



✓ 1 - Waikiki Beach!!!

✱ Floating on Waikiki Beach is great! Our favorite spot is in front of the Royal Hawaiian.

Outrigger Canoe rides! It's FUN, and although they have the outriggers in front of your hotel, they often don't run them. The best place to go is just past the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, near the statue of Duke Kahanamoku, where they rent outriggers, surf boards, etc. The "beach boys" are there, and if you're lucky, "Rabbit" will take you out for an outrigger ride!!

✱ Waikiki favorite foods, Duke's at the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, the barefoot bar is fun but we prefer the restaurant inside, we always make reservations in advance because the wait time can be crazy, and we reserve a lanai seat for a beautiful sunset dinner! I believe Duke's and Jake's in Del Mar are owned by the same company.

The breakfast buffet at your hotel is fun.

2 - Diamond Head Lookout hike - an easy hike up Diamond Head for a spectacular view!

✓ ✱ 3 - Hanauma Bay for snorkeling with our fish friends.

4 - Makapu'u Point / Lighthouse - you can hike up to the lighthouse, or just drive into the scenic view lookout area and enjoy the view of the body boarders down below at Makapu'u Beach and the view of Rabbit Island and the coastline.

✱ 5 - Waimanalo Beach has miles and miles of uncrowded beach, there's even an L&L Drive-In / Barbecue restaurant near the beach, so you can get a plate lunch from L&L and eat it at the beach! You can see Magnum PI's house!

✱ 6 - Lanikai is the beautiful beach on my computer with the picture of our daughter with the twin islands (called the Moka'lua Islands) in the background - definitely worth a few minutes to drive through Lanikai, park on the street (it's all residential), then walk down one of the public passages to the beach. There isn't much beachfront but the view is breathtaking!

✱ 7 - Kailua Beach is one of our favorites beaches to just go and relax! Just past Lanikai, calm waters, full facilities including a snack bar.

You can rent a kayak in Kailua and kayak from Kailua Beach out to the Moka'lua Islands, we use Twogood Kayaks in Kailua.

✱ 8 - Valley of the Temples. When you drive by and see that it's a cemetery, you might drive right past it. Don't! Drive in and go up to the Byodo-In Temple, it's a beautiful temple surrounded by a Japanese garden with spectacular mountains in the background and wild peacocks running around - David & I got married on these grounds in front of the temple. *look for Abe in mtns - Linda*

9 - Sacred Falls may still be closed but we heard that it might reopen with a new name, which I believe is Kaluanui State Park. If it's open, it's a great place to go hiking.

10 - Polynesian Cultural Center, clearly geared toward tourists but lots of fun anyway!! We like to arrive in the early afternoon so we can take our time going through the different areas, enjoy the arts and crafts, play the games, pound poi, make fire and have fun!

- ★ 11 - Giovanni's Original White Shrimp Truck!!!! It's the best shrimp scampi ever - FULL of garlic and absolutely delicious! There are lots of other shrimp trucks and places to stop, including imitation "original white shrimp trucks", but Giovanni's is the original.

12 - North Shore!!

There is an ancient Hawaiian heiau you can visit, I believe the main road is Kamehameha Hwy, Rte 83. When you come to Foodland, turn onto Pupukea Rd and drive up to the Pu'u'o'mahuka Heiau. The view is just spectacular. You may want to note, this is a luakini heiau.

- ★ Sunset Beach - it really is one of the best places to watch the sun set!

- ★ Ehukai Beach Park / Banzai Pipeline - great place to watch the surf and you may even see humpback whales breaching off shore, look toward the horizon.

Waimea Falls Park / Audubon Center - very pretty but a fairly expensive entrance fee, you can walk around the grounds / botanical gardens, walk up to Waimea Falls, there are often arts & crafts demonstrations, hula, sometimes you can catch cliff divers at the falls - they are amazing.

Waimea Bay - another beautiful beach, crazy waves in the winter, very calm water in the summer.

- ★ TURTLE BEACH (not Turtle Bay). Hidden between Waimea Bay and Hale'iwa town, at the south end of a loop road called Pohakua Loa Way, you'll see cars pulled off the road. Park and walk down to the beach to visit with our turtle friends!

- ★ Hale'iwa - lots of favorites here! Tons of little shops, Kua Aina Burgers, Aoki's (or Matsumoto's) Shave Ice, Haliewa Park.

If you want to see very different, fairly deserted beaches, drive past Hale'iwa, past Waialua, to Mokule'ia. They film "Lost" somewhere up in this area.

13 - Honolulu and surrounding area

Manoa Falls is a great place to go for an easy hike through a rain forest area. It's in Manoa Valley. Two good resources for hiking information and directions are [www.backyardoahu.com](http://www.backyardoahu.com) and [www.discoveringhawaii.com](http://www.discoveringhawaii.com). You will want to follow the Manoa Falls trail, not the Manoa Cliff trail, which can be quite treacherous.

Tantalus Drive provides you with another beautiful view, and there is hiking there, too.

14 - Indoor activities, in case of rain include Bishop Museum, Maritime Museum, Iolani Palace.

- ★ .....and don't forget Leonard's malasadas!!!

Aloha!!

(biking)

## Andy's Additions & Recommendations

15. Peppers place. philly cheestack.

16. Sea life park > a mini sea world. pay to be in the water with Dolphins.

17. Great view (Palilo lookout) and craziest windiest place.

5 Waianae Beach is cool.

6. Awesome private beach. gorgeous.

12. Sunset beach is gorgeous.

12. Turtle Beach. Turtles just chilling on the beach. worth it.

18. USS Arizona. ~~Gorgeous~~

19. Makaha is a pretty beach. Maybe tough to get to from North shore.

20. Dole plantation. Nothing to go out of the way for, but if you drive by it, definitely stop and have a competition at the world's biggest maze. Definitely fun.

1. Waikiki. Definitely do the sunset outrigger boat ride. Beautiful views of diamond head.