

## PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO

Island of Oahu

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### **ALA MOANA CENTER**

**955-9517**

One of the world's largest shopping centers with over 200 shops and 25 restaurants. On the ground level, the Center Stage features regular and special attractions of music and dance. The ground level exhibit area features frequent art and culture shows. 1450 Ala Moana Boulevard. Open Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **ALOHA TOWER**

**528-5700**

Honolulu's famous landmark on Pier 9 is open to visitors and offers excellent views of the downtown and harbor areas. The observation balcony is noted for its four-faced clock and "Aloha" sign. The 184-foot tower was, for decades, Honolulu's tallest building. The only way up to the 10th floor observation deck is via a small, vintage elevator. Once at the top you'll be greeted with sweeping views of Honolulu and signage which points out the various landmarks. The Aloha Tower Observation Deck is open daily from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

### **ARIZONA MEMORIAL**

**422-0561**

The USS *Arizona* Memorial, a National Park Service site, spans more than 10.5 acres and is located on the Pearl Harbor Navy Base on Oahu. The memorial consists of a visitor center, which houses several self-guided exhibits and attractions, including a museum, bookstore, a waterfront exhibit allowing visitors to visualize the events of December 7, a remembrance exhibit, and a seating area where visitors can see a 23-minute documentary on the attack of Pearl Harbor. The visitor center ticket desk is also where visitors pick up their free tickets for the USS *Arizona* Memorial tour. Footwear is required and bathing suits, handbags, purses, backpack or any item that offer concealment are not permitted. Strict security measures prohibit purses, handbags, fanny packs, backpacks, camera bags, diaper bags, luggage and/or other items that offer concealment. Visitors may bring a camera and cam-recorder. A storage facility, operated by a private vendor, is available for a fee for visitors coming to the USS *Arizona* Memorial, USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park, the Battleship *Missouri* and the Pacific Aviation Museum. The Visitor Center and park is open daily, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There are timed programs that run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. The wait time for a program may be as long as two hours depending on the season. Closed Thanksgiving (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.), Christmas (Dec. 25), and New Year's Day (Jan. 1).

### **BISHOP MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM**

**847-3511**

**Museum** exhibits and artifacts portray the history of Pacific Island peoples. Excellent bookstore on Hawaiiiana. Museum open: Wednesdays to Mondays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays and Christmas Day (December 25). Admission: \$17.95 adults; \$14.95 senior citizens and children ages 4 to 12; children ages 3 and under, free. Kama'aina and Military rates available. 1525 Bernice Street. **Planetarium** shows: daily, 12:00 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30p.m.

### **BYODO-IN TEMPLE**

**239-8811**

Located in the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park, this \$2 million replica of a 900 year-old Japanese temple in Kyoto, surrounded by gracious gardens, is a photographer's delight. Open: daily, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission: \$3.00 adults; \$2 for Senior citizens, children under 12, \$1.00. Cash only. 47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe.

**FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDENS****522-7065**

This beautiful garden, located near downtown Honolulu, has an extensive collection of orchids, trees, and other tropical flora. Open: daily, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission: \$5.00 non-residents (13 years and older); \$3.00 Hawaii residents; \$1.00 children 6-12; 5 and under, free. Open daily, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. **Tour:** Monday to Friday at 1:00 p.m. Closed Christmas and New Years days. Call 522-7066 for tour reservations and bring mosquito repellent. 180 North Vineyard Boulevard.

**HANAUMA BAY****396-4229**

Fifteen miles east of Waikiki is this beautiful bay and park with majestic cliffs, crystal blue waters, and palm trees. The snorkeler will enjoy exploring the coral reefs inhabited by a wide variety of marine life. Care should be taken because of strong tides on the ocean side of the bay. The park is a sanctuary with fishing prohibited. Admission: \$7.50 for non-residents, children 13 and under are free. Free admission for Hawaii residents with proof of residency. \$1.00 parking fee. Open: Summer Session: 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, the bay remains open until 10:00p.m. For Winter Session: 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. On the second Saturday of each month, they Bay is open til 10:00 p.m. Closed on all Tuesdays. Kalaniana'ole Highway, Hawaii Kai area.

**HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ARTS****532-8701**

On display is an outstanding collection of Asian treasures including paintings, screens, sculptures, lacquer ware, porcelain and, furniture. The Western collection ranges from ancient Mediterranean to contemporary works - among them, Renaissance paintings and decorative arts of Europe and the U.S. The building, opened in 1927, combines Polynesian, oriental, and occidental styles to create a uniquely intimate museum plan. Many of the 30 exhibition galleries open onto inviting garden courtyards. The Academy interior, with its striking arrangements of tropical flora, is a place for repose and refreshment of the spirit. **Museum** open: Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed: Mondays, New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25), and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). Admission: \$10.00 general; \$5.00 seniors, military (with I.D.); members, students and children under 12, free. Free admission on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and on Bank of Hawai'i Sundays which is the third Sunday of each month. **Academy Shop** open during museum hours. **Guided Tours (free with price of admission)** Tuesday to Saturday, 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and on Sunday at 1:15 p.m. Call 532-8726 for group tours. **Pavillion Cafe** open: Tuesday to Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Reservations recommended for café (call 532-8734). 900 South Beretania Street.

