

# HAWAII



For more information about HAWAII, click here: <https://portal.ehawaii.gov/>

## MAJOR CITIES:

Central Hawaii	Lahaina
Northwest Hawaii	Honolulu
Southeast Hawaii	Hilo and Kailua Kona

## HAWAII – CLIMATE

The American state of Hawaii, which covers the Hawai'ian Islands, is tropical but it experiences many different climates, depending on altitude and weather. The islands receive most rainfall from the trade winds on their north and east flanks (the windward side) as a result of orographic precipitation. Coastal areas, in general, and especially the south and west side or leeward sides, tend to be drier.

In general, the Hawaiian Islands receive most of their precipitation during the winter months (October to April). Drier conditions generally prevail from May to September, but the warmer temperatures increase the risk of tropical cyclones.

With its warm and gentle trade winds, mild temperatures and sunny skies, Hawaii is an ideal vacation destination throughout the year. Generally speaking, the state of Hawaii is tropical, but the temperature and climate can vary dramatically depending on where you are located on a particular island. For example, on the Big Island of Hawaii, it is possible to hit the beach and go for a swim and then drive up to the top of Mauna Kea and walk in snow in the same day. The Big Island's majestic mountains, the tallest of which is Mauna Kea rising 13,796 feet (4,205 m), contain a climatic range from the tropic to the sub-Arctic.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on these sites for more cultural activity ideas:

<https://santorinidave.com/best-things-to-do-hawaii>

<https://www.hawaii-guide.com/top-things-to-do-in-hawaii>

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/hawaii>



- **Haleakala Crater - Maui**

Maui's Haleakala National Park definitely deserves top billing. Considered by many as the ultimate Hawaiian experience, Haleakala translates to 'House of the Sun', and you'll see why as you make your way to the summit. Head out early and be prepared for a stunning sunrise. Enjoy the rare plants such as the silversword, and jaw-dropping views of the valley below. It's recommended to be prepared with sunscreen and also warm clothing, as temperatures can be quite cold. Once you make it to the summit you'll realize why this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

<https://www.nps.gov/hale/index.htm>



- **Pearl Harbor / USS Arizona Memorial – Honolulu, Oahu**

Honolulu, Oahu is home to this historic site that earns rave reviews from visitors from all walks of life. Learn about an event that changed history and pay tribute to those who lost their lives during WWII, specifically in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Pearl Harbor is part of the larger World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and, in addition to the USS Arizona Memorial, also includes the Battleship USS Missouri, and the USS Utah Memorial. This is an awe-inspiring and especially solemn experience; a definite must-do.

<https://www.nps.gov/valr/index.htm>



- **[Akaka Falls – Pepeekeo, HI](#)**

A BEAUTIFUL 442-FOOT WATERFALL IN the Hamakua Coast area of the Big Island of Hawaii, 'Akaka Falls carries Kolekole Stream to the rainforest floor below, and is a popular stop for tourists on the island. However, the many visitors might miss the most interesting part of the falls: the goby fish that literally climb up the wet rocks behind the falls to reach their spawning grounds.

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/hawaii/akaka-falls-state-park/>



- **[World's Largest Plant Maze – Wahiawa, HI](#)**

ALMOST TWO AND A HALF miles of paths weave through two acres of native plants to form the largest plant maze in the world. The current Guinness record holder, the Pineapple Maze at the Dole pineapple plantation had to expand in 2007 to win back the title.

The maze originally debuted in 1998, and now features more than 14,000 plants. It was designed as a game with eight stations to be visited, and a pineapple shaped garden at the center. The fastest times through the maze are posted on a sign at the entrance. For most visitors it takes about an hour, but the record time to complete this record maze is just seven minutes.

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/hawaii/worlds-largest-plant-maze-hi/>



- **[Kaniakapupu Ruins – Honolulu, HI](#)**

KAMEHAMEHA III RULED THE KINGDOM of Hawaii from 1825 to 1854. During his reign, the pressure to “modernize” and thus protect Hawaii’s sovereignty from Pacific colonial powers was set against the need to keep the nation intact internally and ensure that this Western influence did not separate him from his chiefs and his people. Kaniakapupu was an important site for achieving the latter goal.

Completed in 1845, Kaniakapupu was built in the Nu’uanu Valley on Oahu. The palace was situated on a parcel of crown lands called Luakaha, meaning roughly “place of relaxation.” The palace itself was a fairly straightforward structure in the traditional style, consisting of four stone walls enclosing one large room and surrounded by a porch on all sides. The grounds also included a stone perimeter wall, a detached kitchen house, a garden, and a Lono heiau (i.e., a temple or house dedicated to Lono, the Hawaiian god of agriculture, fertility, peace, and music) for which the palace was named Kaniakapupu, which means “the singing of the land shells.”

