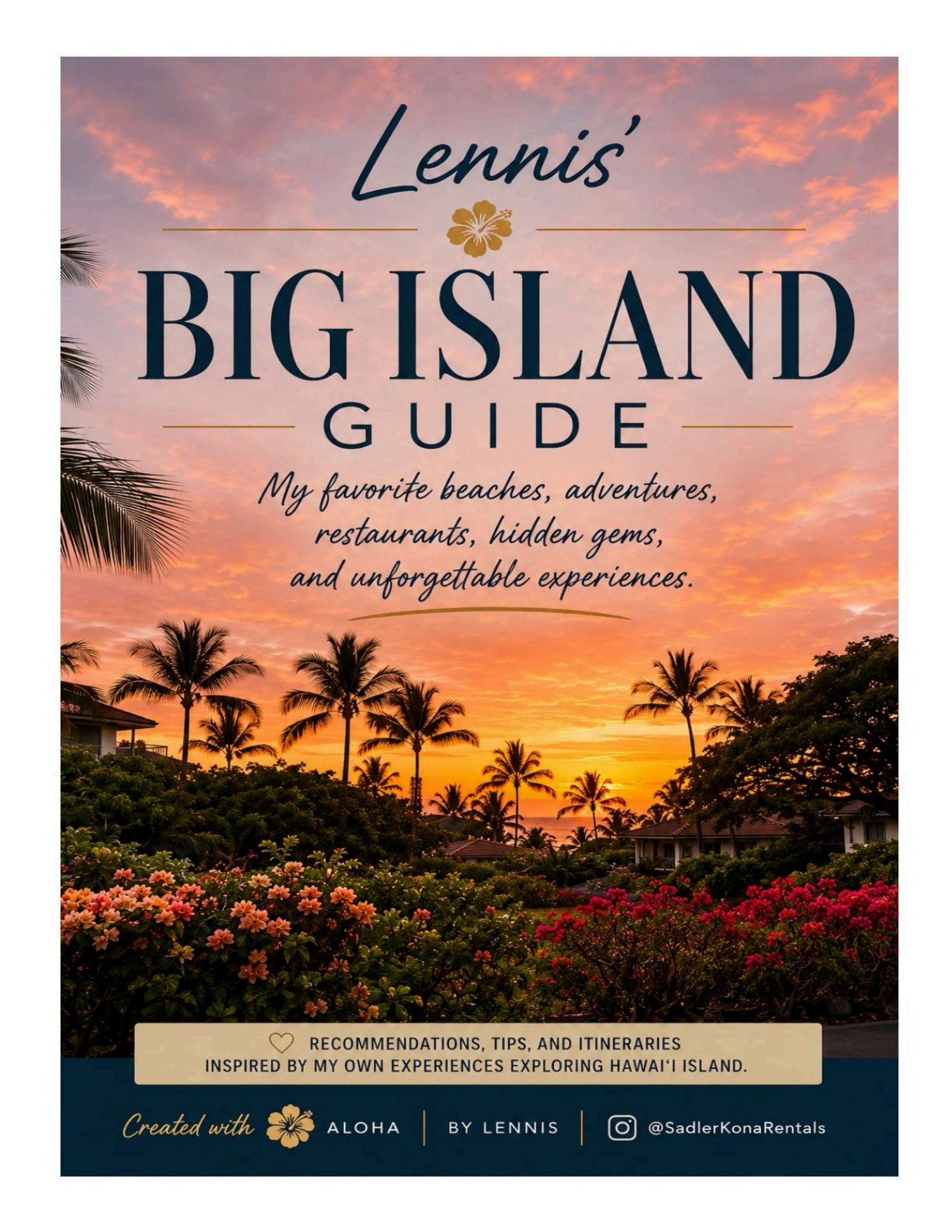




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BIG ISLAND

GUIDE

*My favorite beaches, adventures,
restaurants, hidden gems,
and unforgettable experiences.*



RECOMMENDATIONS, TIPS, AND ITINERARIES
INSPIRED BY MY OWN EXPERIENCES EXPLORING HAWAI'I ISLAND.

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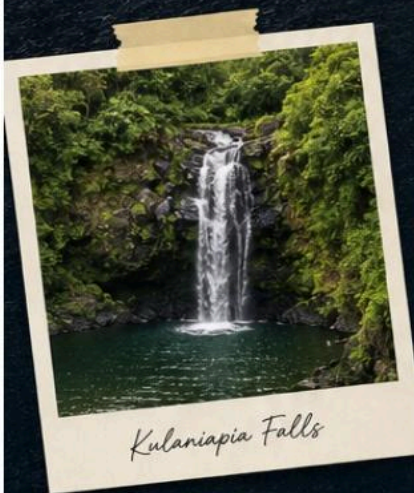
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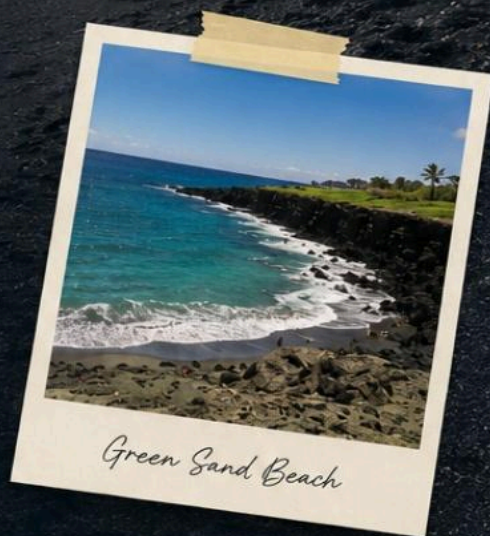
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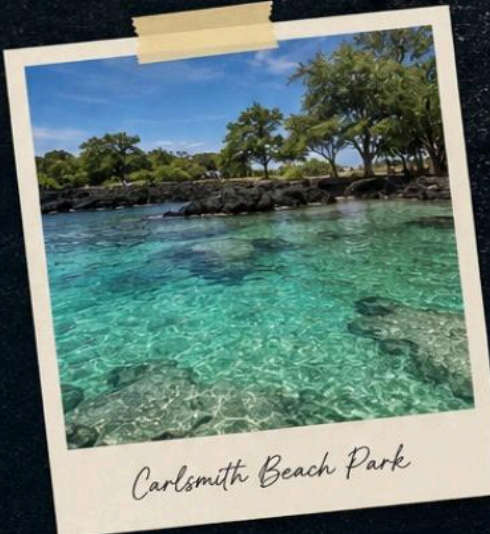
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Why I Love THE BIG ISLAND

