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Your Orbitz University Destination Guide

As a travel professional your customers count on you to be knowledgeable about the destinations you sell.

This guide is designed to provide you with a background on **Hawaii**.

A Travel Pro Knows - Overview... will provide you with basic information about **Hawaii** such as time zone, electricity, health, safety and currency issues etc..

Successful Sales Conversion Questions which will help guide you through the qualification/probing process.

Other sections included in the destination guide are:

Getting To provides basic information about how travelers usually arrive at the destination

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Points of Interest Map provides basic information about the region including what's nearby in terms of lodging, and attractions.

To get more information on the region click on the interactive star symbol 

Landmarks section provides basic information about some of the key landmarks and attractions. This is not meant to be an all-encompassing list.

Area specific sections provide more detailed information about each geographic area of the destination including some key hotels, museums, theatres, etc.

Attractions & Services offered on the Orbitz and Cheap Tickets sites provides basic information about some of the attractions and services that are offered on www.orbitz.com and www.cheaptickets.com.

References Guide acknowledges materials used in the creation of the destination guide and provides links to further in-depth information.



A Travel Pro Knows - Overview



Climate

Hawaii has year-round temperatures between 68-83° F (20-28C), with an average temperature of 75° F (24C), making any time of year a good time to visit. There are only two seasons in Hawaii, both warm, the dry summer season (April to October) and the rainy winter season (November to March).



Currency

US Dollar (US\$) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of US\$100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1. Coins are in denominations of US\$1, and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 cents.



Electricity

The electricity is 110 volts AC, as it is in the continental United States and Canada.



Health

Hospitals in Hawaii meet U.S. standards for care, and can be found in the urban areas of each island. The hospitals in Honolulu are larger and have the most advanced equipment; the hospitals on the neighbor islands provide general care.

There is currently a shortage of specialists on the Neighbor Islands. Depending on where you are and how serious your condition is, be advised that you may need to be medically evacuated to Honolulu for treatment.

The main tourist areas of each island have walk-in urgent care clinics where you can receive non-emergency treatment for whatever ails you. Some clinics even make hotel room calls. Check with the local phone book or your hotel.



Language

English is the most common language in the United States. Though the U.S. federal government has no official language, English is the common language used by the federal government and is considered the de facto language of the United States because of its widespread use.



Time zone

Hawaii time is 10 hours behind of GMT





The following are some questions that you can use to help make recommendations on Hawaii.

- *Is this your first trip to Hawaii?*
- *If this is not, find out which islands they've visited before.*
- *Is your trip for Business, Personal, or both?*
- *What is your budget for your hotel stay?*
- *What amenities would you like?*
- *Do you have a particular island in mind?*
- *What are you planning to do while in Hawaii?*
- *Is this for a special occasion like a honeymoon or anniversary?*
- *Are there any children traveling with you?*

One consideration for selecting a hotel is which island the customer plans to visit while in Hawaii. Although there are eight islands, we will focus on the first four:

Oahu — Honolulu, Waikiki Beach, and the North Shore; the main population center of the state.

Maui — the second largest island known as the “Valley Isle”.

Kauai — the “Garden Isle”.

Hawaii — “the Big Island” has the most varied terrain and ecosystem of the islands.

We will not focus on these islands:

Lanai — at one time was completely owned by Dole Foods and was the largest pineapple plantation in the world, now it is home to several exclusive resorts.

Molokai — the “Friendly Isle” is one of the least developed islands.

Nihau — a privately owned island with an entirely Native Hawaiian population.

Kahoolawe — a former US Navy bombing range which remains uninhabited.



Geography

The world's longest island chain, the Hawaii Islands, is 1,523 miles long. The geographic center of Hawaii is located off the southwestern shore of Molokai west of Lanai.

Hawaii is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean about 2,400 miles southwest of the Continental United States.

The Hawaiian Islands cover 6,459 square miles.

The lowest point in Hawaii is at water's (Pacific Ocean) edge; sea level.

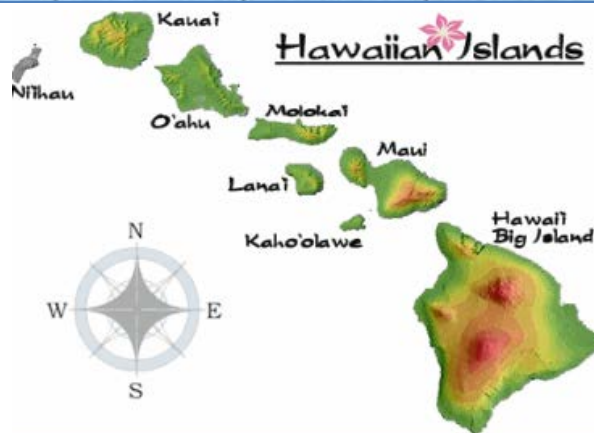
Major Rivers - Wailuku River (Hawaii), Anahulu River (Oahu)

Major Lakes - Salt Lake

There is NOT a system of bridges connecting the islands like there is with the Florida keys.

Hawaii is part of a chain of islands that were created by volcanic activity.

Volcanoes are still active on the Big Island, and a new volcano (Lo'ihi) is about 1000 feet below the ocean's surface southeast of the Big Island.



Culture & Social Conventions

- Shaking hands is the usual form of greeting.
- A relaxed and informal atmosphere is usually the norm.
- As long as the fundamental rules of courtesy are observed, there need be no fear of offending anyone of any background.
- Americans are renowned for their openness and friendliness to visitors.
- Gifts are appreciated if one is invited to a private home.
- As a rule, dress is casual. Smart restaurants, hotels and clubs insist on suits and ties or long dresses.
- In general, American standards of etiquette apply in Hawaii. Hawaii, however, has certain cultural differences, owing to the Native Hawaiians and the large population of Asians and people of Asian descent.
- As is the custom in many Asian countries, always remove your footwear when entering the home of an island resident, if so invited.
- There are many heiau (temples) in the Islands, where the ancient Hawaiian religion was practiced. Some of these have become tourist attractions in their own right, but visitors should nevertheless treat these places with the same level of respect one would show at a place of worship.
- Discussions of Hawaiian sovereignty and programs can arouse a variety of strong opinions (both in support and in opposition) among Hawaii residents of all ethnicities, and the uninitiated visitor would be wise to avoid bringing up these topics in casual conversation.
- Bottom line: respect the land and the people



Food & Drink

Tipping:

Service charges are rarely added to hotel, restaurant or bar bills and many of the staff depend on tips for their livelihood. 15% is expected and 20% if the service has been very good.

Hawaiian food offers the best of 'Pacific Rim' and 'New American' cooking styles, influenced by Chinese, Mediterranean, Mexican and other Asian countries. Many dishes are based on chicken, pork, seafood and local fruit and vegetables cooked using traditional methods. Special condiments and spices are used (see below). Much of the food available on the islands is basically US with Asian influences brought in by the assortment of ethnicities that make up the population.

The classic traditional Hawaiian feast is the luau based around a puaa kalua (whole pig) that has been shaved and rubbed with rock salt on the inside. It is then placed on chicken wire, filled with hot stones from the fire, and cooked in an imu (pit) along with sweet potatoes, plantains and sometimes laulau (pork, butterfish and spinach-like taro shoots wrapped in leaves and steamed).

The steam is prevented from escaping by encircling the pig with banana and coconut husks and taro leaves and covering the pit with wet burlap bags. The cooking process takes about six hours.

The kalua pig is eaten with fingers and is accompanied by the traditional Hawai'ian poi (thick paste made from ground taro), opihi (a salty, black, clam-like mollusc) and lomi lomi salmon (salmon rubbed with an onion and tomato marinade).

Chicken luau comprises tender chicken pieces cooked with taro tops and coconut cream. Garnishes include limu (seaweed), paakai rock salt and chopped roasted kukui nuts. Local seafood includes moi (mullet) ulua, opakapaka (pink snapper), lobster and yellowfin tuna. Hawaiian breakfast specialities are macadamia nuts and banana and coconut pancakes with coconut syrup. Fresh fruit and nut ice-creams or sorbets make excellent desserts.

The minimum legal drinking age is 21 years of age. It is illegal to consume alcohol in parks and on beaches.



Economy & Industry - Overview

Economy & Industry

Tourism remains Hawaii's leading employer, revenue producer, and growth sector. However, agricultural diversification (including the cultivation of flowers and nursery products, papaya, and macadamia nuts), aquaculture, manganese nodule mining, and film and television production have broadened the state's economic base.

The public sector has a greater presence in Hawaii's economy than in any other state, accounting for 21.5% of gross state product in 2001, compared to the state average of 12%. Economic growth was relatively sluggish in Hawaii at the end of the 20th century, accelerating only from 2.2% in 1998 to 3.3% in 1999 to 4.6% in 2000.

The national recession of 2001 and the after-effects of 9/11 helped reduce the annual growth rate to 2.8% in 2001, mainly through the impact on tourism. By the third quarter of 2002, however, hotel revenue in Hawaii was showing an increase over 2001, in contrast to hotel revenues in other parts of the country. Payroll employment, after declining sharply in 2001, was also showing increases.

Hawaii's gross state product in 2001 was 39th in the nation at \$43.7 billion, to which financial services contributed \$10.1 billion; general services (including tourism), \$10 billion; government, \$9.4 billion; trade, \$6.5 billion; transportation and public utilities, \$4.1 billion, and manufacturing, \$1.2 billion



Getting There

By Air

[Honolulu International Airport website](#). HNL is the largest airport in the State of Hawaii and is located in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. From Honolulu you can fly to all of the Hawaiian islands.

From here, passengers destined for a Neighbor Island will connect to an interisland flight .

Direct service from the mainland is also available to Kahului on Maui, Kona on the Big Island, and Lihue on Kauai as well.

Depending on the airline, nonstop flights to Honolulu leave from most major gateway airports on the West Coast (as well as some smaller ones), as well as many major airports in the Midwest and East Coast. The flight from Los Angeles or San Francisco takes about 5 hours, comparable to a flight between the West and East

Coasts. Thus, a flight from New York can take about

By boat

While the days where everyone arrived in Hawaii by boat are long gone, there are limited numbers of trans-Pacific cruises to Hawaii that leave from ports on the West Coast. However, one fascinating way to experience Hawaii is by taking a cruise ship between the islands

Foreign travelers entering Hawaii directly from another country are subject to the same entry requirements as for the United States in general.