<https://www.best-of-oahu.com/kaniakapupu-ruins.html>



- **[Big Island Lava Flow – Paho, HI](#)**

USUALLY, WHEN SPEAKING OF GEOLOGICAL phenomena, one speaks of time in “aeons” or references events as “prehistoric.” But on the Big Island of Hawai’i, the vocabulary’s a little different.

Lava - or Pele, as it is commonly referred, after the volcano goddess of the Hawaiian religious tradition, is a fact of life and actively reshapes the land on a daily basis. It’s not an uncommon occurrence drive down a highway and find that lava has flowed over the road and rendering it inoperable, or to hear someone mention that a house or property was “taken by Pele.” On a hazy day, locals will complain of the Vog - volcanic smog - and seasoned fisherman will tell you that the best place to catch fresh Ahi is in the waters warmed by the lava pouring into the ocean.

<https://www.lovebigisland.com/big-island-lava-viewing/>



- **[Place of Refuge – Captain Cook, HI](#)**

IN ANCIENT HAWAII - A period from the Polynesian settlement in 600 AD until Kamehameha's monarchy in 1810 – an extensive kapu system governed the islands. Kapu, roughly translated as “forbidden,” consisted of a series of laws that dictated daily life. Common men could not tread on royal ground. No one was allowed to step in the shadow of the chief. Women were forbidden from eating particularly phallic-looking bananas. The punishment for breaking these mandates? Death as human sacrifice.

Even unwittingly committing kapu warranted execution in certain circumstances. In a time where impaled heads lined the roads to temples and human sacrifices were burned on the slopes of volcanoes, it seems that the system was stacked against the common man. Yet, there was one glimmer of hope for those sentenced to death. In typical Hawaiian fashion, it rested on a rigorous test of strength, endurance, and unshakable faith.

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/place-of-refuge>



- **[Valley of the Temples Memorial Park – Kaneohe, HI](#)**

NESTLED IN TROPICAL OAHU, THE VALLEY of the Temples Memorial Park provides a slice of authentic Buddhist serenity for locals and visitors alike.

The park is set in a breathtaking valley, and the centerpiece is undoubtedly the 1960s replica of an 11th century Japanese Buddhist phoenix temple. Inside the temple, visitors will find an enormous gold-plated Buddha statue surrounded by offerings of fresh flowers and incense. The atmosphere in the temple is reverent and serene, and though it is often host to numerous visitors at once, it is blissfully quiet.

For cemetery lovers, the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park houses a gorgeous, traditional cemetery nestled into the steep hills adjacent to the temple. Buried in the cemetery are individuals of Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Laotian, and Cambodian descent. Hiking around the burial grounds, you are likely to find offerings and remnants from visiting families among the gravestones.

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

## GROCERY SHOPPING

Costco Down to Earth Natural Foods Koha Natural Foods Kta Super Stores	Sack N Save Foods Safeway Star Market Times Super Market
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Click on this site for more grocery stores in Hawaii:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/HI/>

## SHOPPING

### Malls in Hawaii

1	<b>Ala Moana Center</b>	Honolulu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	359 stores
2	<b>International Market Place</b>	Honolulu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	97 stores
3	<b>Kahala Mall</b>	Honolulu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	102 stores
4	<b>Kapolei Commons</b>	Kapolei, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	24 stores
5	<b>Kings' Shops</b>	Waikoloa, HI (Big Island)	35 stores
6	<b>Lanikai Center</b>	Kailua-Kona, HI (Big Island)	21 stores
7	<b>Pearlridge</b>	Aiea, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	232 stores
8	<b>Prince Kuhio Plaza</b>	Hilo, HI (Big Island)	77 stores
9	<b>Queen Ka'ahumanu Center</b>	Kahului, HI (Maui)	112 stores
10	<b>Royal Hawaiian Center</b>	Honolulu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	146 stores
11	<b>The Town Center of Mililani</b>	Mililani, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	76 stores
12	<b>Waikale Center</b>	Waipahu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	42 stores
13	<b>Waikale Premium Outlets</b>	Waipahu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	70 stores

	<b>Ward Village</b>	Honolulu, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	155 stores
	<b>Whalers Village</b>	Lahaina, HI (Maui)	72 stores
	<b>Windward Mall</b>	Kaneohe, HI (Honolulu/Oahu)	114 stores

**Click here for more information on shopping:**

<https://mallseeker.com/hawaii-malls.aspx>

## PHARMACIES

Longs Pharmacy  
 Walgreens Pharmacy  
 Safeway  
 Walmart  
 Target (CVS)  
 Sam's Club