*From epic
adventures to
quiet moments,
the Big Island
stays with
you forever.*



*I've traveled to many beautiful places,
but the Big Island is different.*

One moment you're watching lava erupt from the earth.
The next, you're swimming beside giant manta rays
beneath the stars.

You can spend the morning snorkeling in crystal-clear
water, the afternoon hiking through rainforests and
waterfalls, and finish the day watching one of the most
spectacular sunsets you'll ever see.

What I love most is the island's incredible diversity.

Each side of the island feels like a completely different
world. Black sand beaches. White sand beaches.
Volcanoes. Rainforests. Desert landscapes.
Hidden valleys. Small local towns full of character
and aloha.

Over the years, I've explored hundreds of places
across the island, and this guide is a collection of the
ones I return to again and again.

These aren't just tourist attractions.

They're the places that made me fall in love with Hawaii.

And now I'm excited to share them with you.

— Lennis

*So many places.
So many memories.
I can't wait for you
to experience them.*



YOUR PERFECT 7-DAY Big Island Itinerary

♥ Adventure. Relaxation. Waterfalls. Volcanoes. Beaches. Turtles. Sunsets. ♥

The Big Island is too large to see everything in one trip, so this itinerary is designed to help you experience the island's highlights without feeling rushed. Adventure days are followed by lighter days, allowing time to relax and truly enjoy Hawaii.

DAY
1



ALOHA & WELCOME TO PARADISE

Arrival & Check-In

Take a deep breath. You're in Hawaii. Spend the day settling into your condo, unpacking, and getting your bearings.



Grocery Stop (Optional)

If you'd like to save money on meals, stop by:

- Costco
- Walmart
- Safeway

Keauhou Bay Resort Guests:
KTA is conveniently located nearby and perfect for quick grocery runs, though prices are generally a bit higher.



Evening

Explore Historic Downtown Kona

- Ali'i Drive
- Kailua Pier
- Kona Inn Shopping Village



Dinner Ideas

- Kona Brewing Company
- Papa Kona
- Umekes



Sunset Stop

- Magic Sands Beach or
- Old Kona Airport Beach

DAY
2



SNORKELING & MANTA RAYS

Morning Adventure

Kahalu'u Beach Park
One of the best beginner snorkeling spots on the island.

-  Tropical Fish
-  Sea Turtles
-  Calm Water



Lunch

- Pack a lunch from the condo or
- Da Poke Shack



Afternoon

Return to the condo and enjoy some downtime.

-  Relax
-  Pool
-  Read
-  Nap



Evening Adventure

Manta Ray Night Snorkel

One of the most unforgettable experiences on the Big Island.



DAY
3



SOUTH ISLAND ADVENTURE

Morning

Green Sand Beach (Papakōlea)

One of only a handful of green sand beaches in the world. Allow several hours for the experience.



Lunch

Na'alehu

Punalu'u Bake Shop
Fresh malasadas, sandwiches, and famous Hawaiian sweetbread.



Afternoon

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach

- Black Sand
- Sea Turtles
- Palm Trees
- Amazing Photos



Evening

Return to Kona



Dinner in Town

DAY
4



KONA BEACH & TOWN DAY

Morning

Explore Downtown Kona
Browse:
• Local Shops
• Coffee Houses
• Souvenir Stores
• Oceanfront Walkways



Lunch

- Kona Canoe Club or
- Huggo's On The Rocks



Afternoon

Magic Sands Beach

- Swimming
- Boogie Boarding
- Relaxing
- Soak Up The Sunshine



Evening

Back at the Condo

- Grill Steaks or Chicken
- Take a Dip in the Pool
- Enjoy a Sunset Dinner by the Pool



DAY
5



HILO & VOLCANO DAY

Morning

Choose One:
• Akaka Falls or
• Kulaniapia Falls



Mid-Morning

- **Carlsmith Beach Park**
- Great Photos
- Quick Swim
- Possible Turtle Sightings



Lunch

- Hilo Farmers Market**
- Local Food
 - Tropical Fruit
 - Souvenirs



Afternoon
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Suggested Stops:

- Kilauea Overlook
- Steam Vents
- Thurston Lava Tube
- Chain of Craters Road
- Sea Arch



Evening

Head back toward Kona before dark if possible.



Dinner

- Teshima's
- Rebel Kitchen or
- Dinner Back in Kona



DAY
6



RELAXATION DAY

After yesterday's adventure, take it slow.