It is not necessary for U.S. citizens or legal immigrants to show a passport (or any documentation of U.S. citizenship or immigration status) when entering Hawaii from the U.S. Mainland. It is also not necessary for foreign visitors arriving from the U.S. Mainland to show passports or visas (U.S. entry formalities are done at the port of entry).

You will, however, be asked to fill out a written agricultural declaration while aboard your flight to Hawaii. This declaration is required by the U.S. and Hawaii state departments of agriculture to prevent harmful plant pests and diseases from coming into Hawaii.

Any fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, and the like need to be declared and inspected by Department of Agriculture personnel at your port of arrival; some items may be prohibited from entering Hawaii at all. Penalties for non-compliance are stiff.

When leaving Hawaii for the U.S. Mainland, all baggage must be inspected by U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors at the airport.

Be advised that fresh fruits (with the exception of pineapples and treated papayas) are prohibited from leaving the islands to prevent the spread of fruit flies.

Airlines serving Hawaii include *Air Canada*; *Alaska Airlines*; *Air New Zealand*; *American Airlines* ; *China Airlines*; *go!*; *Continental Airlines*; *Delta*; *Hawaiian Airlines*; *Japan Airlines*; *Korean Air*; *United*; *US Airways*; *Westjet*



Getting Around

By Air

Because Hawaii is an archipelago, air travel is, by and large, compulsory for traveling within the state. Travelers can choose from either a scheduled or unscheduled air carrier. Both scheduled and unscheduled air carriers are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration via the states local Flight Standards District Office.

Scheduled flight times run anywhere from 20 minutes to one hour and can usually be purchased a day or two before departure, although this may increase the cost of traveling.

Visitors wanting to fly according to their own demand (as opposed to a pre- set published times) should consider flying on an unscheduled air carrier also known as air taxi service. Passengers can simply contact the air carrier direct and arrange a time and place for pick up.

Airlines serving Hawaii include *Hawaiian Airlines; MarJet Hawaii; Mokulele Airlines; Island Air; Pacific Wings and go!*

By boat

Charter boats sail and motor between some islands, especially the Maui-Molokai-Lanai area. But, crossing the channels between islands can be extremely rough going. Because of this, a few charter companies specialize in having boats delivered inter island and can meet you at your destination.

Norwegian Cruise Lines operates both U.S.-flagged and foreign flagged cruise ships between the islands. By February 2007 Maui departures are being eliminated, leaving Honolulu Harbor as the sole originating port. The ship is called *Pride of America*.

By bus

On Oahu there is an excellent public transportation system *TheBus*. You can buy a booklet called "*TheBus*" at local ABC Stores giving route information on how to get around the island.

By Car

Car rentals should be booked as soon as possible as the price charged is based on a supply/demand basis. The exception is Waikiki where you will not need a car on a permanent basis so just rent a car the day before you want one.

By moped/scooter/motorcycle

Scooters are also an excellent alternative to getting around the islands. Rental rates are fairly cheap (about \$50/day, or \$135 for three days). The scooters are also fun to ride and are cheap on gas (typical mileage is 100-130mpg). For scooters that can go over 35mph or have an over 49cc engine, you'll need a motorcycle license.



Points of Interest Map

HAWAII



- ★ Na Pali Coast
- ★ Waimea Canyon
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- ★ Hawaii Volcanoes
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- ★ Iolani Palace
- ★ Polynesian Cultural Center



Na Pali Coast



Na Pali Coast - featured in the film Jurassic Park and many other movies, is one of the most distinctive geological features of Kauai and consists of sheer cliffs thousands of feet high that drop directly onto pristine secluded beaches. The beaches are reachable only by boat, helicopter, or very experienced hikers, but the cliffs may be viewed from the top by driving to the end of Route 550.

Waimea Canyon



Waimea Canyon - called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." Carved and formed over hundreds of thousands of years by runoff from Mount Waialeale at the center of the island, the canyon shows millions of years of geological history. Mount Waialeale, is often called the wettest spot on Earth, with an annual average rainfall of about 450 inches (11,430 mm).

Polynesian Cultural Center



The Center has traditional villages of Hawaii, Samoa, Aotearoa (Maori New Zealand), Fiji, the Marquesas, Tahiti, Tonga, and Rapa Nui offer educational exhibits by native islanders, some of which can be hands-on. Polynesian Cultural Center is located on the island of Oahu.

USS Arizona National Memorial



Memorial to those moored at Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor where the first attacks on Americans occurred during World War II. The USS Arizona is located on the island of Oahu.



Iolani Palace



The only Royal Palace on US soil and the seat of the Hawaiian government until the 1960s. It's located on the island of Oahu.

The Road to Hana



It traces Maui's north coast from Kahului to the village of Hana on the eastern shore. Winding along steep, forested mountainsides, in many places the road narrows to only a single lane.

Although the road to Hana is only 56 miles long, it turns and winds so continuously that the whole journey takes three hours one-way.

Black Sand & Green Sand Beaches



For black sand beaches, check out Kehena Beach in Puna or Punalu'u Beach in Ka'u. For green sand beaches, go to South Point.

Hawaii Volcanoes



Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is home to both the world's largest volcano, Mauna Loa (13,677 feet high), and the world's most active, Kilauea (continuously erupting since 1983). Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is located on the big island of Hawaii.



Landmarks and Attractions

Diamond Head



The most famous volcanic crater in the world is Diamond Head, located on the South-east Coast of O'ahu at the end of Waikiki overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It was originally named Laeahi by the ancient Hawaiians. The name meant "brow of the tuna" and looking at the silhouette of the crater from Waikiki, you can see the resemblance.

The current name came was given to the crater by British sailors in the 1800's. When they first saw the crater at a great distance, the calcite crystals in the lava rock appeared to glimmer in the sunlight. The sailors mistakenly thought there must be diamonds in the soil. Minutes from Waikiki Beach and enjoy everything this two-mile strip of Oahu has to offer. That includes water sports, shopping, free concerts, cultural attractions, a zoo and an aquarium.

Iolani Palace



The Iolani Palace is one of the most significant historical sites in the Hawaiian Islands. The grounds surrounding the palace were originally the site of an ancient Hawaiian temple and former burial site for Hawaiian royalty. Evidence of the sites is still visible and considered sacred by locals.

Located nearest the corner of Richards and South King St, the coronation stand was the centerpiece for the many festivities held at the palace. Today, it is used for only the most formal of state functions.

The Palace itself is the only Royal Palace in the United States. Its cornerstone was laid on the very last day of 1879.



Landmarks and Attractions

Kamehameha Compound



On the ocean side of the Kona Beach Hotel is a restored area of deep spiritual meaning to Hawaiians. This was the spot that King Kamehameha the Great chose to retreat to in 1812 after conquering the Hawaiian Islands. He stayed until his death in 1819. The king built a temple, Ahuena Heiau, and used it as a gathering place for his kahuna (priests) to counsel him on governing his people in times of peace.

The temple grounds are now just a third of their original size, but they're still impressive. You're free to wander the grounds, envisioning the days when King Kamehameha appealed to the gods to help him rule with the spirit of humanity's highest nature.

Pearl Harbor



Pearl Harbor is a natural deep-water harbor and longtime naval port. Located about 20 miles west of downtown Honolulu, it still serves as headquarters for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The USS Arizona Memorial there is also a centerpiece in a series of attractions highlighting and commemorating the U.S. Navy in World War Two.

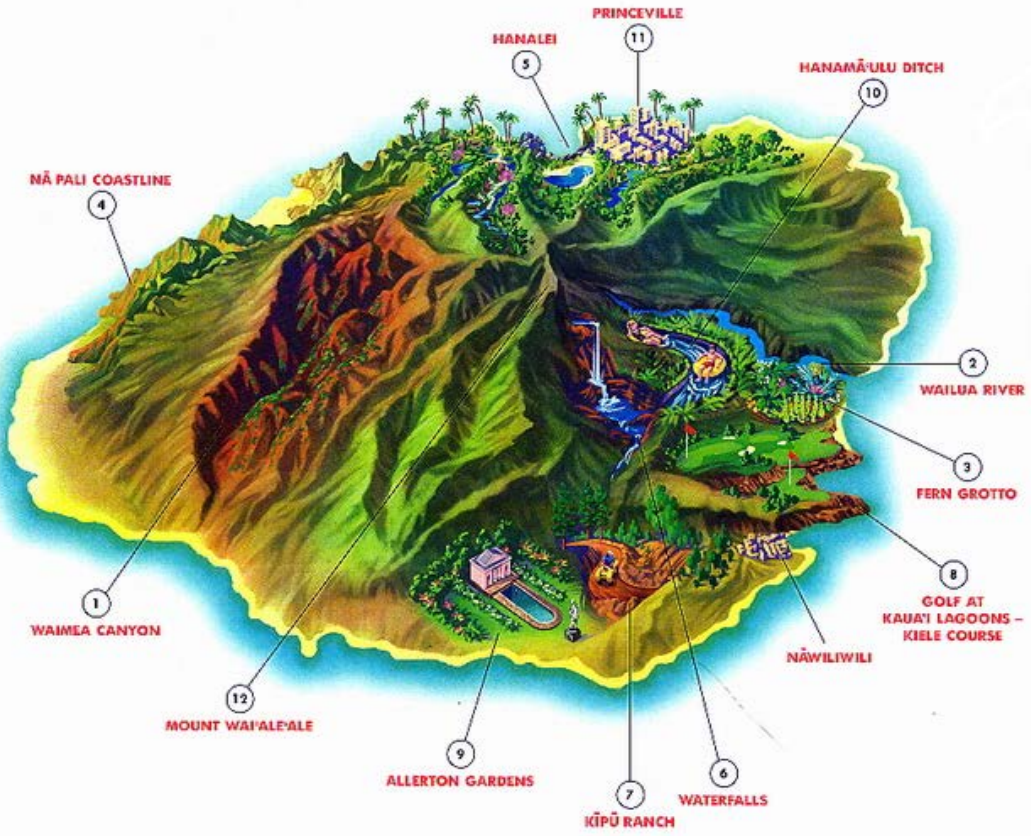
Few dates stand out in American memory like that of December 7, 1941. It was just after dawn on this Sunday morning that aircraft of the Japanese Combined Fleet under the command of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto staged a surprise attack on elements of the American Pacific Fleet docked at Pearl Harbor, and with it brought the United States into World War Two.

