

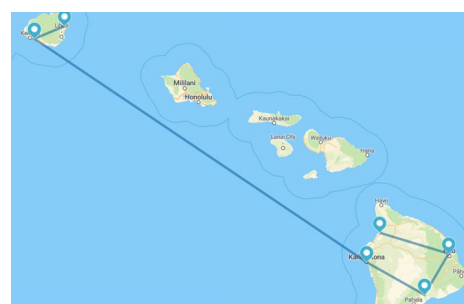


US (Hawaii), 14 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Aloha Hawaii Route

Hawaii is the most attractive and remotest volcanic archipelago on the planet. It lies halfway between Japan and the United States, right in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. A veritable paradise formed by six main islands, all of them with their idiosyncrasies and loads of things to visit. This tour, though, focusses on two islands where nature rejoices in its maximum splendour: Kauai and Hawaii. Also known as the Big Island, Hawaii is the largest and most popular among tourists. The incredible Volcanoes National Park will reveal all the secrets of the goddess Pele. It's a delight for lovers of white, black and even green sand beaches.

Meanwhile, Kauai, nicknamed the Garden Island, is the most immaculate and least built-up. Waimea Canyon on Kauai is a mineral treasure, while the Na Pali coast boasts numerous beaches and unparalleled vegetation. On your trip you'll find trekking routes, water sports, natural pools, waterfalls and activities for the whole family. Hawaii doesn't need much more presentation, admittedly, but it's also widely adored for its cuisine, its history and its laid-back yet adventuresome atmosphere.



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**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

## Travel details

### ● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - KAUAI (LIHUE - KAPAA - 'OPAIEKA'A FALLS - LYDGATE STATE PARK - KAPAA)

Flight departure from the city of origin to Kauai. You're off to Hawaii!

Kauai, also known as the Garden Island, is your first destination, a place that fuses rainforests and kaleidoscopic landscapes. Upon arrival in Lihue, pick up your rental car and head to your hotel in Kapaa. This is a pocket-sized town nestled in the foothills of Nounou Mountain and a just a stone's throw from the Pacific. It's home to a host of shops and malls, such as the Kinipopo Shopping Village. There are lots of dive centres and water sports stores where you can hire out equipment or organise an excursion. Kapaa is also a great place to pick up some handicrafts or souvenirs. Just make sure you look out for the "Kauai Made" label. Today you can head over to see the beautiful Opaekaa Falls, just fifteen minutes away from Kapaa. From Opaekaa you can go to Lydgate State Park, another fifteen minutes away, and enjoy its magnificent beach. How about dining on the waterfront? Well, you can try either "Oasis on the Beach" or "Lava Lava", which both have an amazing location and serve up a delicious range of local dishes.

Overnight stay in Kapaa.

## ● DAY 2 · KAUAI (KAPAA AND SURROUNDINGS) (OPTIONAL: KAYAK, WALKING OR CYCLING EXCURSIONS)

Located in the northeast of the island, Kauai captivates even the most seasoned of travellers with its heavenly scenery. Take the opportunity to head out on a kayak tour, which will take you up close to some of the breathtaking landscapes found here. Two itineraries are particularly recommended. Get ready to unleash your most adventurous side! The first one will let you explore the Hanalei Bay area thanks to a pulse-pounding itinerary of three to four hours ending with a snorkel. Or the other option is to paddle up Wailua River, whose cloudy waters snake their way past ancient temples surrounded by tropical plants and waterfalls. You'll feel like a true explorer! Both tours cost approximately seventy euros, including equipment and lunch. If you prefer terra firma, the walking and cycling trails come highly recommended. Ke Ala Hele Makalae East is renowned as one of the best beach paths in the area. These trails, which don't call for overly high levels of fitness, are perfect for admiring spectacular views and spotting seals. If you're a lucky adventurer, you might even see humpback whales approaching the coast. (Note: Suggested excursions not included). Return and overnight stay in Kapaa.

## ● DAY 3 · KAUAI (KAPAA - NA PALI COAST - "KE'E BEACH TO KALALAU BEACH" TRAIL - POLIHALE BEACH - KAPAA)

Today will take you to one of the must-sees of Kauai, the Na Pali coastline. Its cliffs are definitely something to remember. If you're a mountain lover, you can head up the steep trails found here. And you can even follow signposted tracks if you fancy covering the journey by car. The Ke'e Beach to Kalalau Beach Trail (35 kilometres there and back) covers a stunning stretch of coast dotted with luscious landscapes. Remember that you can stop off whenever you want to enjoy a pleasant walk. From the loftiest points, you'll get to marvel at the contrasts of vegetation and the waves crashing against the rocks. If you fancy a different perspective, dive into the sea. At some points, you can catch a boat to venture into the inlets and hidden coves of Na Pali. One example is at Polihale Beach, a rugged area blessed by wonderful weather and heavenly landscapes. Head back to Kapaa and unwind by doing some yoga at sunset or sip on a tropical cocktail at "Sam's Ocean View" or "The Local Kauai". Could you think of a better way to round off the day? Overnight stay in Kapaa.