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE



Option A
Captain Cook Snorkeling Tour



Option B
Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park



Option C
Two Step Snorkeling



Lunch

The Coffee Shack

Amazing views overlooking Kealahou Bay.



Afternoon

Your Choice:

-  Pool Time
-  Beach Time
-  Shopping
-  Reading
-  Nap
-  Mai Tai



No schedule today. Just vacation.

DAY
7



NORTH ISLAND ADVENTURE

Morning

Waipi'o Valley Lookout

One of the most breathtaking viewpoints in Hawaii.



Late Morning

Pololu Valley Lookout

A dramatic coastline that showcases a completely different side of the island.



Lunch

- Bamboo Restaurant or
- Kohala Grown Market



Afternoon

Choose One:

- Hapuna Beach or
- Beach 69



Evening

Lava Lava Beach Club

Perfect oceanfront location for your final Big Island sunset.



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 Arrival & Kona
- DAY 2
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- DAY 4
 Downtown Kona & Beach Day
- DAY 5
 Hilo & Volcano Adventure
- DAY 6
 Relaxation & South Kona
- DAY 7
 North Island Adventure

A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

The Big Island isn't a place to rush. If you find a beach you love, stay longer. If you discover a favorite restaurant, go back. If a sunset makes you stop and stare, enjoy every second.

This itinerary is a guide—not a schedule. The best Big Island memories are often the ones you never planned. ♥



GREEN SAND BEACH ♥

One of the Rarest Beaches on Earth

There are only a handful of green sand beaches in the entire world, and one of them is right here on the Big Island.

Getting there, however, is part of the adventure.

Located near South Point, Green Sand Beach (Papakōlea) sits at the bottom of dramatic sea cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The beach gets its unique color from olivine crystals left behind by ancient volcanic activity, creating a landscape unlike anything most visitors have ever seen.

The first time I visited, I decided to hike.

Let's just say I wasn't exactly prepared.

By the time I made it back to the car, I had blisters on my feet to prove it.

Would I do it again?

Absolutely.

The scenery is spectacular and the sense of accomplishment makes that first glimpse of the green sand even more rewarding.

I've also driven the route.

Well... technically my husband drove.

And if you've ever seen the narrow tracks, steep drop-offs, and little tunnels carved into the red dirt along the way, you'll understand why I spent part of that trip questioning our life choices.

It was beautiful.

It was exciting.

And it was one of the most nerve-racking rides I've ever experienced.

These days?

I have a favorite option.

The local trucks.

For around \$20 per person round trip, local drivers will take you out to the beach and back.

The ride is bumpy.

Really bumpy.

Let's just say I may have almost lost a kidney.

But it was absolutely worth it.

The truck ride has become part of the adventure itself, and it's usually one of the first stories people tell when they get home.

Then suddenly you're there.

Turquoise water. Towering cliffs. And a crescent-shaped beach painted in shades of green that seem almost impossible to believe.

It's one of those places that photographs beautifully but somehow feels even more impressive in person. ♥

Ocean Adventures



Why I Love It



One of the rarest beaches on Earth



Stunning turquoise water



Incredible photo opportunities



An adventure before you even arrive



A truly unique Big Island experience



Lennis' Tip



I've hiked it. I've driven it. And I've taken the trucks.

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My recommendation?

Take the truck.

It's dusty, bumpy, and probably the most fun you'll have getting to a beach anywhere on the island.

Just hold on tight.

And maybe leave your loose change in the condo.



What to Bring



Sunscreen



Plenty of water



Towel

And a sense of adventure.

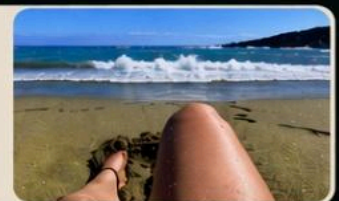
You'll need it.



Adventure Worth the Journey

Whether you hike, drive, or ride with the locals, getting to Green Sand Beach is an adventure you'll never forget.

The moment you set eyes on the green sand and turquoise water, you'll understand why it's one of the most magical places on Earth. ♥



♥ Rare. Beautiful. Wildly Unforgettable. ♥

PUNALU'U

BLACK SAND BEACH

One of Hawaii's Most Unique Beaches

Some beaches are beautiful.
Some beaches are memorable.
And some make you stop and wonder how a place like this can even exist.
Punalu'u Black Sand Beach is one of those places.

Located on the southern coast of the Big Island, this remarkable beach was formed when hot lava flowed into the ocean and cooled rapidly, creating a dramatic shoreline of jet-black sand framed by swaying coconut palms and the deep blue Pacific Ocean.

The contrast is stunning.
The first time I visited, I remember being struck by how different it felt from the white sand beaches most people imagine when they think of Hawaii.
The black sand.
The lava rock.
The ocean.
The palm trees.
Together they create a landscape that feels uniquely Hawaiian.

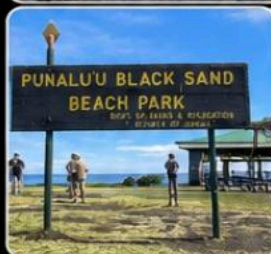
And then there are the turtles.
Punalu'u is one of the best places on the island to spot Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles (Honu) resting peacefully on the beach.

The first time I saw one stretched out on the warm black sand, I couldn't stop staring. There was something incredibly calming about watching a wild sea turtle completely at ease, sleeping just a few feet from the crashing waves.

