

About Hawaii

Hawaii is the 50th state of the United States of America and an archipelago of eight major islands: Hawaii (Big Island), Maui, Kahoolawe, Lanai, Molokai, Oahu, Kauai, and Niihau. The state has only two seasons, dry and rainy, both of which are warm. During the spring and summer months, the temperature is between 24–31 °C (75–88 °F). During the winter months, the temperature is between 20–27 °C (68–80 °F). Because of its location close to the Earth's equator, Hawaii weather is somewhat humid. Visitors are encouraged to wear casual and breathable clothes.



About 1500 years ago, Polynesians sailed across the Pacific Ocean to migrate to the Hawaiian Islands. For hundreds of years, the Hawaiians lived amongst these islands in a caste society. In 1778, British explorer Captain James Cook made the first European contact with the Hawaiian Islands, setting foot onto the island of Kauai. However, it was not until 1810 that Kame-

hameha I conquered and unified all the Hawaiian Islands, establishing a dynasty that would rule Hawaii for the majority of the 1800s. Lunalilo succeeded the last of the Kamehamehas (Kamehameha V). He was later succeeded by Kalakaua, whom was succeeded by Liliuokalani. Overthrown in 1896, Queen Liliuokalani was the last of Hawaii's monarchy. Hawaii became a Republic and later an annex of the United States before eventually becoming a state in 1959.

Today, Hawaii is regarded as one of the most beautiful places on Earth and ranks amongst the most popular of tourist destinations. It is home to the world's most active volcano and the world's tallest sea mountain. Its rich and diverse history has created a warm and welcoming culture known as the Aloha Spirit. It is this Aloha Spirit that sets Hawaii apart from any other tourist destination.

Honolulu, located on the island of Oahu, is the state capital and is the State's economic, academic, and political center. About 400,000 of Hawaii's 1.2 million total population reside within Honolulu's city limits (19 km wide and 42 km long). Most of the residents live in the city proper, but there are a number of surrounding suburbs that also serve as residential neighborhoods. Although similar to any American metropolitan area in many ways, Honolulu consists of rainforests, canyons, waterfalls, mountains, gold-sand beaches, and more.

For more information, please visit www.gohawaii.com.



Honolulu International Airport (HNL)
300 Rodgers Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Hawaii Convention Center (HCC)
1801 Kalakaua Ave.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Transportation

Official Airlines

IMS 2007 has partnered with the following airlines to provide reduced airfare to Honolulu. Please contact the respective airlines for details regarding discounts.

Airline	American Airlines	Continental Airlines	United Airlines
Travel period	27 May–15 June	29 May–13 June	28 May–13 June
Contact information	AA Meeting Services 1-800-433-1790 Code: A5757AB Contract ID: HJA1307061113	Continental Airlines Meeting Works 1-800-468-7022 Code: ZUHX Agreement Code: BYM1CS	United Meeting Plus 1-800-521-4041 Code: 565PW

Transportation from the Airport

The Honolulu International Airport (HNL) is on the south shore of Oahu, just west of Honolulu's central metropolitan center. It is approximately 13 km (8 mi) from the Hawaii Convention Center (HCC) and is approximately 30 minutes away depending on traffic.

Taxi

Taxi service is available on the center median fronting the terminal baggage claim areas. The fare from the airport to Waikiki during for periods outside of rush hour is \$25–\$35.

24-Hour Bus Service

Air-conditioned bus service operated by Roberts Hawaii is available 24 hours a day and departs from the airport approximately every 20 minutes. Fares are \$9 one way, \$15 roundtrip. Call 1-808-954-8652 for information or visit www.robertshawaii.com/hat.htm.

Prearranged Ground Transportation

There are numerous shuttle companies available on a prearranged basis. Company names and telephone numbers are available at www.hawaii.gov/dot/airports/hnl/hnl_ground_trans.htm.

Rental Cars

Major rental car companies at HNL include Hertz, Alamo, Dollar, Enterprise, Budget, and Thrifty. Please visit their respective web sites for further information. There are two primary ways to get from HNL to HCC by the highway and through the city. For the highway route, follow signs from airport to H-1 ramp, merge

onto H-1 east, take the Punahou St. exit, turn right at Punahou St., turn right at S. Beretania St. and turn left at Kalakaua Ave. For the city route, follow signs from airport to Nimitz Hwy., take Nimitz Hwy. east, continue east on Ala Moana Blvd., turn left at Atkinson Dr., HCC is on the corner of Atkinson Dr. and Kalakaua Ave.

Hotel to HCC Bus Service

Complimentary bus service to and from HCC will be provided for those reserving their hotel room through the IMS 2007 Housing Bureau. The pick-up and drop-off zones are located at:

- Zone 1: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Doubletree
- Zone 2: Hawaii Prince
- Zone 3: Sheraton, Royal Hawaiian, Ohana Waikiki
- Zone 4: Hyatt, Princess Kaiulani, Ohana West

City Bus

Public transportation is available for \$2 via the city bus service, "The Bus." Drop-off and pick-up points, as well as hours of operation, can be found at www.thebus.org.

Convention Center Parking

There are 690 parking stalls at HCC. The cost is \$5 per entry. A \$25 parking card, valid for 30 days, is available for purchase (cash only) from the HCC Security Department.