## ● DAY 4 · KAUAI (KAPAA - POIPU BEACH - WAIMEA)

Head south to today's destination of Waimea. The journey will take less than an hour. En route, you'll come across waterfalls, turtle nesting beaches and heaps of vegetation. Kauai is one of the places with the highest rainfall on the island, which is why it's so lush and verdant. Here in the south, you'll find lots of authentic sugarcane plantation villages such as Hanapepe. It's also the sunniest coast, so there's a resort area on the ever-popular Poipu Beach. Then you'll come to the quintessential village of Waimea, gateway to Waimea Canyon State Park. This is where Captain Cook landed, so it's one of the most significant places on Kauai. Waimea is a wonderful place with lots of tourist attractions. This area was practically uninhabited for many years, but now it's full of resorts, spas and golf courses. If you fancy a bite to eat, we'd recommend savouring the local cuisine at Porky's Kauai or some delicious seafood at Ishihara Market. Overnight stay in Waimea.

## ● DAY 5 · KAUAI (WAIMEA - WAIMEA CANYON STATE PARK - WAIMEA)

Today you'll visit Waimea Canyon State Park. The canyon was formed by the collapse of a volcano several million years ago and by the erosion of the Waimea River. It's 16 kilometres long, 3 kilometres wide and - at points - 900 metres deep. The road offers magnificent views of the walls featuring a range of reddish hues. Get ready to marvel at a huge gorge that contrasts with the amazing variety of plants. It's one of those places where you won't be able to stop taking pictures. Every corner and every detail will showcase the grandeur of this park. Deep emotions will fill your heart with every step you take. Towards the north of the canyon, cross over the well-known "Koke'e Road" and keep going until you reach the park of the same name. You'll snake your way past impressive viewing points such as Iliau Nature Lookout, Puu Hinahina or Pu'u Ka Pele. (Note: Ask the rangers about the maps and permits required to follow certain trails). You'll have to drive with caution at some points, as the upper part of the canyon is often totally blanketed by clouds. This is because you'll be driving through one of the wettest spots on the planet. Head back to Waimea, hang out your raincoat to dry, kick off your hiking boots and settle down for a good night's sleep. Overnight stay in Waimea.

## DAY 6 · KAUAI (WAIMEA) - BIG ISLAND (KAILUA KONA)

Arrive at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight to the Big Island (Hawaii).

Arrival and rental car pick-up.

After the exuberance of Kauai, you'll now get to explore the lunar landscapes of the Big Island, the largest island in the Hawaiian archipelago and also nicknamed the island of volcanoes. With an immense wealth of flora and fauna, it also boasts picture-postcard beaches. Kailua Kona, just fifteen minutes from the airport, is one of the most interesting places in Hawaii and home to several historic buildings. It's also famous, among other things, for hosting the world's most iconic Ironman event. Make sure you visit the Ali'i Drive district, which is brimming with shops; palaces such as Hulihe'e; Mokuaikaia Church, the oldest in the Hawaiian Islands; and the many quirky shacks where you can grab a bite to eat with locals and travellers from around the world. If you want to while away the afternoon surfing or basking in the sun, you can head over to Kua Bay, a stunning white-sand beach plucked from a postcard. As the day draws to a close, go and have a drink at "Kailua Pie"r and marvel at one of the best sunsets you'll ever see. And then round off this chilled-out evening with some mouth-watering ribs at "TJ's BBQ By The Beach" or at the typical "Hawaiian restaurant known as Broke Da Mouth Grindz". Lap up the Hawaiian lifestyle!

Overnight stay in Kailua Kona.

## DAY 7 · BIG ISLAND (KAILUA KONA - KEALAKEKUA STATE PARK - PU'UHONUA O HONAUNAU NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK - KAILUA KONA)

Today will involve a drive southwards to travel around Kona in search of Tikis. These traditional carved wooden figures with oversized heads represent the Hawaiian gods at the entrances to sacred places. Head just a few kilometres down Hwy 11, which doesn't tend to get very busy, until you get to Kealahou State Park. The bay here is considered sacred, and is probably one of the best spots for snorkelling on the island. You'll see an impressive coral life, fish of all kinds and highly protected turtles. In the midst of an authentic Hawaiian scenario, you'll get to the beach that's home to an obelisk in homage to Captain Cook, where tourist catamarans set out on dolphin-spotting excursions. Pu'uhoonua O Honaunau National Historical Park is another must-see destination to visit before the end of the day. This place will give you a fascinating historical insight into the extent of this island packed with temples and sanctuaries. And you'll also see two of the most famous Tikis here. This route is known as "Napoopoo Road" and features many attractive stops along the way. Don't miss out on any of them! Before returning to Kailua Kona, make sure you visit one of the best beaches in the area: Makalawena Beach. After your stop here, you'll be keen to soak up the nightlife of this little slice of heaven on earth. You're in luck, because Kailua Kona really comes to life after dark and is very popular with international tourists. Get yourself down to "Don's Mai Tai Bar" or "Huggo's On The Rocks" to see why. Overnight stay in Kailua Kona.