It's one of those simple moments that stays with you long after your vacation ends.

I've visited several times now, and every visit feels different. Sometimes the beach is calm and peaceful. Sometimes the waves crash dramatically against the lava rocks. Sometimes the turtles are everywhere. And sometimes the beauty of the beach itself steals the show.

No matter what the day brings, Punalu'u never disappoints. It's one of those places that reminds you just how unique the Big Island truly is. 



Why I Love It

-  Frequent sea turtle sightings
-  One of the most famous black sand beaches in Hawaii
-  Beautiful palm-lined shoreline
-  Incredible photo opportunities
-  Dramatic volcanic coastline
-  One of my favorite free activities on the island
-  Easy stop during a South Island adventure 

Lennis' Tip

If you spot a sea turtle resting on the beach, consider yourself lucky.

Take photos.

Enjoy the moment.

But please give them plenty of space.

Watching a Honu peacefully sleeping on the black sand is one of the most special wildlife experiences you'll have in Hawaii—and it's even more meaningful when we respect their space.

And don't be surprised if you end up staying longer than planned. That happens to me almost every time. 

What to Bring

-  Sunscreen
-  Water
-  Camera
-  Hat
-  Beach gear from the condo
-  A little patience for turtle spotting

And a little extra time.
This is one of those places where you'll sit down for "just a few minutes" and suddenly realize an hour has passed. 



Make It Part of a Bigger Adventure

One of my favorite ways to visit Punalu'u is to combine it with a trip to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Spend the morning exploring volcanic landscapes, lava fields, steam vents, and crater overlooks.

Then stop at Punalu'u on your way back toward Kona.

It's the perfect way to experience two of the island's most unique environments in a single day. 



  *Rare. Beautiful. Wildly Unforgettable.* 



“I’ve done this experience four times already and I still get excited every single time.

— LENNIS ”

MANTA RAY NIGHT SNORKEL

The most unforgettable experience on the Big Island



If I could recommend only one activity on the Big Island, this would be it.

I’ve done the manta ray night snorkel four different times and it never gets old. Every single experience has been incredible, and every tour company I’ve used has been professional, knowledgeable, and focused on safety.

Imagine floating in the warm Pacific Ocean under a sky full of stars while giant manta rays gracefully glide, swoop, and barrel-roll just inches beneath you. With wingspans reaching up to 15 feet, these gentle giants are both breathtaking and surprisingly peaceful to watch.

The experience begins after sunset as boats head offshore to specially illuminated viewing areas. The lights attract plankton, which attract the manta rays. Before long, you’ll find yourself face-to-face with some of the ocean’s most magnificent creatures.

Kona is one of the few places in the world where manta sightings are so reliable, making this a true bucket-list experience.

Why You’ll Love It

- ✓ One of the most unique wildlife encounters on Earth
- ✓ Consistently high manta ray sighting success rates
- ✓ Suitable for beginners and experienced snorkelers
- ✓ Amazing photo & video opportunities
- ✓ An experience you’ll talk about long after your vacation ends



Lennis’ Tips



TIP #1

Book early in your trip.

If weather or ocean conditions force a cancellation, you’ll still have time to reschedule before you leave the island.



TIP #2

Choose a sunset tour.

You’ll get two incredible experiences for the price of one: a spectacular Hawaiian sunset from the middle of the ocean, followed by the manta ray night snorkel.



TIP #3

Bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Even on warm Kona evenings, the boat ride back can feel chilly once you’re wet.



TIP #4

Staying at Keauhou Bay Resort?

Several manta tours depart near the Outrigger area, making it an easy walk from the condo.



My Experience

I’ve done the manta ray night snorkel four times and every company I’ve used has been fantastic. The guides are knowledgeable, safety-focused, and genuinely passionate about sharing this experience. The first time a manta ray glides beneath you, it’s hard to describe. They’re enormous, yet incredibly graceful. Watching them perform barrel rolls while feeding on plankton is something you’ll remember long after your vacation ends.

Many visitors come to Hawaii for the beaches and sunsets, but this is often the activity they talk about the most when they get home.

Best Time to Go

The best time to go is right before sunset so you can catch the stunning sunset on the boat ride to the location.

The actual water experience happens after the sun goes down—when the manta rays come to feed under the lights.



Bucket List Rating
★★★★★



This is one of those experiences that truly takes your breath away.



WORTH PLANNING AN ENTIRE EVENING AROUND.

TWO STEP + KAHALU'U

The Best Snorkeling on the Big Island 

When people ask me where to snorkel from shore on the Big Island, I always say the same thing: Two Step (Honaunau Bay) and Kahalu'u Bay. Both spots offer incredible marine life, easy access, and some of the clearest water you'll find anywhere in Hawaii.

I've snorkeled these places more times than I can count, and they never disappoint. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced snorkeler, you'll see why these are local favorites.

Why You'll Love It

- ✓ Crystal clear water and excellent visibility
- ✓ Easy shore entry
- ✓ Sea turtles are frequently spotted
- ✓ Colorful tropical fish and healthy reefs
- ✓ Great for beginners and experienced snorkelers
- ✓ No expensive tour required – just your gear and a sense of adventure!



Lennis' Tips



TIP #1
Arrive before 9:00 AM.

The water is calmer, visibility is better, and parking is much easier.



TIP #2
Bring water shoes.

Lava rock entries can be slippery and uneven.



TIP #3
Respect the turtles.

Keep your distance from sea turtles. They are protected, and you'll enjoy watching them behave naturally.