The attack was centered upon Pearl Harbor, where the American fleet with its nine battleships was harbored, but actually encompassed the combined military facilities on all of Oahu. A few bombs even fell in downtown Honolulu.



Oahu

Come experience the tropical paradise on North Shore Oahu, where you can enjoy world-famous surfing . Surfers with a blue crush and fans searching for the real Blue Hawaii and mainlanders with rainy-blues have long known this island to synonymous with "paradise." Oahu is home to some of the most recognizable landmarks in the world - Diamond Head's jagged facade, somber Pearl Harbor and bustling Waikiki Beach. The idea waves break at Waikiki, where surfing lessons are taught for all age groups. But Oahu is more than just sand and surf. It's the cosmopolitan hub of the island chain with its power center in Honolulu, the state capital and the nation's 11th largest city. Oahu offers some of the state's best beaches, snorkeling, hiking spots, museums, fabulous shopping, nightlife and five-star restaurants.



Hotels:

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Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Oahu

Families

The best place for families to stay on Oahu is in or around Waikiki. Waikiki offers the greatest range of accommodation styles and prices to can fit any families' budget, and the majority of activities and attractions are in or close to Waikiki.

The following are three family-oriented activities offered on the Orbitz and CheapTickets sites.

On the Atlantis Submarine Waikiki Odyssey visitors can experience the underwater landscape and marine life from this 50 passenger submarine from Waikiki.

Snorkel, play water sports, or just relax on Captain Bob's snorkel cruise. For younger or less adventuresome family members, Captain Bob's offers an opportunity to see marine life through the glass bottom boat. Captain Bob's Picnic and Snorkel cruise is a day trip that takes off from Waikiki.

The Polynesian Cultural Center features exhibits and demonstrations of Pacific Island life. Although it is approximately a one hour drive from Waikiki, it is well worth the trip. It is the second most visited attraction on Oahu. The center offers numerous activities for all members of the family to enjoy.

Spa

On Oahu, Honolulu and Waikiki offer the most spa resorts. Recommend the following spa properties, all of which are on the web site:

Aqua Palms & Aqua Bamboo Spas and Resorts in Waikiki

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa in Waikiki Beach

Halekulani in Waikiki Beach

Kahala Hotel & Resort in Honolulu



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Oahu

Culture and the Arts

The best island for those interested in experiencing the unique Hawaiian culture and the beauty of the arts is Oahu. Honolulu offers the greatest opportunity to view what Hawaii has to offer culture and arts travelers.

Where to Stay:

You should recommend that culture and arts travelers stay in Waikiki because it has accommodations for every budget, and is centrally located to all of the culture and arts attractions. Downtown is another option to recommend, although we only offer a few accommodations.

What to Do:

Downtown Honolulu has several historical and political buildings culture travelers will enjoy visiting, all closely grouped together. Across the street from the 'Iolani Palace is the Hawaiian State Art Museum, which houses an impressive collection of Hawaiian art.

The Bishop Museum houses the finest collection of Hawaiian cultural art and artifacts in the world. It was founded in 1889 to preserve the royal heirlooms bequeathed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop to her husband. The Bishop Museum offers free weekly classes in hula dancing, weaving, and folk arts.

Chinatown, near downtown Honolulu, is the oldest in the United States, and is home to a diverse Asian community; Chinese shops, gardens, architecture, entertainment, and food will tempt visitors interested in experiencing another part of Hawaiian culture. Walking tours can be booked locally.

A number of famous artists work and reside in Hawaii but maybe none more famous than Robert Wyland. His painting and murals of whales, dolphins, and sea life can be seen all over the world. Although he has a number of galleries throughout the Hawaiian islands, the largest is in Waikiki.

The Polynesian Cultural Center is a must see for culture and arts travelers. Visitors can experience shows and demonstration depicting Polynesian island life, and take part in cultural activities such as learning Hula dancing, cooking meals in a pit fire, and climbing trees to retrieve coconuts. Although it is about 60 miles from the Honolulu/Waikiki area, it is worth the trip. You can purchase tickets for customers as an A&S on the web site.



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Oahu

Singles

Definitely recommend singles stay in Waikiki; it has everything for a single person, including a wide variety of accommodation styles and prices, the most active night life in all of Hawaii, beautiful beaches, and activities to keep the most active single busy. The nightclubs and bars are centralized in Waikiki, Ala Moana, and downtown Honolulu. Partygoers don't typically patronize more than two clubs a night because getting from one Oahu nightspot to the next usually requires driving or taking the trolley.

Enjoy an authentic "backyard" island feast on a secluded beach 45 minutes from Waikiki. Ask if you can add Germaine's Luau to the customer's package, which can be booked as an A&S on the web site.

Visitors can meet interesting people strolling along Waikiki Beach, one of the world's most famous beaches. Afterwards, singles can enjoy swimming, body surfing, windsurfing, learning to surf, renting a water cycle and pedaling through the waves, or simply walking barefoot and feeling the sand between their toes. After all that activity, singles may want to rent a beach chair and relax in the sun while working on their tan.

Visitors can return to the Hawaii of old and take a trek up to the North Shore to hang out with surfers and watch them tackle 30-foot waves at Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay Beach, or 'Ehukai Beach. Then visitors can stroll along the streets of Haleiwa and check out the numerous eclectic shops, galleries, and cafes before heading back to Waikiki.

Beach Lovers

Recommend your beach lover customers stay in Waikiki, and has properties on or near the beach that will meet even the most demanding customer's needs.

Waikiki Beach is the most famous beach on O'ahu, maybe all of Hawaii and is the best place for the beach lover to spend the day. The beach in front of the pink Royal Hawaiian Hotel is known as the best spot on the island to soak up rays. Recommend sun worshippers get to the beach early to claim their spot on the beach; it gets crowded by mid-afternoon.

Two of the other most beautiful beaches on O'ahu are only a short drive away from Waikiki. Kailua Beach is a crescent-shaped beach and Lanikai Beach, just south of Kailua Beach Park, is a beautiful white-sand beach with calm waters. Both can be reached by car or bus, and are a good recommendation as a day-trip for those staying in Waikiki.



Leeward Coast / Kapolei

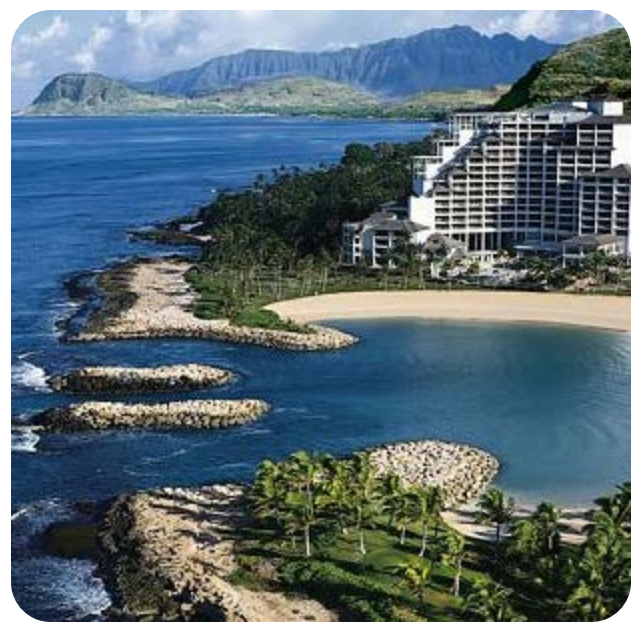
The Leeward Coast is known as the sunnier side of Oahu. It's a place to mellow out on a beautiful sandy beach, enjoy miles of bike paths, play a round of golf or go sailing. Amplify the excitement at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park in Kapolei.

JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina ☆☆☆☆

Set on one of four white sand lagoons, this private retreat exudes a relaxed Hawaiian elegance that only hints at all that awaits you: an award-winning spa; world-class marina; tennis courts with breathtaking views and a championship golf course.

There are pastimes to keep everyone happy: two pools, water sports, sport fishing, even children's programs

Rates from \$269



On or Near Waikiki Beach

This fabled two-mile stretch of Oahu offers a great place to people watch, catch free shows, canoe, surf and snorkel. Hotels, shops and cafes pack Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki's main drag. Visit the museums, and view the beach atop Diamond Head crater. Hotels are available on the beach or within a 15 minute walk to the beach.

Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Formerly ResortQuest Hawaii. Located across the street from world-famous Waikiki Beach.

The Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel's signature amenity, "Breakfast on the Beach", is a breakfast like no other. "Breakfast on the Beach" is a full breakfast with American and Asian fare that is served on a portable "to go" fashion on the pool deck each morning from 6:30-8:30am

Non-smoking. Valet parking with in/out privileges for a fee.

Rates from \$200



On or Near Waikiki Beach

Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach ☆☆☆☆

The Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach is Outrigger's premier flagship hotel on beautiful Waikiki Beach. This 525-room deluxe hotel is perched on the silken sands of Waikiki Beach with every room boasting either a partial or full ocean view from the room's lanai.

Guests can immerse themselves in an endless array of ocean activities, stay in shape in the hotel's fitness room, experience first hand the island culture with the hotel's regularly scheduled cultural activities or simply relax on the beach or poolside. There are three restaurants on property, including world-famous Duke's Canoe Club, truly the most popular gathering place on Waikiki Beach.

Valet parking with in/out privileges for a fee.

Rates from \$125



North Shore

This 20-plus-mile stretch of coastline has become synonymous with surf culture. Beyond the beach, find mellow Haleiwa, a town noted for surf shops, art galleries and shave ice. Drive from Waikiki to the North Shore in about 45 minutes.

Turtle Bay Resort ☆☆☆☆

Located on 880 oceanfront acres of Oahu, Turtle Bay Resort is the only true full-service luxury resort on the island's legendary North Shore. The resort features two lushly landscaped pools, two championship golf courses, ten tennis courts, horseback riding, hiking and mountain bike trails, a surfing school, world-class dining and shopping.