**Click here for locating other pharmacies in Hawaii:**

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-HI>

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



**Click here for more information:**

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/HI.html>



**FedEx Office**

**Click here for more information:**

<http://local.fedex.com/hi/>



**Click here for more information:**

[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

# TIME ZONES

## Hawaii Time Zone - Hawaii Current Time - Daylight Saving Time

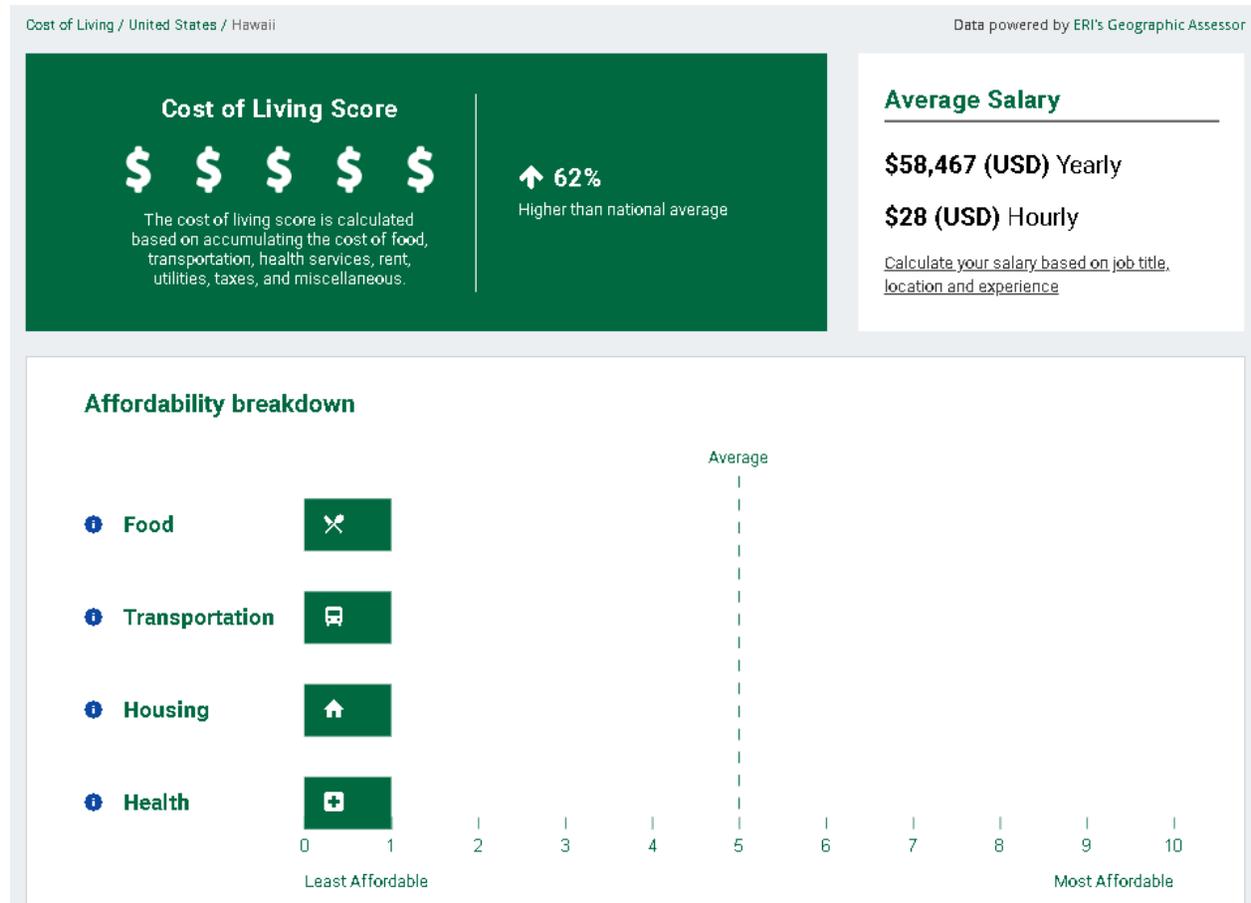
Current Local Time

Hawaii is in the Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone  
Hawaii does not observe daylight saving time.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/hawaii>

# COST OF LIVING IN HAWAII



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/hawaii>

## MINIMUM WAGE

State	2020 Minimum Wage	2020 Tipped Wage
HI	\$10.10	\$9.35

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#hi> or  
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Hawaii>

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**Click here for more information:**

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/dcd/home/aboutwc/>

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Oahu Transportation  
Hawaii Transport Services  
Hawaiian Ocean Transport

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/hawaii/>