TIP #4
Staying nearby?

If you're staying at Keauhou Bay Resort (1 mile away) or Kona Mansions V (10 min drive), Kahalu'u is the perfect quick snorkel spot.

TWO STEP (HONAUNAU BAY)



KAHALU'U BAY (TURTLE BAY)



SUPER CONVENIENT LOCATION

- Kahalu'u Bay is right off Ali'i Drive and is:
- About 1 mile from Keauhou Bay Resort
 - About a 10-minute drive from Kona Mansions V

There is a small parking fee at the beach park, but if you arrive early, you might find off-street parking nearby.



My Experience

The first time I snorkeled Two Step, I was nervous stepping into the water over the lava rocks. Within minutes I was swimming alongside schools of tropical fish in some of the clearest water I'd ever seen.

Every time I take family or friends there, they come out saying the same thing: "That was way better than I expected."

I've snorkeled both locations many times and still visit them every trip. If I only had one day to snorkel from shore on the Big Island, these are the two places I'd recommend first. Two Step has some of the clearest water on the island, while Kahalu'u is perfect for beginners and almost always has amazing fish life.

BEST TIME TO GO

 *Early Morning*

- ✓ Best visibility: 7:00–10:00 AM
- ✓ Calmest water conditions
- ✓ Easier parking
- ✓ Fewer crowds
- ✓ Better chance of seeing turtles feeding

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Do not step on the coral.
Coral is fragile and takes decades to grow. Let's keep it beautiful for everyone.



Wear mineral sunscreen.
It's safer for you, the fish, and our delicate reef ecosystem.

BUCKET LIST RATING
★★★★★



*Two amazing spots.
One unforgettable experience.*



CLEAR WATER. COLORFUL FISH.
MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

KUA BAY

Hawaii's Postcard Beach

If someone asked me to picture the perfect Hawaiian beach, Kua Bay would immediately come to mind.

Crystal-clear turquoise water.

Soft white sand.

Dramatic lava rock cliffs.

And some of the most beautiful shades of blue you'll ever see.

Whether you're swimming, bodyboarding, snorkeling near the rocks, reading a book under an umbrella, or simply soaking in the scenery, Kua Bay feels like the Hawaii people dream about.

It's one of those places that never disappoints.

No matter how many times I visit, I still find myself stopping to admire the view before heading down to the beach.

In recent years, a parking fee has been implemented for non-residents. While nobody loves paying for parking, I appreciate the reason behind it. The goal is to help ensure that local residents can continue to enjoy and access the beaches that have been part of their lives for generations.

And once you see Kua Bay, you'll understand why everyone wants to be there.

Why You'll Love It

- ✓ Powder-soft white sand
- ✓ Stunning turquoise water
- ✓ Great swimming conditions
- ✓ Perfect for bodyboarding when waves are up
- ✓ Incredible photography opportunities
- ✓ One of the most beautiful beaches on the island
- ✓ Easy beach day with chairs, umbrella and cooler



Lennis' Tips



TIP #1
Arrive early, especially on weekends. Parking fills quickly and the beach gets crowded by midday.



TIP #2
Bring the beach gear from the condo. The chairs, umbrella, cooler and beach bag make it easy to stay all day.



TIP #3
Check the surf before entering. Kua Bay can look calm but occasionally develops a strong shore break.



TIP #4
Stay for a while after arriving. The water changes color throughout the day and somehow gets even prettier as the sun gets higher.



My Experience

I've visited beaches all over Hawaii, and Kua Bay remains one of my favorites.

The first thing that always catches my attention is the color of the water. Pictures never quite capture it. Some days it looks turquoise. Other days it looks almost electric blue.

Whenever friends or family visit, Kua Bay is usually one of the first places I take them because it instantly feels like the Hawaii they've imagined.

"The color of the water at Kua Bay never looks the same twice—and that's part of the magic."

— LENNIS 

Best Time To Go

Morning (8:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

-  Easier parking
-  Smaller crowds
-  Better beach setup spots
-  Calmer water on many days
-  Beautiful lighting for photos

A Quick Note About Beach Access

Many of Hawaii's most beautiful beaches are treasured by both residents and visitors.

Some state parks now charge parking fees for non-residents to help maintain facilities and preserve local access.

Think of it as a small contribution toward protecting the places that make Hawaii so special.

*Some beaches you visit.
Others stay with you forever.*



RESPECT THE LAND.
ENJOY THE ALOHA.

Chasing SUNSETS

Every Night Is a Different Masterpiece

One of the reasons I never get tired of the Big Island is that no two sunsets are ever the same.

The west side of the island offers a front-row seat to some of the most spectacular sunsets in Hawaii, and best of all, you don't have to go far to find one.

Sometimes the most memorable sunset isn't the one you planned for— it's the one you stumble upon while driving home.



My Favorite Sunset Spots



SUNSET KAI LANAI

One of my favorite places for dinner, drinks, and sunset views. The oceanfront setting makes it the perfect place to relax while watching the sun disappear into the Pacific.



OLD AIRPORT BEACH PARK

A local favorite with plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the evening colors.



MAGIC SANDS BEACH

Small, beautiful, and often spectacular at sunset. The changing light against the waves can be magical.



KEAUHOU BAY

A peaceful place to end the day. The bay often reflects the colors of the sky, creating beautiful photo opportunities.



ALI'I DRIVE

Sometimes the best sunset views are simply found during an evening walk along the waterfront.