The Turtle Bay Resort Fee is \$20.00 inclusive (valued at over \$80.00), applies per room/villa, per day, and is collected directly from the guest at check-out

Rates from \$286



Kahala

Five minutes from Waikiki Beach is Kahala, a prestigious neighborhood with luxe beachfront properties. Outdoor enthusiasts can hike Diamond Head crater to the west of Kahala, or snorkel in Hanauma Bay to the east. Kahala Mall is a haven for shoppers.

Kahala Hotel & Resort ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The Kahala Hotel & Resort is Hawaii's reigning luxury resort, set on a secluded beach just ten minutes from the world class shopping and entertainment of Waikiki.

This legendary hideaway resort in Honolulu's plush Kahala district is a favorite with presidents, international royalty and celebrities. The Hotel's 26,000 square foot natural lagoon is home to six Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins.

The Dolphin Quest trainers offer daily education programs where guests can experience these animals up-close, and understand what makes them unique.

Rates from \$286



Diamond Head

Enjoy the view from Diamond Head volcanic crater. Minutes from Waikiki Beach and enjoy everything this two-mile strip of Oahu has to offer. That includes water sports, shopping, free concerts, cultural attractions, a zoo and an aquarium.

The Lotus at Diamond Head ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The Castle Lotus at Diamond Head is a 51-room boutique hotel inspired by the lotus blossom, which blooms from the depths of a pond into a beautifully scented flower, much like the formation of the Hawaiian islands.

The Lotus at Diamond Head is a fusion of Asian inspired décor and warm Hawaiian hospitality.

Each and every guest room offers remarkable views of majestic Diamond Head while glances of the ocean can be enjoyed from its premium rooms.

Rates from \$171



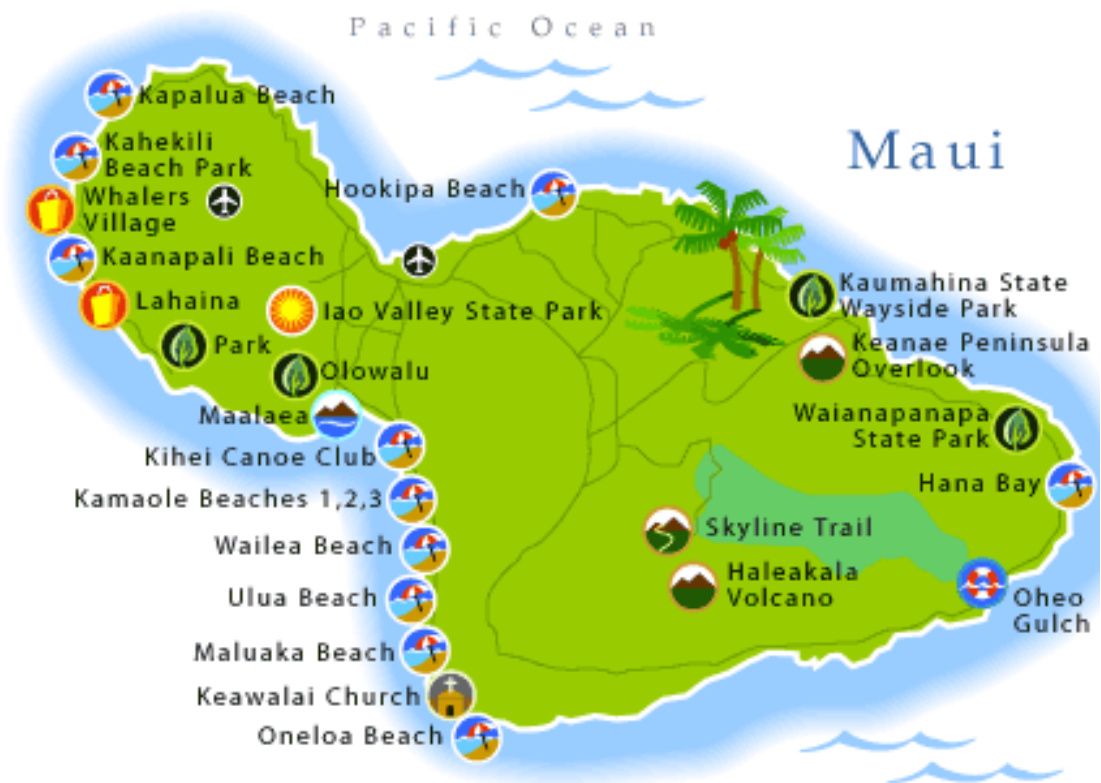
Maui

Maui is the second largest island in the chain and is home to 10,023 foot (3,055 m) tall volcanic mountain crater of Haleakala. It is nicknamed "the Valley Isle" for the narrow plain between Haleakala and the West Maui mountains.

Points of Interest on Maui include:

The Road to Hana - traces Maui's north coast from Kahului to the village of Hana on the eastern shore. Winding along steep, forested mountainsides, in many places the road narrows to only a single lane. Although the road to Hana is only 56 miles long, it turns and winds so continuously that the whole journey takes three hours one-way.

Haleakala National Park - explore the park and maybe take a bicycle ride at sunrise. The largest and most popular beach on Maui for Sun Worshipers is Kaanapali Beach. With four-miles of golden sand framed by the deep blue waters of the ocean and a paved beach walk, it's ideal for visitors wanting to soak up the sun.



Hotels:

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Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Maui

Families

On Maui, the customer's budget drives the decision of where to recommend staying.

Tight budget - Recommend Kihei, which offers a number of hotels and condos at family friendly prices. Kihei has several good beaches which will appeal to families and there are lots of budget restaurants and shopping nearby.

Moderate Budget - Recommend Kaannapali, which offers many 3 and 4 star condos and resorts, good beaches, restaurants, and shopping.

Luxury - If budget isn't an issue and the customer is looking for deluxe resorts with top amenities, recommend Wailea. The planned resort area of Wailea, has several 4 and 5 star resort hotels with excellent beaches and upscale shopping and restaurants.

Families on **the Haleakala Sunrise Downhill Bike Ride** will be rewarded with magnificent views of the sunrise on the crater of Haleakala volcano. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious breakfast before you are off again to tour more of Hawaii's beautiful views. Recommended for ages 12 years and older.

On the Atlantis Submarine Tour, visitors experience the underwater landscape and marine life off the Lahaina coastline from this 50 passenger underwater submarine.

Families will love the Molokini Island Snorkeling Cruise tour, which takes passengers snorkeling off the coast of Maui.

Romantic Getaways

The best areas to stay on Maui for those seeking a romantic getaway are:

Wailea offers luxury resorts that appeal to any customer traveling to Maui for romance. Wailea has excellent beaches, top-notch resorts dotted among the lush manicured grounds, and good shopping and restaurants nearby.

Kaannapali is another good option for those on a budget; it is less expensive than Wailea, but has good beaches, restaurants, and shopping.

Two activities that you could recommend for romantic getaways are:

Watching the sun rise on Haleakala volcano is perfect start to a romantic day. For the more active couple, a morning ride down the slopes of Haleakala is a good recommendation. This is available through the Orbitz and CheapTickets sites.

Taking a scenic drive on the road to Hana is a popular romantic getaway activity. Numerous stops are dotted along the drive with breathtaking scenery, freshwater pools, and waterfalls. This is a perfect day trip for those looking to get away from the bustle of the larger towns.



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Maui

Golfers

Maui is the best island to recommend to customers who want a family golf experience and those who have non-golfers along. The best areas for golfers to stay on Maui are:

The luxury resorts in Wailea are surrounded by some of the best courses on the islands, as well as many other activities for those who aren't golfing.

Kaannapali also has top-rated courses and is close to activities for those who are not golfing.

Kapalua is a great recommendation for those who want to learn golf; the Kapalua Golf Academy is a top-rated school.

The Dunes at Maui Lani is considered one of the island's "must play" courses. The reasonably priced course is challenging to all skill levels.

Makena North and South are popular, challenging courses with spectacular views located, in Makena, just south of Wailea.

Wailea's Blue, Emerald, and Gold courses offer experiences for every level of golfer. The Blue course is the oldest, the Emerald is popular with female golfers and couples, and the Gold is the premier course, where the Senior and Lady Skins championship games are held.

The Kahili Golf Course is designed to take advantage of the local terrain and trade winds to create a unique golf experience. Kahili is located in Waikapu, 30 minutes from Wailea and Ka'anapali.

Spa

On Maui, the best spa resorts are in Lahaina and Wailea. Recommend these properties for spa travelers to Maui, which are on the web site:

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa - Lahaina

Fairmont Kea Lani - Wailea

Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa - Wailea

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa – Lahaina



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Maui

Beach Lovers

Many large resorts are located on Ka'anapali Beach making it the best recommendation for beach lovers to stay on Maui. After a few hours in the hot sun, the beach lover can easily stroll from the beach to one of the many restaurants or bars to quench their thirst with a cool tropical drink or a tasty snack.

Wailea features the next best beach on Maui, and is also a good recommendation for beach lovers to stay. If budget isn't an issue and the customer is looking for deluxe resorts with top amenities, recommend Wailea. The planned resort area of Wailea, has several 4 and 5 star resort hotels with excellent beaches and upscale shopping and restaurants.

The largest and most popular beach on Maui for Sun Worshipers is Ka'anapali Beach. With four-miles of golden sand framed by the deep blue waters of the ocean and a paved beach walk, it's ideal for visitors wanting to soak up the sun.

To get away from the hustle and bustle of Ka'anapali for awhile, the beach lover can take a quick ride up the coast and enjoy the more secluded Kapulua Beach or D.T. Fleming Beach.

The second best beach on Maui is at Wailea. The crescent-shaped beach is big, wide, and protected on both sides by black lava outcroppings. This makes it perfect for taking a dip in the calm, cool waters after a long stretch in the sun.

Singles

On Maui, recommend singles stay in either of these areas:

Ka'anapali offers many daytime activities like snorkeling, surfing, hiking, bike riding, and sun bathing, as well as night life for the singles.

Kihei offers cheap accommodations and plenty of restaurants and bars within a short drive. Singles will also find good beaches and snorkeling.

