

# Things to do & places to eat in Honolulu/Oahu

(You are welcome to research on your own through various websites and apps of your choice.)

## Food

- Pastries (malasadas are a highlight)
  - Leonard's Bakery
  - Liliha bakery (coco puffs)
  
- Plate Lunch (something you'd take to go and eat at the beach)
  - Rainbow Drive-In
  - Helena's Hawaiian Food
  - Yama's Fish Market
  - Shrimp Trucks-in Kahuku such as Giovanni's truck
  - Kaka`ako Kitchen
  
- Brunch
  - The nook (nicer brunch, highly recommend the mochiko chicken/mochi waffles)
  - Arvo
  - Koko Head Cafe
  
- Casual Dining
  - Zippy's (grab a zip-pac before the beach)
  - Hale Vietnam (Pho)
  - Sorabol (Korean and Cook--your-own-food)
  - Jj dolan's (pizza and beer)
  - Side street inn (local style, good for family sharing)
  - Le tour cafe (bakery/restaurant)
  - Ono's Seafood (Poke Bowl, limited parking and seating)
  - Genki Sushi (chain, kaiten sushi)
  - Hot pot Heaven
  
- Normal / Finer Dining
  - Shokudo (Asian Fusion, get the honey toast)
  - Budnamujip (Korean)
  - Gyukaku (japanese/korean bbq,if you can-get the brussel fries)
  - Sushi Izakaya Gaku (Sushi)
  - Mud Hen Water
  - Arancino at the Kahala
  - Plumeria Café at the Kahala
  - Nico's Pier 38-for fresh seafood
  - Uncle's Fish Market and Grill@ Pier 38-for fresh seafood
  - Top of Waikiki
  - Herringbone
  - House without a key at Halekulani
  - Doraku (Sushi and happy hour)

- o Livestock tavern
- o Stage
- o BLT Market
- o Town
- o Kai Market
- o Mariposa (Neiman Marcus, Ala Moana shopping center)
- o Moku Kitchen [upcountry, modern farm-to-table. Best at happy hour 3-5 everyday]

- Fine Dining

- o Le Bistro
- o 3660
- o Roy's
- o Alan Wong's (asian/hawaiian fusion)
- o MW ( asian/american/hawaiian fusion, modern)
- o Michel's (romantic seaside)
- o Azure
- o La Mer (French)
- o Orchid
- o Bali (at Hilton Hawaiian Village)
- o 53 by the Sea - primarily for The View
- o Chai's Bistro
- o 12th Ave Grill (American Hawaii fusion)
- o Sushi Sho (omakase 10-person counter)-expensive and difficult to get reservations
- o Senia (excellent! Shared-plate but different & better than tapas)

- Bar/happy hour

- o Doraku (Sushi and happy hour)
- o Bar Leather Apron
- o Tchín Tchín
- o Pint and Jigger (whiskey cocktails,draft beer,decent food)
- o Brewseum
- o Shirokiya Japan Village Walk Manifest
- o Bevy (Oyster happy hour)
- o Bar 35
- o Buho Cocina (Mexican cantina rooftop)
- o Rumfire at Sheraton
- o Waikiki brewing company
- o Honolulu Beer works
- o Kona Brewing Company (good bar food)
- o Maui Brewing Company (good bar food)

- Additional Restaurant Information from Honolulu magazine best restaurants:

<http://www.honolulumagazine.com/Honolulu-Magazine/September-2017/2018-Hale-Aina-Award-Winners-The-Best-Restaurants-in-Hawaii/>

## **Sightseeing**

- Iolani Palace (Historical)
- Bishop Museum (Historical)
- Pali lookout (scenic)
- Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC, historical and cultural/touristy entertainment)
- Hanauma Bay (Snorkeling, very high density of aquatic life)
- Pearl Harbor (Historical)
- Diamond Head Lookout (scenic)
- Drive to north shore along the windward coast all the way to Haleiwa town
- Waimea valley
- Byodo in temple- in the Valley of Temples
- Dole Plantation
- Sharks Cove (lots of friendly fish to look at)
- Skydiving (if adventurous)

## **Hiking**

- Makapu`u Lighthouse Trail (Super easy, public, nice view of southeast coast, next to hanauma bay great sunrise stroll)
- Kokohead (lots of stairs, also a nice view of southeastern oahu)
- Lulumahu Falls (waterfall at the end!)
- Diamond head (not too difficult, good view of southern oahu)
- Kuliouou(shady, 40-60 minutes)
- Manoa Falls
- Pillboxes (popular sunrise hike, need to get there early to get a parking spot [good for sunrise])
- Maunawili falls (long actual hike to waterfall you swim in)

## **Other stuff to do**

- Shop at Ala Moana Shopping Center
- Waikiki Aquarium
- Whale Watching
- Turtle Watching (North shore)
- Surf (lessons in Waikiki)
- Skydiving
- Parasailing
- Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden (Fishies)
- KCC Farmers Market
- Eat the Street-Waikiki
- Dinner cruise
- Friday night fireworks (put on by the Hilton every Friday)