Pure Magic ♥



Dinner with a View ♥



Island Evenings ♥



Lennis' Tip ♥

You can watch the sunset **right from the lanai** at Keauhou Bay or Kona Mansions while enjoying **dinner and a glass of wine.**

Both spectacular. ♥



*The best sunsets
aren't planned.
They're discovered.*



— Lennis

Discovering DOWNTOWN KONA

Walkable.
Ocean views.
Good times.
KONA STYLE.

GECKO GIRLZ, BEACH VOLLEYBALL & LOCAL VIBES

One of the things I love most about Kona is how walkable it is.

Some of my favorite vacation memories aren't from expensive excursions or famous landmarks—they're from wandering around town, stopping wherever something catches my eye, and simply enjoying the island pace of life.

If you're staying at Kona Mansions V, you're just a short walk from downtown Kona, where you'll find oceanfront restaurants, local shops, art galleries, coffee spots, farmers markets, and plenty of places to simply sit and enjoy the view.

One stop I always recommend is **Gecko Girlz**. Whether you're craving shave ice, ice cream, or just a place to cool off on a warm Kona afternoon, it's a fun local stop with a relaxed island vibe.

Just across Ali'i Drive you'll often find beach volleyball games taking place with the Pacific Ocean as the backdrop. Even if you don't play, it's fun to grab a treat, find a spot to sit, and watch the action.

The surrounding shopping area is home to so many local favorites, including the Kona Farmers Market, Mokuaukaia Church (the oldest church in Hawai'i), and Hulihe'e Palace & Museum—all within an easy stroll.

Explore a little. Stay awhile. This is the real Kona. 

DON'T MISS THESE DOWNTOWN KONA FAVORITES

 **KONA FARMERS MARKET**
Fresh tropical fruit, local coffee, macadamia nuts, handmade gifts, and local vendors. A must-visit!

 **MOKUAUKAIA CHURCH**
The oldest Christian church in Hawai'i and a beautiful historic landmark right in the heart of town.

 **HULIHE'E PALACE & MUSEUM**
A former royal vacation home that offers a glimpse into Hawai'i's monarchy and rich history.

 **GECKO GIRLZ**
My favorite stop for a refreshing treat after a walk through town. Whether you choose shave ice or ice cream, it's hard to beat the location.

 **ALI'I DRIVE VOLLEYBALL COURTS**
Watch locals and visitors play beach volleyball with the ocean as the backdrop—one of the most "Kona" scenes you'll find.

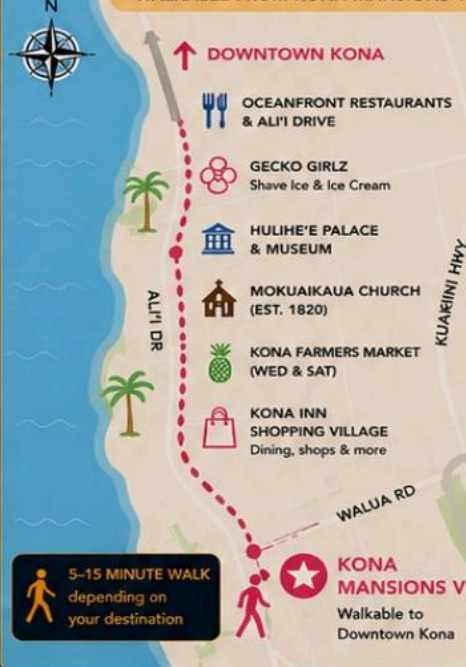
 **LENNIS'S TIP**
Leave the car at the condo.

One of the best things about staying at Kona Mansions V is that downtown Kona is within walking distance.



EXPLORE DOWNTOWN KONA ON FOOT

WALKABLE FROM KONA MANSIONS V!



Shave ice or ice cream? 



Volleyball with an ocean view 



Fresh finds & local flavors 



History & island heritage 



Oceanfront dining & happy hour 

Wander. Explore. Connect. That's the real magic of Kona. 

Where I Love TO EAT IN KONA

A few restaurants I return to again and again.

One of the many things I love about the Big Island is the incredible food. From oceanfront dining with sunset views to hidden local gems and authentic international flavors, Kona has something to satisfy every craving.

These are some of my personal favorites that I know you'll enjoy as much as I do! 



HOLUALOA KITCHEN

Nestled in the charming artist village of Holualoa, this is one of my favorite places for a special lunch or dinner.

The setting feels magical, surrounded by tropical gardens and giant trees draped in lights. The menu changes with the seasons and highlights fresh island ingredients in creative ways.

It's the kind of place where you linger over a meal and don't want to leave.



LENNIS' TIP

Combine dinner with an afternoon exploring the galleries and coffee shops of Holualoa Village.



KRUA THAI CUISINE

When I'm craving something beyond traditional island food, Krua Thai is always at the top of my list.

The flavors are authentic, the portions are generous, and everything tastes incredibly fresh.

Whether you're a fan of curries, noodle dishes, or appetizers to share, it's consistently delicious.



LENNIS' TIP

Don't skip the appetizers.



MAGICS BEACH GRILL

For sunset, ocean views, live music, tropical drinks, and great food, Magics is hard to beat.

Located directly across from Magic Sands Beach, it's one of my favorite places to watch the sun disappear into the Pacific while enjoying dinner.

The atmosphere is relaxed, the cocktails are excellent, and the view never gets old.



LENNIS' TIP

Arrive before sunset and request an outdoor table if available.



