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Itineraries

1 DAY  Circle Island Tour

Either rent a car or join a tour for this one-day adventure circling O‘ahu. All up, you’re in for less than 100 miles of driving, but you'll want to get an early start to make the most of it. Don’t forget towels, sunscreen and bathing suits. Traveling in either direction is fine.

From Waikiki, cross to the Windward Coast on Route 61, the Pali Highway, making sure to stop at the Nu‘uanu Pali State Wayside at the pass. Halfway down, turn left onto Route 83 and from Kahalu‘u, you’ll be heading up the coast. Take a break at Kualoa Regional Park to check out Mokoli‘i Island (Chinaman’s Hat) and the magnificent Kualoa mountains. Kualoa Ranch beckons with all sorts of activities.

The drive and scenery is mesmerizing. Break for lunch at the shrimp trucks at Kahuku, a classy restaurant at Turtle Bay Resort or Ted’s Bakery at Sunset Beach. You're hitting the 'Seven-Mile Miracle' that surfers dream of, the North Shore stretch of waves and sand from Sunset Beach to Hale‘iwa township. See if the turtles are visiting at Laniakea Beach.

After checking out Hale‘iwa, down a pick-me-up at Green World Coffee Farm in Central O‘ahu before taking the H2 and H1 Freeways back to Waikiki.
Into the outdoors? Make sure to hit these spots if you’ve got limited time on O‘ahu. There’s plenty to see and do within a few miles of Waikiki, including swimming, snorkeling, sailing and hiking. Get out there and do it! And a bit of retail therapy won’t hurt either.

On Day one, shake out the cobwebs with an early morning swim at Kuhio Beach Park, followed by a stroll down to Kaimana Beach and around gorgeous Kapiʻolani Park. This will set you up for a good look around Waikiki. Head into the legendary diner Eggs ‘n’ Things for brunch, then when you’re ready, head up inland past the University of Hawai‘i and into the Manoa Valley for a fun short hike up to Manoa Falls. Remember, it could be raining up here, even if the sun is shining in Waikiki. Back in Waikiki late afternoon, enjoy a refreshing swim then cocktails, followed by the Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting & Hula Show or slack key guitars in the evening.

Day two has an early start as you’ll want to get to spectacular Hanauma Bay for snorkeling before the crowds arrive – as an added bonus, entry is free before 7am! Get there at 9am and the carpark is likely to be full. Don’t leave without spotting Hawaii’s state fish, the humuhumunukunukuapua‘a. Stop off at Kokonuts or Bubbies at the Koko Marina Center for refreshments after. Back in Waikiki, enjoy some solid beach time and an afternoon catamaran cruise from right on the beach before heading out to House Without a Key at the Halekulani.

Get an early start on day three to climb Diamond Head as it gets hot in the middle of the day. Spectacular views from the top make the climb worthwhile. Stop off at Bogart’s or Da Cove Health Bar & Cafe on Monsarrat Ave for an acai bowl on your way back to Waikiki. Take a dip at the beach, freshen up, then head to the Ala Moana Center, the world’s largest open-air shopping center with over 340 stores and restaurants. Eat at Ala Moana tonight or head a bit inland to one of Honolulu’s hidden gems, Sweet Home Café on King St.
For those into history, art and culture, O‘ahu is a treasure trove. While millions of visitors see Pearl Harbor, others will be surprised by the quality of the city's museums, the intrigue of its historical district and Chinatown, and the proximity of verdant mountain scenery.

From your base in Waikiki, spend at least a day at Pearl Harbor. The WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument is one of the USA's most significant WWII sites. It narrates the history of the Pearl Harbor attack and commemorates fallen service members. Visit the USS Arizona Memorial, the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park and the Pacific Aviation Museum.

For another day, visit the Bishop Museum, undoubtedly the world's top Polynesian anthropological museum and Hawaii's version of the Smithsonian Institute. There's lots going on here, but on your way back, make time to drive into the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, better known as Punchbowl. Some 50,000 are buried in this volcanic crater. Views of Honolulu from the rim are superb. Going back to Waikiki, drive the Punchbowl, Tantalus & Round Top Dr scenic route and take a stop at Puʻu ‘Ualaka’a State Wayside to view the city and Waikiki.

Spend your third day in Honolulu. The exceptional Honolulu Museum of Art may be the biggest surprise of your trip to O‘ahu. Book ahead and join a tour out to Shangri La, Doris Duke’s hideaway at Black Point: the only way to see it is on the museum’s tour. Next, Chinatown beckons! Wander the streets and markets, check out the galleries, then stay for dinner at a local hot spot such as Lucky Belly or Pig & the Lady. Later on, Dragon Upstairs may be calling.

Downtown and Honolulu's Historical District is worth a day of your time too. Check out the USA's only royal palace, ʻIolani Palace, then the State Capitol with its unusual design. There's thought-provoking art from Hawaii’s multiethnic communities at the Hawai‘i State Art Museum and more history at the Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site at the original headquarters of the Sandwich Islands mission. Atmospheric Café Julia or Artizen by MW at the State Art Museum are great spots for lunch. Don't forget to go up Aloha Tower.
Spectacular scenery awaits on this trip around O‘ahu’s southeast coast for which you’ll want your own wheels. We’re talking great beaches, views, strolling and killer bodyboarding. Take your time and it will take all day, or buzz around in half.