Some activities that you can recommend and book on the Orbitz and CheapTickets sites include:

Singles who didn't stay out too late the night before will enjoy the Haleakala Sunrise Downhill Bike Ride. Starting at the crater of Haleakala at sunrise, ride down while the sun comes up.

Enjoy the Lahanina Whale Watching Eco-Adventure, Maui's best whale watching tour, with a crew of certified naturalists.

Recommend your single tour the island by helicopter to see why Maui is called the Valley Island. The tour flies over Haleakala Crater, Oheo Gulch, Hana, and the rugged coastline of Maui's northeast shore.



Lahaina / Kaanapali Beach

Hang-loose bars and seafood cafes line Lahaina's waterfront, where ferries and tour boats dock. Historic houses, museums, shops and galleries pack side streets in West Maui's largest town. Resort hotels rise above Kaanapali's 3-mile-long white beach.

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa has been called one of the most spectacular resorts in the world. Repeat Guests, Honeymooners and Anniversaries are all special at the Hyatt Regency Maui! Returning guests within the past 5 years receive a welcome amenity and note from the General Manager. Honeymooners receive a fresh flower lei, keepsake album at check in, invitation to weekly Honeymooners' Reception with complimentary cocktails and pupus, and a bottle of champagne. Anniversaries receive a welcome amenity and note from the General Manager.

Resort Fee of \$15 per room per night is due upon checkout.

Rates from \$260



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The Westin Maui Resort & Spa ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa is the premier location for a dream Hawaiian vacation.

Situated on Kaanapali Beach, the Westin Maui Resort & Spa is the most romantic escape in all the Hawaiian Islands... the dramatic point at which the legendary Black Rock of Kaanapali meets the ocean.

Anchored by the Black Rock itself, this spectacular Maui hotel beckons hopeless romantics, discerning honeymooners, and fun-seeking families.

Rates from \$260



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Kaanapali Beach Club ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Not just the typical Maui hotel, the Ka'anapali Beach Club will pamper you in a luxurious one-room suite with living room and private bedroom. A great location for families.

18-hole miniature golf course
1-acre pool with 64' slide into "kiddy pool"

Gas barbecues with picnic tables adjacent to the beach

Laundry facilities

Parking (for a fee)



Rates from \$298



Kihei

Budget-friendly hotels border the highway along Kihei's coastline, where surfers, swimmers and snorkelers find perfect beaches. Tour boats depart from nearby Maalaea's marina. Marvel at the sunset from the laid-back restaurants and bars.

Maui Coast Hotel ☆ ☆ ☆

Located right in the heart of sunny Kihei, just across the street from popular white sandy Kamaole Beach and within walking distance to several shops and restaurants, two miles from the Wailea Resort area and championship golf courses and just 20 minutes from Kahului Airport. Maui Coast Hotel is truly "The Best of Maui at Your Doorstep".

Non-smoking property.

Rates from \$260



Kapalua

Cook Pines shelter windblown coves along the Kapalua coast on Maui's northwest tip. Serene, exclusive resorts overlook black lava peninsulas. Golf, tennis, fine dining and pampered relaxation attract honeymooners and families .



Kahului, Maui Airport (OGG)

Along with Wailuku, bustling Kahului is Maui's commercial center with shopping malls, airport and cruise terminal. Highways lead from this central area to Maui's majestic Haleakala Volcano and peaceful Hana on the remote eastern coast.



Wailea

Golf reigns in Wailea, where pros compete on 54 fairways. Lavish resorts sprawl along south coast beaches with gentle surf. Pampering spas and gourmet restaurants are main attractions. Idyllic lawns and beaches make perfect settings for weddings.



Wailea

Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa ☆☆☆

Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa is a 15-acre all-suite resort nestled on the plush hillside overlooking world renowned Wailea, commanding spectacular panoramic ocean views where you can also watch whales breaching in season.

In addition to the fitness center, shuttle service and business center, resort amenities include a health spa, offering a range of massage therapies, facials and sauna; outdoor pool with expansive sundeck.

Rates from \$284



Big Island

The island of Hawai'i comprises over half of the area of the state of Hawaii. To avoid confusion with the state, it is almost universally called the Big Island.

Points of Interest on the Big Island include:

- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is home to both the world's largest volcano, Mauna Loa (13,677 feet high), and the world's most active, Kilauea (continuously erupting since 1983).
- Black Sand & Green Sand Beaches - For black sand beaches, check out Kehena Beach in Puna or Punalu'u Beach in Ka'u. For green sand beaches, go to South Point.
- On Big Island, you need a car in order to get to most of the interesting beaches, parks or other attractions, or to travel from the Kona coast to the Hilo coast.
- Places like the green or black sand beaches, or the Mauna Kea summit and astronomical observatories are only accessible by four-wheel drive. Note that car rentals tend to book months in advance, depending on the season.



Hotels:

- [Kailua / Kona](#)
- [Keauhou](#)
- [Kohala Coast / Waikoloa](#)
- [Hilo](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type – Big Island

Families

Families coming to the Big Island will find the greatest accommodation choices around the Kona/Kailua, Keauhou, and Kahala areas. Since the island is so big, we highly recommend families rent a vehicle to see all of the main attractions the Big Island has to offer.

The following are two activities we offer on the Orbitz and CheapTickets sites.

Perfect for families of all ages, the Hawaii Volcano Adventure Tour takes passengers to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Visitors will see geological formations resulting from the volcanoes, ride along the 11-mile Crater Rim Drive, and see the spectacular views and unique beauty of Hawaii's volcanoes. The tour ends the day at the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut factory to view the production facility and shop.

On the Atlantis Submarine Kona Odyssey, visitors experience the underwater landscape and marine life off the Kona coastline from this 50 passenger underwater submarine.

Spa

On the Big Island, recommend these properties for spa travelers, which are on the web site:

Fairmont Orchid Hawaii on the Kohala Coast

Hilton Waikoloa on the Kohala Coast

Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows on the Kohala coast

Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa in Keauhou

Golfers

Recommend the Big Island to golfers looking for more challenging courses.

Most of the golf courses are located in and around Kona, making Kona the best choice for an golf vacation. The Kona region also includes the upscale area of Keauhou.

The Big Island Country Club is as challenging as it is playable and is a pristine example of upcountry golf in Hawaii. This golf course is convenient to all points and is located on the slopes of Mauna Kea, 2,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean. As far as golf courses in Hawaii go, Big Island Country Club is extremely unique with the emphasis on creating and maintaining the beautiful mountain environment with a truly memorable golf experience.

Covering 230 acres of beautiful landscape, the Mauna Kea championship 180-hole course offers a dramatic change in elevation, large undulating greens, and over a hundred well-placed bunkers. There are incredible panoramic views of the land, sea, and snow-capped Mauna Kea.

Winding its way through ancient lava fields on the breathtaking Kohala coastline, Waikoloa's Beach Course is, quite simply, resort golf at its finest. The course can be a challenge for higher level players.



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type – Big Island

Adventure Seekers

The best place to recommend the adventure seeker stay on the Big Island is the Kona-Kailua area. It's a great base for adventures because it is close to Hawaii Volcano National Park and great water activities on the coast, and it has a variety of accommodation styles for all price ranges.

Visitors can set up sea kayaking tours with a number of local companies, which is a great way for the adventure seeker to see the unique coastline of the Big Island.

Adventure seekers can get a birds-eye view of the volcano activity around Kilauea on the Circle of Fire Helicopter Flight. It's a great activity for travelers looking for a unique experience, and you can book it for the customer on the web site.

Another unforgettable experience to recommend to the adventure seeker is a dive with manta rays. Trips to dive with these 15-foot long, relatively docile creatures, can be added to a package as an A&S or through the booking path.

ATV tours are popular on the Big Island, riding through lush rainforest, sweeping plains, dramatic coastline, and tropical waterfalls.

The Big Island offers some of the best deep-sea sports fishing in the world. Typical catches include Mahi Mahi, Pacific Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Wahoo, and Rainbow Runner



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type – Big Island

Nature Enthusiasts

The Big Island is perfect for nature enthusiasts and has many areas to recommend to them, including:

Hilo is a great recommendation for those who want to get away from it all. Although it is one of the most populated towns on the island, its lush tropical setting is full of flowering plants, birds, and animals. Hilo Bay offers opportunities to see marine life while snorkeling or diving. It's also close to Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park, which is a must see for any Nature Enthusiast.

Kahala, aka the Gold Coast of Hawaii, offers visitors a more upscale resort town feel but is still a good spot for nature enthusiasts to stay. Customers will find many good spots to snorkel, dive, or whale watch and Hawaii Volcanoes National park is an excellent day trip.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is home Hawaii's only active volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Kilauea. Visitors can also see diverse microenvironments including the Ka'u Desert and the Tree Fern Forest. To save time, recommend the customer purchase their tour of the park before leaving, which you can purchase for them through the web site as an A&S.

Nature enthusiasts will love the opportunity to take a whale watching trip. From November to May, approximately 4,500 Pacific Humpback Whales migrate to the waters off the Big Island to reproduce. You can book the whale watching trips directly on the web site as an A&S.

The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens is acclaimed as one of the most beautiful areas in all Hawaii, and is just north of Hilo. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy meandering through trails that cross streams, waterfalls, and offer stunning views of the ocean all while seeing the hundreds of rare and exotic plants from all over the tropics.



Kailua / Kona

The sun shines nearly every day on the Kona-Kailua coast, where travelers lounge at lava beaches and crowd bars during sunset. Sportfishing boats and submarine tours depart from Kailua Pier. Dark Kona coffee grows in plantations above the coast.

Royal Kona Resort ☆ ☆ ☆

With a dramatic oceanfront setting overlooking picturesque Kailua Bay, the Royal Kona Resort offers great value and is conveniently located within walking distance to the village of Kailua-Kona with its many fine restaurants, shops, historical sites, and activities.

Ideally situated on 12 acres of tropical gardens on a lava promontory, the Royal Kona Resort is surrounded on three sides by the crystal clear waters of the blue Pacific.

Non-smoking property.