Also Worth Visiting



JACKIE REY'S OHANA GRILL

A longtime Kona favorite known for consistently excellent food and service. Perfect for a special night out or any time you want a memorable meal.



DA POKE SHACK

Some of the best poke on the island! Small, casual, and easy to miss—locals and visitors line up for a reason. Grab it to go and enjoy at the beach.



ON THE ROCKS

Oceanfront dining, live music, happy hour, and a fun atmosphere right in the heart of Kona. Great for drinks, appetizers, and people-watching.



HUGGO'S

One of Kona's iconic waterfront restaurants. Come for the sunset, stay for the tropical cocktails and ocean views.



KONA BREWING COMPANY

Local craft beer, wood-fired pizzas, and a lively open-air atmosphere that's great for families and groups.



UMEKES FISH MARKET BAR & GRILL

Fresh, local seafood and amazing poke bowls in a casual, welcoming atmosphere.



Good food. Good people. Good times. That's the Kona way. 

Farmers Markets & Local Finds

Fresh fruit, Kona coffee, local honey, handmade gifts, and a taste of island life.

One of my favorite ways to experience the Big Island is by visiting our local farmers markets. Whether you're searching for perfectly ripe papaya, fresh Kona coffee, local honey, handmade gifts, or simply want to spend a morning meeting local farmers and artisans, these markets offer a wonderful glimpse into island life. 

1



KAILUA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Ali'i Drive • Downtown Kona

Open: Wednesday–Sunday, 7:00 AM–4:00 PM

The easiest market to visit while exploring downtown Kona. You'll find tropical fruit, Kona coffee, local artwork, handmade gifts, snacks, and souvenirs just steps from the ocean.

2



KEAUHOU FARMERS MARKET

Keauhou Shopping Center

Open: Saturdays, 8:00 AM–Noon

One of my personal favorites. Everything sold here is grown, raised, or produced in Hawai'i. Expect fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, local honey, crafts, Kona coffee, and often live Hawaiian music.

3



HO'OULU COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Outrigger Kona Resort at Keauhou Bay

Open: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

A beautiful ocean-view market featuring local farmers, artisans, food vendors, and island-made products.

4



PURE KONA GREEN MARKET

Captain Cook

Open: Sundays, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Worth the short drive into coffee country. A great place to discover local farms, organic produce, flowers, native plants, and handmade crafts.

5



ALI'I GARDENS MARKETPLACE

75-6129 Ali'i Drive (a few miles south of downtown Kona)

Open: Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
(Closed Mondays)

A permanent open-air marketplace featuring local artisans, handmade crafts, island gifts, souvenirs, jewelry, and several food trucks. A fun stop if you're looking for unique local treasures and a more relaxed shopping experience.



WHAT YOU'LL FIND



Tropical fruit & fresh produce



100% Kona coffee



Local honey



Fresh flowers & leis



Island artwork



Handmade soaps & skincare



Kona chocolate



Unique gifts & souvenirs



LENNIS' TIP

Skip the grocery store on your first morning and head to a farmers market instead. You'll discover fresher fruit, local flavors, and friendly local vendors. Pick up some Kona coffee, fresh pineapple, and a few treats for your stay—you'll be glad you did. 



Pololū Valley LOOKOUT

Adventures to the North

One of the Most Beautiful Views on the Big Island

Located at the end of Highway 270 in North Kohala, Pololū Valley Lookout offers one of the most dramatic and towering sea cliffs, lush green valleys, crashing waves, and a black sand beach combine to create a scene that feels untouched by time.

For those wanting a closer look, a steep trail leads from the lookout down to the valley floor. The hike is only about ½ mile each way, but don't let the distance fool you. The descent is steep and the climb back up can be challenging, especially in the afternoon heat.

At the bottom you'll find a peaceful black sand beach, ironwood forests, and a small stream winding through the valley before reaching the ocean.

Whether you choose to hike down or simply enjoy the view from above, Pololū is one of those places that reminds you just how wild and beautiful Hawai'i still is.



LENNIS' TIP

If you're driving to Hawi or exploring North Kohala, make Pololū a priority stop. Even if you don't hike down, the lookout alone is worth the drive. On clear days, the views stretch endlessly along the rugged coastline and are among the most spectacular on the entire island.

Be sure to stop in Hawi for an amazing lunch or dinner! This charming town has some of the best local restaurants, coffee shops, and art galleries. 



Quick Facts



LOCATION

End of Highway 270, North Kohala



TRAIL LENGTH

½ mile each way



ALLOW

1–2 hours



BRING

Water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes



NOTE

Trail can be muddy after rain



FROM KONA

Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes



Wild coastlines. Lush valleys. Unforgettable views. 

Waipi'o Valley

The Valley of the Kings

One of the Most Sacred and Breathtaking Places on the Big Island

Once home to Hawaiian royalty, Waipi'o Valley is one of the most sacred and awe-inspiring places on the Big Island. Towering sea cliffs nearly 2,000 feet high surround a lush valley filled with taro fields, waterfalls, wild beauty, and a striking black sand beach.

For centuries, this valley served as an important cultural and political center of ancient Hawai'i and remains deeply significant today.

Today, the easiest way to experience Waipi'o is from the breathtaking lookout at the end of Highway 240 near Honoka'a. The panoramic views stretch across emerald cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and the vast Pacific Ocean. After heavy rains, you may even catch a glimpse of Hi'ilawe Falls, one of Hawai'i's tallest waterfalls.

Because of ongoing safety concerns and road instability, access to the valley floor is currently restricted. Most visitors enjoy the valley from the overlook, which is still one of the most spectacular viewpoints on the entire island.