Head east on Route 72, the Kalaniana‘ole Hwy, from the eastern end of the H-1 at Kahala. If you want refreshments, drop into the Koko Marina Center at Hawai‘i Kai. Assuming you’ll hit Hanauma Bay for snorkeling on a different day (it’s a must!), carry on with stops at the Lana‘i Lookout, Halona Cove and Blowhole and Sandy Beach. You’ll need confidence to pull out your bodyboard here as the waves crash right on the beach!

The Makapu‘u Lookout reveals unreal views of Makapu‘u Beach, Waimanalo Bay and magnificent pali (cliffs). Waimanalo Bay Beach Park is the place to pull out that bodyboard. Otherwise, carry on to the amazing golden sands of Kailua Beach Park or township. Strolling, swimming, kayaking, windsurfing and kitesurfing are all here. Get a shave ice at Island Snow Hawaii. Head back to Waikiki on the Pali Hwy (Route 61) to complete the loop.

You’ll want your own wheels for this road less traveled. Past the Ko Olina resorts, the Leeward Coast feels like forgotten O‘ahu. That said, there are magnificent white-sand beaches, Native Hawaiian pride is alive and well, and there are good spots to hike.

Take the H-1 west from Honolulu. For a look at what Waipahu used to be like, make a stop at Hawaii’s Plantation Village. This outdoor museum tells the story of life on the sugar plantations and of Waipahu, one of O‘ahu’s last plantation towns.

From the freeway, spot the construction of HART, the mostly elevated Honolulu Rapid Transit project that will eventually link East Kapolei with the Ala Moana Center. At the end of the H-1, visit the upscale Ko Olina resorts and golf course, which feel a bit out of place here in western O‘ahu.

Heading up the coast now, if you’re ready to eat, stop in at Coquitos Latin Cuisine, roadside in Wai‘anae. Further up, take a dip at magnificent Makaha Beach or Yokohama Bay, renowned for its sunsets. From the end of the road, hike out to Ka‘ena Point and back. The return journey to Honolulu will take a tad over an hour.
Top: Makapu’u Point (p201)
Bottom: Ka’ena Point (p196)
KUNIA RD
If you’re not in a hurry on your way to Wahiawa in Central O‘ahu (and why would you be?), consider taking scenic Kunia Rd through rural plantations at the foot of the mountains. (p268)

MAKAHA BEACH
Surprisingly free of tourists, away from most visitor-action on the Leeward Coast, spectacular Makaha Beach is where big-wave surfing got its start in the 1950s. (p194)

HELENA’S HAWAIIAN FOOD
A few blocks southeast of the Bishop Museum, Helena’s received a James Beard Award for ‘America’s Classics’ and is a top spot to come if you want to eat ‘local’. (p115)

LA MARIANA SAILING CLUB
Time warp! Who says all the great tiki bars have gone to the dogs? Irreverent and kitschy, this 1950s joint by the lagoon is filled with yachties and long-suffering locals. (p127)

ETHEL’S GRILL
One of the greatest hole-in-the-wall restaurants in Honolulu, Ethel’s has the tastiest food and a homely atmosphere. Try pig’s feet soup or deep-fried turkey tails! (p116)
GYOTAKU BY NAOKI
You’ll probably spot Naoki’s magnificent gyotaku (Japanese-style fish prints) all over O‘ahu, but there’s nothing like watching him print up a freshly caught fish in his own studio in Kane‘ohe. (p228)

LIKEKE FALLS
Ready for a hidden waterfall, and maybe even being lucky enough to have it to yourself? The family-friendly Likeke Falls Trail winds through a forest of native and exotic trees into the lush Ko‘olau Range. (p225)

BAILEY’S ANTIQUES & ALOHA SHIRTS
Bailey’s has the finest aloha-shirt collection on O‘ahu, possibly the world! Racks are crammed with thousands of collector-worthy vintage aloha shirts in every conceivable color and style. (p170)

PIONEER SALOON
It’s simple stuff, but the locals can’t get enough of Pioneer Saloon’s Japanese fusion plate lunches, with everything from grilled ahi to fried baby octopus to yakisoba (fried noodles). (p162)

KONA BREWING COMPANY
This Big Island import, on the water in Hawai‘i Kai, is known for its microbrewed beers, especially the Longboard Lager, the Pipeline Porter and the Big Wave Golden Ale. (p209)
# Map Legend

## Sights
- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

## Activities, Courses & Tours
- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkeling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

## Sleeping
- Sleeping
- Camping

## Eating
- Eating

## Drinking & Nightlife
- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

## Entertainment
- Entertainment

## Shopping
- Shopping

## Information
- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

## Geographic
- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

## Population
- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

## Transport
- Airport
- BART station
- Border crossing
- Boston T station
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro/Muni station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway/SkyTrain station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Underground station
- Other Transport

## Routes
- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

## Boundaries
- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

## Hydrography
- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

## Areas
- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book.
OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that’s all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, Across Asia on the Cheap. Within a week they’d sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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