Rates from \$298



Keauhou

A suburb of busier Kona, Keauhou is packed with hotels, condos and pricey private homes facing a rocky lava beach interspersed with gorgeous bays. Inexpensive hotels dot the coast south of town. Scuba diving and snorkeling are excellent.

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort☆☆☆

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, is an oceanfront resort featuring newly refurbished non smoking rooms, a day spa, ocean view fitness room, ocean front restaurant and bar, swimming pool and six tennis courts.

Part of the seven-story hotel is actually built over tidal pools where Hawaiian green sea turtles glide through the tranquil waters.

Historical sites on property include the remains of two ancient heiau (sacred temples), a canoe landing and petroglyphs made by Hawaii's ancient people.

Rates from \$133



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Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Situated on quiet and tranquil Keauhou Bay, sits The Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, a 22 acre oceanfront resort. The resort features many recreational facilities, including a system of multilevel pools, including a 200-foot lava slide, two spa tubs, and a sandy-bottomed children's pool, as well as being in close proximity to numerous golf courses and ocean activities. The full-service Ho'ola Spa (means "healing" in Hawaiian) is truly a place of healing, relaxation, and rejuvenation. Paradise awaits you at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa!

Rates from \$179



Kohala Coast / Waikoloa

Dubbed the Gold Coast, Kohala and Waikoloa contain expensive and exclusive Resorts, and golf courses on white sand beaches mixed with stark black lava fields. Once the home of Hawaiian royalty, the coast is dotted with archeological sites.

Hilton Waikoloa Village ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

On the nine-mile long stretch of sunny Kohala Coast, Hilton provides the ultimate luxury resort - the Hilton Waikoloa Village. There is no other hotel like it in Hawaii. This 62-acre resort has everything- a 4-acre swimming and snorkeling lagoon, 3 freshwater swimming pools, sun-drenched beach, interactive dolphin encounter program, more than 7 million dollars in art, waterfalls, exotic gardens, trams and canal boats. For children from ages 5-12, there is Camp Menehune. It is an adult supervised day-time activity program where our younger visitors can build their own Hawaiian memories to treasure.

Rates from \$212



Hilo

Tropical gardens thrive in the misty air of Hilo, Hawaii's second largest town. Fishing boats, freighters and cruise ships fill the busy port. Roads lead upcountry to the island's magnificent volcanoes and the cowboy country of Waimea.

Naniloa Volcanoes Resort ☆☆☆

Just minutes from the Hilo International Airport via complimentary shuttle, Naniloa Volcanoes Resort nestled in a tranquil tropical setting overlooking Hilo Bay, surrounded by lush landscaped pathways, tide pools and volcanic rock.

325 air conditioned rooms and suites offer magnificent views of Coconut Island, majestic snow capped Mauna Kea and the Hamakua coastline.

Hilo's premier resort features swimming pool, a 9 hole golf course, wedding gazebo, meeting and banquet facilities, gift shop and complimentary parking.



Rates from \$98



Kauai

Called the Garden Island, Kauai is covered with lush greenery and tropical plants, watered regularly by abundant rainfall. As the oldest of the islands, it has been changed the most by the forces of erosion, and this has resulted in natural wonders such as Waimea Canyon and the Na Pali Coast. It is also home to more sandy beaches than any other major island in the Hawaiian chain.

Points of Interest on Kauai include:

Waimea Canyon - called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific". Its colors rival that of its Arizona counterpart, except that Waimea Canyon also adds touches of green that would be absent in the desert. Carved and formed over hundreds of thousands of years by runoff from Mount Waialeale at the center of the island, the canyon shows millions of years of geological history.

Na Pali Coast - featured in the film Jurassic Park and many other movies, is one of the most distinctive geological features of Kauai and consists of sheer cliffs thousands of feet high that drop directly onto pristine secluded beaches. The beaches are reachable only by boat, helicopter, or very experienced hikers, but the cliffs may be viewed from the top by driving to the end of Route 550.



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Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Kauai

Romantic Getaways

The best areas to stay on Kauai for those seeking a romantic getaway are:

Princeville is the top choice on Kauai for romance because it is secluded, it offers great beaches and many activities nearby, it is close to the Na Pali coast, and it has several upscale resorts with amenities onsite for a romantic getaway.

Poipu is the second choice, or a first for those on a budget. Poipu is more crowded, but it has excellent beaches and more budget and mid-range hotels and resorts than Princeville. Poipu is close to Waimea Canyon and Koke'e State Park, both popular destinations on Kauai.

Two activities offered on the Orbitz and CheapTickets sites that you could recommend for romantic getaways are:

One of the most popular activities for honeymooners is to take a helicopter tour and see the amazing beauty of Kauai from a unique perspective.

The famous Fern Grotto, a lava rock cave covered with tropical ferns, is a romantic spot and popular for wedding and vow renewals. Wailua Falls can be a romantic spot as well with its double waterfall plummeting down an 80-foot cliff.



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Maui

Adventure Seekers

The western shore of Kauai is made for adventure. Recommend the adventure traveler stay:

Princeville is the best recommendation for accommodations for adventure seekers who are not on a budget, due to its close proximity to the Na Pali Coast, and the hiking and kayaking opportunities on the northern and western shores of Kauai.

Piopu, where we offer many accommodations in all price ranges, is the second best option for adventurers. The adventurer is still close to the southern access point of the Na Pali Coast, as well as Waimea Canyon and Koke'e State Park.

Adventurers can get up close and personal with the Na Pali Coast on an inflatable, engine powered Zodiac raft. Adventure seekers will feel the rush of wind through their hair as the small boats race across the ocean to explore sea caves, reefs, and secluded beaches.

One of the best ways to experience Kauai's back country is on horseback. The adventurer can meander through scenic vistas and swim in natural mountain pools while on a locally booked tour, available for all levels, that runs between one and four hours depending on the outfitter.

Hike the 11-mile Kalalau Trail in the Na Pali Coast. The trail is rugged and runs along waterfalls, valleys, and beaches. It's a difficult hike, exactly why it is a perfect activity for the fit adventurer.



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Maui

Nature Enthusiasts

The whole island of Kauai is a haven for nature enthusiasts, but the best areas for nature enthusiasts to stay on Kauai are:

Princeville is the best recommendation for nature enthusiasts who are not on a budget. Princeville is on the north shore, which is the most remote, has the most beautiful beaches, and is less commercial than the other areas of Kauai. The Kilauea National Wildlife Refuge is very close, as well as the northern access point to the Na Pali Coast.

Poipu is a good recommendation for nature enthusiasts on a budget. It is more commercial, and crowded, but it is closer to Waimea Canyon and Koke'e State Park, which offer many activities for the nature enthusiast. Nature enthusiasts wanting to get to the Na Pali Coast can access it from the south from Polihale State Park. Poipu beach is a beautiful beach and is the only beach on the island swimmers and snorkelers can enjoy year round.

Waimea Canyon and Koke'e State Park tours are very popular. Waimea Canyon is known as the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, and was created by centuries of wind and water erosion carving stunning canyons. Koke'e State Park is just past Waimea Canyon, and offers great hiking and beautiful overlooks. You can purchase trips to Waimea Canyon for your customers on the web site.

The Na Pali Coast is a rugged and remote expanse of wilderness with 4,000-foot tall cliffs rising above the ocean. The Na Pali Coast is not accessible by car. The best way for visitors to experience this dramatic coastline is by helicopter or boat tour. We offer a Kauai island helicopter tour that covers the entire island on the website, or if a customer wants to see it by boat they can set up a zodiac tour of the coast.



Princeville

Scenes from "South Pacific" and "King Kong" were filmed on the glorious North Coast, where funky beach towns neighbor lavish resorts. Breathtaking beaches edge the rugged Na Pali Coast; waterfalls and rivers streak through lush green mountains.

The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas☆☆☆☆

Enjoy stunning vistas and an exotic, idyllic setting on exclusive oceanfront property on Kauai's North Beach. From magnificent ocean views to unprecedented amenities, this resort is in harmony with Hawaii's culture and environment.

Spacious, richly appointed one- and two-bedroom villas offer generous lanais with ocean views, stone flooring and other distinctive touches that truly reflect the unique Hawaiian culture and help you rejuvenate.

Rates from \$312



Wailua

Lavish resorts with numerous golf options. Families and active travelers appreciate the abundance of tour companies, restaurants, shops and diversions along Kauai's Coconut Coast on the east shore. River and waterfall tours are a must, and some beaches are safe for timid swimmers.

Aston Islander on the Beach ☆☆☆

This oceanfront resort offers guests contemporary island-inspired décor, six acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, a sparkling pool and stunning beachfront location. Enjoy the convenience of the adjacent Coconut Marketplace's 60 boutiques and restaurants. Oceanfront location and plantation-style charm make the Aston Islander on the Beach the most enticing retreat on Kauai. Non-smoking property. Free parking available.

Rates from \$284



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Grand Hyatt Kauai ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Step into a world of timeless elegance and luxury at Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa.

This lush Kauai beach resort envelops you with a sense of serenity that stays with you long after you depart. Delight in the spacious guestrooms found throughout the hotel - each with private lanai and stunning views.

Float effortlessly along the lagoons, indulge in a reviving treatment at ANARA Spa, or simply take in the refreshing ocean breezes from the beautiful white-sand beach.

Championship golf, tennis, fine dining and more make this Garden Isle retreat perfect for your next Kauai resort vacation.

Rates from \$329



Lihue

The main airport is on the shores of Lihue, Kauai's business and government hub. Cruise ships dock at Nawiliwili, the largest harbor, and helicopter tours leave from the airport. Travelers enjoy inexpensive lodging, casual cafes and a great beach.

Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club ☆☆☆

The luxurious Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club combines the warmest island hospitality with an idyllic destination. The hotel in Lihue fronts Kalapaki Bay, offers a wide variety of recreational activities, a superior beach experience and 18 holes of Jack Nicklaus championship golf at the adjacent Kauai Lagoons Golf Club.

One of the largest family-friendly pools in Hawaii and spacious rooms, most of which offer spectacular views. Wedding and honeymoon couples have long favored Kauai hotels for romantic getaways, oceanfront dining, stunning wedding backdrops, relaxing spa services and more.

