

# Hawaii



# Discover

Hawaii is like no other place on earth. Home to one of the world's most active volcanoes and the world's tallest sea mountain. Birthplace of modern surfing, the hula and Hawaii Regional Cuisine. Former seat of a royal kingdom and home to the only royal palace on US soil. Hawaii is one of the youngest geological formations in the world and the youngest state of the union. But perhaps Hawaii's most unique feature is its aloha spirit: the warmth of Hawaii's people that wonderfully complements the Islands' perfect temperatures.

There are six major islands to visit in Hawaii: Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Maui, and Hawaii Island. You'll find each island has its own distinct personality and offers its own adventures, activities and sights. Mark Twain called Hawaii, "That peaceful land, that beautiful land... the climate, one long delicious summer day, and the good that die experience no change, for they but fall asleep in one heaven and wake up in another." We invite you to explore the Islands of Aloha to find your own heavenly Hawaii experiences.

# Culture

Observe the work of Hawaii's artists and you'll see and feel the poetry of the Islands expressed in color, light, and shadow – painted, printed, sculpted, etched, photographed, and filmed. Likewise, our artisans and craftspeople, create masterpieces that are both timeless and timely – every one infused with the generous spirit of aloha that's as much a part of our nature as the sun itself. The art experience varies from island to island. The lush, natural landscape of Kauai inspires painting and crafts that are as sophisticated as they are direct. Painters, sculptors, and crafts-people thrive on Maui where the whaler's art of carving on ivory is still quite popular.

The diverse culture of Hawaii is expressed in language, music, art, theater, dance, film, cuisine, and a multitude of festivals. At the core of each is the spirit of aloha, gracefully conveyed in a painter's brush stroke, in the fluid arc of a hula dancer's hands, or in the soft rhythm of a slack key guitar. Warmth, open-hearted generosity, and passion tempered by gentle humor are the primary elements of aloha.