**HONOLULU ZOO****971-7171**

Over 1500 animals and the world's finest collection of tropical birds are kept here at the east end of Waikiki. Take along a picnic or purchase food from the zoo's snack bar. Open: daily, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8.00 Hawaii residents 13 years and older with local I.D., \$14.00 non-residents 13 years and older; \$6.00 children (3-12); children 2 and under, free. 151 Kapahulu Avenue. Closed Christmas Day.

**HOOMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN****233-7323**

Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden was designed and built by the US Army Corps of Engineers to provide flood protection for Kaneohe. The facilities include a day use area, campgrounds, and a Visitor Center with lecture room, exhibition hall, workshop and botanical library. Guided nature hikes are offered at 10 :00 a.m. on Saturdays and 1 :00 p.m. on Sundays. Call 233-7323 to register. Open 9 :00 a.m. to 4 :00 p.m. daily, closed on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Jan. 1).

**IOLANI PALACE****Information: 538-1471, reservations: 522-0832**

Home of Hawaii's royalty during the period of the monarchy and the only royal palace in the U.S. This ornate Italian Renaissance-style building was constructed in 1881; in 1978, it was re-opened to the public after a \$6 million restoration. Gallery Tour Admission: \$7.00 adults; \$5.00 kama'aina adults; \$3.00 children 5-17; \$2.00 kama'aina children. All children welcome in Gallery. Guided Tour Admission: \$21.75 adults; \$6.00 children (5-17); Children under five are not allowed on guided tour. \$16.75 for Hawaii residents. The Palace is **open from Monday through Saturday**, with hours varying depending upon the type of tour you take. The Palace is closed on Sunday except for noted Kama'aina Sundays. It is also closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day (January 1st), Independence Day (July 4th), Thanksgiving Day (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.), and Christmas Day (December 25th). Advanced reservations required. Reservation office open: Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 364 S. King St.

**ISLAND BUS TRIP****848-5555**

Departures from Ala Moana Center. Number 55 Kaneohe-Circle Isle goes via the Nuuanu Pali, up the scenic Windward Coast, around the North Shore, and returns through the pineapple fields in Wahiawa. Number 52 Wahiawa-Circle Isle goes the reverse route. Bus fare (exact change only): \$2.25 adults (\$2.50 effective July 1, 2010); \$1.00 children (6-17) (\$1.25 effective July 1, 2010); 5 and under, free. Trip takes approximately four hours, and stops may be made along the way for sightseeing or a picnic at the beach.

**KAPIOLANI PARK**

Just past the Honolulu Zoo are acres of grass and trees suitable for picnics and sports. Check the daily newspapers for concerts and other events, which are held at the park's bandstand.

**KAWAIAHAO CHURCH****522-1333**

This historical church was founded by the missionaries and was the scene of celebrations by royalty. Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. is conducted in the Hawaiian and English languages. Open: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission: free (donations accepted). Corner of King and Punchbowl Street.

**LAIE HAWAII TEMPLE****293-9297**

Built in 1919, this beautiful temple is the 5<sup>th</sup> oldest Mormon temple and is located at Laie on the North Shore is the headquarters for over 22,500 Mormons in Hawaii. The grounds are open to the public; the formal gardens are a photographer's delight. There is a visitor information center just outside the main gate. Generally open Tuesday through Saturday. Please contact temple for available times. Free. 55-600 Naniloa Loop, Laie 96762

**MISSION HOUSES AND HISTORIC HONOLULU WALKING TOUR****531-0481**

The oldest existing buildings in the city - erected by the first missionary contingent to Honolulu - are in the civic center area near Iolani Palace. Beautifully restored, the homes were used by the missionary families from 1821 to 1896. The Mission Houses are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours of the houses and print shop are offered at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for kamaainas, Senior Citizens (55+), and military, \$6 for students 6 to college age w/ID). Closed on New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Independence Day (July 4), Thanksgiving Day (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.), and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). 553 S. King St., at Kawaiahao St.

## **MOUNT TANTALUS**

Mount Tantalus is reached by a scenic drive through forests to the mountaintop where a lovely park overlooks the island from Koko Head Crater to the Waianae Mountains. Off Nehoa Street in Makiki.