Rates from \$199



Poipu

Poipu is Kauai's resort playground, known for limestone cliffs, windswept beaches and sunny skies. Count on great restaurants and accommodations for all kinds of travelers. Dramatic Waimea Canyon and forested Kokee Park rise above the south shore

The Point at Poipu ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

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Located on the sunny side of Kauai, overlooking the secluded and polished sands of Shipwreck Beach, The Point at Poipu welcomes you to Kauai's southern-most tip for exceptional snorkeling and scuba diving.

Families will enjoy coming home to a spacious suite after a day of island exploration.

All suites offer fully equipped kitchens, luxury master baths and midweek maid service.

Special architectural design of Poipu Point reflects the elegance and charm of Kauai plantation era. Traditional roof lines, wide sheltering eaves and open lanais.



Rates from \$358



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - FOR FAMILIES

Hawaii is a top, year-round family destination. Families are drawn to Hawaii for many reasons including the warm weather, the many family centered resorts and attractions, and calm blue water lapping against wide-open sand beaches.

Families traveling to Hawaii:

Often look for accommodations that offer multiple-room condominiums, suites, or adjoining rooms with full kitchens, or kitchenettes, to accommodate the entire family. Value resorts that offer on-site activities catering to children and adults. Resorts that offer special clubs and activities specifically designed for kids are often a good selling point.

Want to stay in a region that has many family-friendly activities close by. Enjoy having a larger size rental car to transport the family comfortably.

Families - Qualifying Questions

Families today can mean many things: a single mother with her children, grandparents with their children and grandchildren, even family reunions. It is important to qualify the customer to determine each customer's unique family type by asking:

How many people are traveling?

Are you traveling for a special occasion?

Are any of the kids over 18?

Are there specific activities you and your family enjoy? Say snorkeling or nature walks?

Families - Island Recommendations

The best islands for families are Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island.

Click each island to see the recommendations.

[Families - Island Recommendations - Oahu](#)

[Families - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)

[Families - Island Recommendations - Big Island](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type– Romantic Holidays

Hawaii is the most desired destination for honeymooners in the whole world, and it ranks high on the list of places for people to get married. With its unsurpassed beauty and lush surroundings, Hawaii is a great place for couples to get married, renew their vows, honeymoon, or just get away together.

Romance travelers are often looking for a memorable, even a once in a lifetime, experience. On average, they spend 2 to 3 times as much as they would on a normal vacation and want to experience the warm tropical environments, active nightlife, and outdoor activities Hawaii has to offer. Since the Romance Traveler will always have an attachment to that special destination, you want to be sure you help match the vacation package to the customer's desired experience.

A customer interested in a romantic package will often use certain keywords, which will help you identify their travel motivation.

You may hear romance travelers use phrases such as:

Wife/husband/ boyfriend/girlfriend/significant other

Special occasion

Honeymoon

Wedding

Anniversary

Couples

Pampering

[Romantic Getaways - Island Recommendations - Kauai](#)

[Romantic Getaways - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type Nature Enthusiasts

Before humans came to Hawaii, everything that lives and grows on the volcanic islands had to travel there on the water, by wind, or by air. This fact and the island's isolation from other landmasses, creates many unique microenvironments that house beautiful plants and animals, most of which can only be seen in Hawaii. In fact, Hawaii has more endangered species per square mile than anywhere else in the world. These features make Hawaii a haven for nature enthusiasts seeking to experience the natural wonders of this destination.

In addition to numerous state and national parks, Hawaii has several outstanding botanical gardens and arboretums that feature indigenous plants and flowers, perfect for any nature lover. Activities nature enthusiasts often enjoy are hiking, guided walks, nature centers, whale watching, swimming with dolphins, bird watching, and bicycle tours.

Nature Enthusiasts - Indicators

A customer who is interested in encountering nature on vacation may give you certain clues about the experience he or she desires, such as:

We want to see the active volcanoes in Hawaii

We're really looking forward to hiking in a rainforest

We want to go snorkeling and see bright tropical fish, and maybe a turtle

Nature Enthusiasts - Island Recommendations

The islands that have the most to offer a nature enthusiast are Kauai and the Big Island.

Click on the island to see specific recommendations:

[Nature Enthusiasts - Island Recommendations - Kauai](#)

[Nature Enthusiasts - Island Recommendations - Big Island](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type– Golfers

Golf is one of the world's most popular sports and some of the best courses are located in Hawaii. Golf Magazine recently reported eight courses in Hawaii made their list of the Top 25 U.S. Golf Resorts, which is amazing. No other state in the U.S. has more than two.

Golfing in Hawaii is as varied as the islands themselves. With over 80 courses on the six main islands, Hawaii has a course for everyone. Hawaii has everything a golfer can ask for - from lush hillside courses with views of the neighboring islands, to black lava courses dotted with white sand bunkers, to fairways bordered by lush rainforests.

Maui is one of the world's premier golf destinations, boasting 15 courses several ranked at or near the top worldwide in many categories. Whether the customer is a life-long addict or just learning, he or she will find golfing on Maui an experience of a lifetime.

The Big Island has 18 courses, offering something for everyone. From spectacular championship resort courses, unique upcountry links, and homey municipal courses, golfers will relish a trip to the Big Island.

Golfers - Island Recommendations

[Golfers - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)

[Golfers - Island Recommendations - Big Island](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type– Culture and the Arts

Hawaii is a tropical paradise, but it also offers a glimpse into a unique Pacific island culture that visitors cannot experience anywhere else in the United States.

The Hawaiian culture is primarily the result of the Tahitians that traveled to Hawaii and brought their culture with them, including their language, customs, and religion.

From hula dancing to artists' galleries featuring paintings of marine life, Hawaiian culture is unique and offers the arts traveler a glimpse into the soul of the culture.

Culture and the Arts - Identifying the Customer

You may need to ask probing questions to find out if a particular customer is interested in culture and the arts, as they will have other interests as well.

Some possible phrases you may hear when talking with a customer interested in Hawaiian culture and arts include:

We want to learn about the culture or history of Hawaii.

I'd like to have some other things to do if it's raining and we can't go to the beach.

We don't just want to sit on a beach all day for a week, what else is there to do?

I'd really enjoy taking in a show one evening.

[Culture and the Arts - Island Recommendation - Oahu](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Spa

Hawaii's unsurpassed beauty and laid-back atmosphere give everyone visiting a chance to take a deep breath, relax, and slow down. A great way to transition from regular life to vacation is taking advantage of the amazing spa facilities and treatments available at most large resorts, from manicures and pedicures to massages.

Some phrases you may hear from customers who want a spa experience in Hawaii may include:

I can't wait to spend an afternoon relaxing after my Thai massage.

My husband and I want to get massages; neither of us have never had one and our friend said getting one at the same time is divine.

My daughter and I are planning an entire morning at a spa while my husband plays golf.

The best islands for visitors to experience a spa getaway are Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island.

Click each island for more information.

[Spa - Island Recommendations - Oahu](#)

[Spa - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)

[Spa - Island Recommendations - Big Island](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type - Singles

The state of Hawaii offers the perfect vacation for single travelers. With beautiful beaches, an active nightlife, and a vast array of sports and activities, Hawaii attracts a number of single travelers.

Some signals you may hear that the customer you are speaking with is traveling alone or with other singles are:

I want to stay somewhere close to things to do during the day, and at night.

My friends and I are going to have some fun and meet some people.

Are there any good clubs in Hawaii?

Do you know how late the bars and clubs are open?

Singles - Island Recommendations

The best islands for singles are O'ahu and Maui.

Click each island for more information.

[Singles - Island Recommendations - Oahu](#)

[Singles - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type – Adventure Seekers

Forget the crowds and the luaus, today's adventure seekers are looking for excitement, and Hawaii has that in droves. Deep rainforests, hidden waterfalls, and rugged, rocky coastline await those who dare to seek the real Hawaii.

We recommend adventure seekers rent 4-WD vehicles so they can really explore the remote areas of whichever island they visit.

Some clues you may hear while talking with a customer who's an adventurer at heart include:

I'd love to spend the day exploring a part of the island and not see anyone else at all until I get back on the road to return to the hotel.

I'd love to go blazing over some 4-Wheel drive roads and get dirty.

My wife and I want to take a sea-kayaking expedition along the coast while we are visiting.

We want to find a remote spot far, far away from the throngs of others vacationing there.

Adventure Seekers - Island Recommendations

Although there are adventures to be had on all of the islands, the Kauai and the Big Island offer the most opportunities for the adventure seekers.

Click each island for recommendations.

[Adventure Seekers - Island Recommendations - Kauai](#)

[Adventure Seekers - Island Recommendations - Big Island](#)



Vacation Ideas by Traveler Type– Outdoor Recreationalists

For the outdoor recreationalist, Hawaii is a dream come true. There are so many outdoor activities visitors can experience it will be more difficult to find time to do everything he or she wants to do than to think of something to do.

In addition to the numerous and well-known water activities, Hawaii also has a number of land activities visitors will enjoy.

Although all of the activities can be found on almost any of the islands, there are specific island that are better for certain activities than others.

[Swimming - Snorkeling](#)

[Scuba Diving](#)

[Surfing – Windsurfing](#)

[Sport Fishing](#)

[Sea Kayaking - Sailing](#)

[Hiking - Biking - Horseback Riding](#)

[Beach Lovers](#)



Outdoor Recreationalists - Swimming - Snorkeling

Swimming

The greatest number of swimmer-friendly beaches are on Oahu and Maui.

Oahu - Waikiki is the most popular area to stay for swimmers, although Lanikai Beach has the best beach for swimming. Lanikai is a daytrip for those staying in Waikiki. Waikiki's beaches are the safest year-round due to their location on the leeward side of the island.

Maui - Stay in Kapalua to enjoy the best swimming beach on the island.

Protected by strong winds and currents, Kapalua Beach on the northwest side of Maui is ideal for swimmers of all ages. In the summer, Ka'anapali Beach also offers excellent swimming.

Snorkeling

Either Maui or the Big Island are recommended for avid snorkelers.

Maui - You can recommend any of the four main resort areas for those who want to snorkel on Maui - Wailea, Kihei, Lahaina, and Ka'anapali.

Maui has many beaches where visitors can just wade into the water with a facemask and start snorkeling. Molokini, an extinct volcano crater just off the coast of Maui, is a popular stop for snorkeling cruises.

