ Multiethnic hotspots
- ▶ Honolulu history

Though most Chinese entrepreneurs have long since moved out and been replaced by newer immigrants, the scent of burning incense still wafts through Chinatown's buzzing markets, fire-breathing dragons spiral up the columns of buildings and steaming dim sum awakens even the sleepest of appetites.

Hang Out in Ala Moana (p48)

- ▶ Beach options
- ▶ Shopping spots

Locals know that Ala Moana offers more than just a shopping center.

Ward Center and Ward Warehouse offer excellent eating and browsing options, while the beach park and Magic Island are stunners that many staying in Waikiki don't even realize are there.

Stroll Like a UH Student (p58)

- ▶ Student days
- ▶ Drinking options

The main campus of the University of Hawai'i is breezy, tree-shaded and crowded with students from the mainland, Hawaii itself and countries all around the world. The UH campus and surrounding areas feel youthful, with a collection of cafes, eclectic restaurants and one-of-a-kind shops.

A Wander Through Waikiki (p72)

- ▶ Relaxed Waikiki
- ▶ Beaches and parks

Waikiki may be full of tourists, but don't forget that the locals live here too. From the southern end of Kuhio Beach Park, avenues radiate off in different directions to local spots like Kaimana Beach, Waikiki School (lucky kids!) and Waikiki-Kapahulu Library.



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Kalapawai Market (p122)

Volleyball players, Ala Moana Beach Park (p49)



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Other great places to experience the city like a local:

Gyotaku by Naoki (p118)

Fresh Cafe Downtown (p34)

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Tin Can Mailman (p42)

Waikiki Community Center (p79)

Waiola Shave Ice (p86)

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