## DAY 8 · BIG ISLAND (KAILUA KONA - HONOKAA - VOLCANO)

Today will take you from the west of the island to the east, on a journey of just over 150 kilometres. We recommend heading along the north coast, where the views and lookouts are simply fantastic. In this area, you'll have the chance to tour one of the many coffee plantations. These are very thorough tours that explain the entire harvesting and grinding process, with a delicious tasting session at the end accompanied by other products such as Macadamia nuts. You can also stop off at Honokaa, a small town that was once famous for its sugarcane plantations. And make sure you take a look at its beaches of green and black sand. Then head towards Volcano. The town of Volcano is very popular thanks to its location right next to the Volcanoes National Park. From there you can see Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. In spite of the volcanic landscape all around, Volcano has abundant vegetation and an enchanting beauty, with a host of beautiful summer houses. For dinner, head over to Volcano Winery, an exclusive wine bar serving excellent meat dishes paired with some fantastic wines. Overnight stay in Volcano.

## ● DAY 9 · BIG ISLAND (VOLCANO - VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK - VOLCANO)

In the morning, head over to Volcanoes National Park, just twenty minutes from Volcano, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1980. With an entrance fee of twenty-five dollars, you can go around on your own or sign up for the services of a guide. This huge area of land contains a rich biodiversity. Start off your visit at the Thomas A. Jaggar Museum, which gives a fascinating explanation of the formation of Hawaii: 70 million years of volcanism, migration and evolution of the Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain. Afterwards, there are more than 200 kilometres of trails awaiting you in the area of Kilauea, the home of Pele, goddess of volcanoes. You can drive around eleven kilometres of the crater of the largest volcano, but some parts are only accessible on foot. There are also other trails down to the sea, where you'll be blessed by panoramic views of the park and its volcanoes. Overnight stay in Volcano.

## ● DAY 10 · BIG ISLAND (VOLCANO - HILO - MAUNA KEA - WAIKOLOA)

About 140 kilometres separate Volcano from Waikoloa. Before heading back to the west coast, stop off at the diminutive town of Hilo, which is a stunning fusion of rainforest, beach and mountain. Stroll through its farmers market and pop into the quaint stores on the main street. But don't leave it too late in case you miss the sunset at Mauna Kea, which towers some 4,200 metres above sea level. You don't need a 4x4, but it's worth knowing that the road can be tricky at times and is covered by gravel. At the summit, home to one of the highest observatories in the whole world, it's pretty cold and the wind is generally bitter. Don't forget to wear comfortable footwear and some warm clothes. On the way down, stop off at the visitor centre (the Onizuka Center, at an altitude of 2,800 metres). The telescopes are there for you to observe the thousands of stars above your head! An unforgettable experience. Overnight stay in Waikoloa.

## ● DAY 11 · BIG ISLAND (WAIKOLOA AND SURROUNDINGS)

On your final day in the Hawaiian archipelago, enjoy the simply spectacular beaches of the west, which are some of the best in the whole world. We've already mentioned the odd one, but there are more to discover: Manini'owali Beach, Mahai'ula Beach or Magic Sands. But if you're still thirsty for adventure, go and explore the north of the island, more specifically the Waipio Valley. Drive all the way up to Waipio Lookout, which boasts stunning views of the verdant tones of the valley and the tremendous cliff faces. For lunch with a local flavour, head to "Hina Rae's Café" in Honokaa the nearest small town. On this breathtaking journey you'll get to see the cattle pastures of the "paniols", Hawaii's very own cowboys. You can ride horses or take part in the many other activities on offer here. And now it's time for the final moments, the final sunset, the final tropical cocktail and the final "aloha". But only for this trip, as you'll be dying to come back to Hawaii very soon. Overnight stay in Waikoloa.

## ● DAY 12 · BIG ISLAND (WAIKOLOA) - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.  
Night on board.

## ● DAY 13 · IN FLIGHT.

## ● DAY 14 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kapaa.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kapaa.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Waimea.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Waimea.
- ✓ Flight from Waimea to Kailua-Kona.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kailua-Kona.

- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kailua-Kona.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Volcano National Park.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Waikoloa Village.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Volcano National Park.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Waikoloa Village.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.
- ✗ Resort fee US.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.

## Destinations Visited

Kapaa



Waimea



Kailua-Kona



Volcano National Park



Hilo



Waikoloa Village



## Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.
- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Driving in the USA: 1. Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2. It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4. Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5. Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6. We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services

and a GPS when you hire a car.

- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.