Big Island - Recommend Kona, Kailua, or Kohala to your customers who enjoy snorkeling; there are accommodations that will fit every style and budget in these areas. Kahalu'u Bay, south of Kailua-Kona on the Kona Coast, is one of the best spots on the island to snorkel, or learn how to snorkel. Spectacular marine life is drawn year round to the calm waters along the Kona and Kohala coasts, making both perfect for snorkeling.



Outdoor Recreationalists - Swimming - Snorkeling - Scuba Diving

Scuba Diving

Maui and the Big Island are perfect destinations for scuba divers.

Maui - Trips to Molokini usually depart from the town of Lahaina so either Lahaina or Ka'anapali would be an excellent location for scuba divers to stay on Maui.

Molokini, the small crescent shaped crater just off the coast of Maui, is the top dive area on the island. Home to a marine life park, Molokini is a perfect spot for all levels of divers. Beginners dive the 35-foot plateau inside the crater, intermediate divers partake of the 70-foot sloping wall just beyond the plateau, and advance divers can experience the 350 foot wall on the backside of the crater.

Big Island - Recommend scuba divers stay in Kailua-Kona, Keauhou, or Kohala, where there are accommodations in all price ranges and good access to the best dive spots on the Big Island. The Big Island's Kona Coast, on the leeward side of the island, has the best diving conditions, offering some of the best diving in the world. The clear, calm, warm water offers year-round opportunities for divers with the best conditions in spring and summer. Certification courses are also offered at many dive companies.

Ka'awaloa Cove just outside of the town Captain Cook, near Keauhou, is the best spot on the island for diving due to the abundance of marine life and the water's visibility.

Another unforgettable experience to recommend to the adventure seeker is a dive with manta rays. Trips to dive with these 15-foot long, relatively docile creatures, can be added to a package as an A&S or through the booking path.



Outdoor Recreationalists - Surfing - Windsurfing

Surfing

If your customer is into surfing, then definitely recommend Oahu.

The North Shore of Oahu is famous for its surfing, and the laid-back surf culture that pervades the towns. The North Shore has some of the best surfing in the world in the winter.

Where to Stay: If your customer wants to stay near the North Shore recommend Turtle Bay, the only property we currently offer on the North Shore. Turtle Bay is a luxury-resort. You'll be able to find more choices in all price ranges in Waikiki, and you can recommend the traveler rent a car to enjoy a day-trip to the North Shore to experience the surfing there.

What to Do: Try the famous breaks on the North Shore - Backyards off Sunset Beach, Bonzai Pipeline off 'Ehukai Beach, and Waimea Bay.

Travelers wanting to learn to surf should check out the surf schools on Waikiki, which is the most popular place to learn.

Windsurfing

Recommend avid windsurfers travel to Oahu or Maui; novices may enjoy learning how to windsurf on the Big Island.

Oahu - Recommend staying on Waikiki Beach.

Year round, Kailua Beach is the best spot on O'ahu for windsurfing. It's located on the windward side of the island and the trade winds make it the best place on O'ahu for all wind sports. It's a 45-minute drive from Waikiki, so be sure to recommend your customers rent a car to get there.

In Waikiki, windsurfers find good winds at Fort DeRussy Beach.

Maui - The best windsurfing spot on Maui is Ho'okipa Beach. The closest accommodations we offer are in Kahului. You may also recommend windsurfers stay in Kapalua, which is still close-by, and rent car.

Experts can enjoy Ho'okipa Beach, which is one of the world's best windsurfing spots.

Novices will enjoy learning windsurfing at Kanaha Beach in Kahului or Spreckelsville Beach, near Ho'okipa Beach.

Big Island - Recommend travelers who want to try wind surfing stay in Waikoloa or in Kailua-Kona. The Big Island is not known for windsports, but novices may enjoy learning how to windsurf at 'Anaeho'omalua Bay in Waikoloa on the South Kohala Coast.



Outdoor Recreationalists - Hiking - Biking - Horseback Riding

The lush vegetation, steep landscapes, and dramatic views make Hawaii a joy for hikers. From short strolls to challenging treks, Hawaii offers visitors of all levels memorable hiking experiences.

Kauai - You can recommend any of the areas offering accommodations to hikers - Princeville, Poipu, or Wailua- Kapa'a, whichever area fits their budget better will work. Many of the hidden treasures of Kauai can only be accessed on foot - including the Kalalau Trail on the Na Pali Coast. Many hiking opportunities also exist in the Koke'e State Park.

Big Island - Recommend hikers visiting the Big Island make reservations in Hilo, Kona, or Kohala.

All levels of hikers will enjoy the Big Island. It has so many microclimates which offer different types of adventures on almost every trail. The most hiking opportunities on the Big Island are in the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; the shortest hikes are on the Kohala Coast; and, the most difficult are up the island's two volcanoes Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa.

Biking

Unique biking adventures can be found on Maui and the Big Island.

Maui - Any of the resort areas are good places to stay for those who want to bike in Maui, Wailea, Kihei, Lahaina, and Ka'anapali.

Your customers interested in bike riding can race down Haleakala while the sun comes up on a guided tour. Other trails are available for mountain biking in Haleakala National Park, with the best trail the Skyline trail.

Big Island - Bike riders should stay in Hilo or the Kailua-Kona region, that's where the best bike rental shops are as well as multiple hotel accommodations for all price ranges.

The Big Island is ideal for both mountain and road bike riding. There are several established mountain bike routes like the 45-mile Mana Road route, the 7-mile beach trail to Pine Trees, as well as many 4WD roads that run through the island. Visitors can take a 225-mile multiple day road trip around the island, which can take anywhere from two to six days depending on the biker's ability.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riders can find the best places to ride on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island. Only on the Big Island can visitors ride a horse along wide open pastures of actual working ranches under volcanic peaks and past waterfalls and pools.



Outdoor Recreationalists - Sport Fishing - Sea Kayaking – Sailing – Beach Lovers

The Kona Coast on the Big Island is renowned for deep-sea fishing specializing in Pacific blue marlin, which is known for its sword-like bill and its fighting against the fishing line once hooked.

It is not uncommon to pull an 800-pound marlin from the waters around Kona.

Where to Stay: Recommend your sport fishing customer stay in Kailua-Kona close to the sport fishing charter operators, and where they will be able to find accommodations to suit their budget.

What to Do: The Kona Coast is the best spot in the world for marlin sport fishing. Sport fishers may also catch tuna, and mahi mahi. Some of the marlin catches are 800-pounds. The best sport fishing season is from June to August for blue marlin and January through June for striped marlin.

Sea Kayaking - Kauai is made for kayaking. It has seven rivers including the only navigable river in Hawaii and the dramatic Na Pali Coast, which makes it the best island for kayakers.

Where to Stay: Princeville is the best recommendation for kayakers who are not on a budget and want to close to the best kayaking opportunities. Another great recommendation is Poipu, which has accommodations for all budget.

What to Do: The three most well known and popular kayaking opportunities on Kauai are: taking the Na Pali Coast sea faring kayak expedition, paddling the Wailua River, and kayaking the Hanalei River to Hanalei Bay.

Sailing - The biggest selection of sailing outfitters is on Oahu and Maui. In addition there are many island day or evening cruises, some of which include dinner.

Beach Lovers - A beach lover is someone whose primary interest in Hawaii is to lie on the beach, soak up the sun, and relax. With literally hundreds of amazing beaches to choose from, the beach lover will find a beach with wide stretches of sand, sunshine, and beauty.

The best islands for beach lovers are Oahu and Maui.

Click each island for more details.

[Beach Lovers - Island Recommendations - Oahu](#)

[Beach Lovers - Island Recommendations - Maui](#)



Attractions and Services from Orbitz

Orbitz Worldwide's Orbitz.com and CheapTickets.com brands provide customers with the ability to pre-purchase entrance to various attractions and services on the Web sites.

The attractions and services offered in Hawaii depends on which island your customer is visiting.

[Oahu A&S Offerings](#)

[Kauai A&S Offerings](#)

[Maui A&S Offerings](#)

[Big Island A&S Offerings](#)



Attractions and Services from Orbitz

Oahu A&S Offerings

Some of the varied offerings in Honolulu include:

[Roundtrip Ground Transportation with Lei Greeting](#)

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[Alii Kai Dinner Cruise](#)

[Paradise Cove Luau](#)

[President Obama Tour](#)

[Germaine's Luau](#)

[Polynesian Cultural Center Tour](#)

[Capt. Bob's Picnic Snorkel Cruise](#)

[Sacred Falls Helicopter Tour](#)

[Atlantis Submarines Waikiki Odyssey](#)

[Star of Honolulu Sunset Dinner & Show Cruise](#)

[Horseback Riding at Kualoa Ranch](#)

[Waikiki Ocean Fun & BBQ Cruise](#)



Attractions and Services from Orbitz

Kauai A&S Offerings

Some of the varied offerings in Kauai include:

[Fresh Flower Lei Greeting in Kauai](#)

[Waimea Canyon Tour with Fern Grotto](#)

[Waimea Canyon Tour](#)

[Na Pali Nu'alolo Kai Beach Land Raft Tour](#)

[Ultimate Kauai Adventure Helicopter](#)



Attractions and Services from Orbitz

Maui A&S Offerings

Some of the offerings in Maui include:

[Fresh Flower Lei Greeting in Maui](#)

[Royal Lahaina Luau](#)

[Prince Kuhio Molokini Island Snorkel Cruise](#)

[Haleakala Super Sunrise Safari Bike Tour](#)

[Hana Adventure Tour](#)

[Maui Princess Dinner Sail](#)

[Atlantis Submarines Maui Odyssey](#)

[Haleakala Bike Safari & Wine Tour](#)



Attractions and Services from Orbitz

Big Island A&S Offerings

Some of the offerings on the Big Island include:

[Fresh Flower Lei Greeting in Kona](#)

[Hilo: Circle of Fire Helicopter Flight](#)

[Hilo: Hawaii Volcano Adventure Tour](#)

[King Kamehameha Luau](#)

[Hawaii Grand Circle Island Tour](#)

[Pawai Bay Snorkel Cruise](#)

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