## **NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC**

**532-3720**

The 112-acre interior of Punchbowl Crater has been transformed into a fitting memorial to those who died in service to their country. Be sure to visit the memorial building at the Ewa end - where detailed maps of the Pacific wars are located - and the observation point on the rim overlooking Honolulu. Open: September 30 to March 1: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; March 2 to September 29: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Closed on federal holidays except for Memorial Day. Memorial Day hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 2177 Puowaina Drive, Honolulu 96813.

## **NUUANU PALI LOOKOUT**

It was at these scenic cliffs of Nuuanu Valley that King Kamehameha the Great defeated the Oahuans in a bloody battle in 1795, thus adding Oahu to his realm. Various observation points offer breathtaking views of the island. Free Admission. Ample parking. There is a fee for parking. Pali Highway.

## **POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER**

**293-3333**

Located next to Brigham Young University campus is this center with cultural displays and shows featuring the Polynesian cultures of the Pacific. Open: Monday-Saturday, closed on Sundays, Thanksgiving Day (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.) and Christmas (Dec. 25). The parking lot, gift shops, snack bar, and the Gateway Luncheon Buffet open at 11:45 a.m. Island tours and cultural presentations begin at 12:00 p.m. with other island activities spread throughout the afternoon. The island villages close at 6:00 p.m. The Box Office closes at 8:00 p.m. Admission varies depending on package: General admission (does not include dinner or night show) \$45.00 plus tax; \$35.00 plus tax for children (5-11); children under 5, free; Visit [www.polynesia.com](http://www.polynesia.com) for more information. Call or book tickets online. 55-370 Kamehameha Highway, Laie 96762.

## **SEA LIFE PARK**

**365-7446**

Located on the site of an ancient fishing village across from Makapuu Point is this display of marine life. There is a walk-around spiral reef, porpoise theater, Whaler's Cove, gift shop and restaurant. Open: daily, 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission: \$29.99 for adults; \$19.99 for children 3-11. Visit [www.sealifeparkhawaii.com](http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com) for more information. 41-202 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 7, Waimanalo 96795.

## **SHANGRI LA**

**1-866-385-3849**

Shangri La is the Honolulu home of American philanthropist Doris Duke. Built in 1937, Shangri La houses an impressive collection of Islamic art and is considered one of Hawaii's most architecturally significant homes. Shangri La is open to the public for tours and special programs, and can also be visited by virtual tour (see website at: [www.shangrilahawaii.org](http://www.shangrilahawaii.org)). Tours begin at the Honolulu Academy of Arts with a viewing of the Arts of the Islamic World exhibition and a short video introducing Shangri La, then departs on minivans for the 15 minute drive to Shangri La. Tours last approximately 2 1/2 hours, with 1 1/2 hours on site at Shangri La. Tours are available Wednesday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. It is closed on New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Independence Day (July 4), Thanksgiving Day (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.), December 11 and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). Shangri La also will be closed for the month of September 2010. Tours will resume on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Admission fee: \$25 for adults and children ages 12-17, \$20 for Hawai'i residents with proof of Hawai'i

residency. Shangri La tours are not appropriate for children under 12. Price includes the Honolulu Academy of Arts and its permanent exhibitions.

**WAHIAWA BOTANICAL GARDEN      Information: 621-7321 Group Tours: 621-9130**

Located in Central Oahu, this garden is ideal for exploring along forest paths. Open: daily, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Guided tours may be arranged by calling 621-7321. 1396 California Avenue, Wahiawa.

**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM**

**923-9741**

Spectacular Hawaiian marine life can be seen through glass-walled tanks. Seals frolic in outdoor pools. Open: daily, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thanksgiving Day (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov.) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and New Year's Day (Jan. 1) from 11 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Closed Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and on Honolulu Marathon day (second Sunday in Dec.). Admission: \$12.00 general; \$8.00 Hawaii residents, military and senior citizens; \$5 Juniors (4-12); Children under 3 free. Check [www.waquarium.org/](http://www.waquarium.org/) for more information. 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu 96815.

**WAIPAHU CULTURAL GARDEN PARK**

**HAWAII PLANTATION VILLAGE**

**677-0110**

Learn what plantation life was like for Hawaii's early immigrants during the early 1900s. Approximately 25 plantation homes represent eight ethnic villages: Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Okinawan, Portuguese, and Puerto Rican. Tours, conducted by former plantation residents, are held daily: Monday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission: \$13.00 general; \$7.00 Hawaii residents, military and senior citizens (62 and older); \$4 for youth ages 4-11, children 3 and under free. Call in advance for groups larger than 12. Donations accepted. 94-695 Waipahu Street.

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**PLEASE NOTE: ADMISSION FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**