LENNIS' TIP

If you're making the drive to Waipi'o Valley, plan extra time to explore the charming towns of Honoka'a and Hawi.

Honoka'a is full of old Hawai'i character, local shops, cafés, and colorful storefronts. On your way back through North Kohala, stop in Hawi for an amazing lunch or dinner. It's one of my favorite towns on the island, with excellent restaurants, coffee shops, galleries, and a laid-back plantation-town vibe.

Try to arrive at the lookout in the morning when skies are often clearest and the waterfalls are easiest to spot. 



Quick Facts



LOCATION
End of
Highway 240,
Honoka'a



FROM KONA
Approximately
1 hour 25
minutes



BEST FOR
Scenic overlooks,
photography &
Hawaiian history



TIME NEEDED
30–60
minutes



DON'T MISS
Hi'ilawe Falls
after heavy
rainfall



IMPORTANT
Valley floor access
is restricted; enjoy
the spectacular
lookout views
instead.

Hawai'i Volcanoes NATIONAL PARK

Where the Island is Still Being Created

Volcano & Hilo Attractions

One of the Most Unique Places on Earth

Home to both Kilauea and Mauna Loa, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park offers visitors a chance to witness the incredible forces that created the Hawaiian Islands. From massive volcanic craters and ancient lava flows to lush rainforests and dramatic coastal scenery, this park showcases the island's incredible diversity.

Whether you're exploring the Kilauea Caldera, walking through the famous Thurston Lava Tube, or gazing into Halema'uma'u Crater after sunset, every visit feels like stepping into a landscape that is constantly evolving.

The park covers more than 335,000 acres and is one of Hawai'i's most visited attractions. Even when lava is not actively visible, the scenery is breathtaking and unlike anywhere else in the world.



Must-See Highlights



KILAUEA OVERLOOK

One of the park's most iconic viewpoints overlooking the massive volcanic caldera.



NĀHUKU (THURSTON LAVA TUBE)

Walk through a rainforest and into a lava tube formed hundreds of years ago by flowing molten rock.



STEAM VENTS & SULPHUR BANKS

Experience the power of the volcano beneath your feet as steam rises from cracks in the earth.



CHAIN OF CRATERS ROAD

A spectacular drive through lava fields all the way to the ocean.



HALEMA'UMA'U CRATER AT SUNSET

If conditions allow, stay after dark to witness the glow from one of the world's most active volcanic systems.



Thurston Lava Tube



Steam Vents



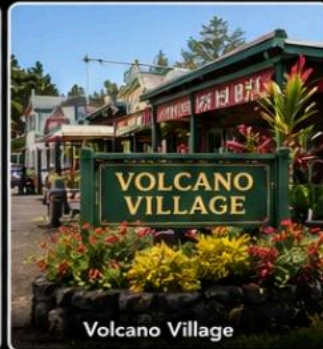
Kilauea Overlook



Chain of Craters Road



Recent Lava Flow



Volcano Village



LENNIS' TIP

If possible, arrive early and spend the entire day exploring the park. Start with the Visitor Center, drive Crater Rim Drive, walk through the Thurston Lava Tube, and stay until after dark if conditions allow.

The crater glow at night can be absolutely magical.

Don't forget to stop at Volcano Village on your way in or out. It's a charming little town with great restaurants, cafés, art galleries, and local shops.

Tip #2: If you're looking for a great meal, stop at Tuk Tuk Thai Food Truck for amazing Thai food or enjoy a relaxing lunch or dinner at 'Ohelo Café, one of the area's most popular local favorites. ❤️



Tuk Tuk Thai Food Truck



'Ohelo Café

Quick Facts



LOCATION
Volcano,
Hawai'i



FROM KONA
Approximately
2 hours 15
minutes



TIME NEEDED
Half day to
full day



BEST FOR
Hiking, sightseeing,
photography,
geology



DON'T MISS
Thurston Lava Tube,
Kilauea Overlook,
Steam Vents,
Chain of Craters Road



BRING
Water, layers,
sunscreen,
sturdy walking
shoes



IMPORTANT
Weather changes
quickly and
temperatures can
be cooler than Kona.
Be prepared for rain
at any time.

Active volcanoes. Ancient lava flows. A landscape still being born. ❤️

Akaka Falls

State Park

Hawaii's Most Famous Waterfall

One of the Most Beautiful Waterfalls on the Big Island

Located just north of Hilo, Akaka Falls State Park is home to one of Hawaii's most spectacular waterfalls. The towering waterfall plunges 442 feet into a lush rainforest gorge surrounded by tropical plants, bamboo groves, wild orchids, and giant ferns.

A short paved loop trail takes visitors through a beautiful botanical wonderland before arriving at the breathtaking Akaka Falls overlook. Along the way you'll also pass Kahuna Falls, another impressive waterfall hidden within the rainforest.

The walk is easy for most visitors and offers some of the best scenery on the entire island. If you're looking for a classic Hawai'i experience filled with waterfalls, tropical flowers, and jungle landscapes, Akaka Falls should be at the top of your list.



Must-See Highlights



AKAKA FALLS

A stunning 442-foot waterfall surrounded by rainforest.



TROPICAL BOTANICAL TRAIL

Bamboo forests, giant ferns, ginger plants, orchids, and tropical flowers.



KAHUNA FALLS

A second waterfall visible from the walking trail.



RAINFOREST VIEWS

Some of the most lush scenery on the Big Island.



NATIVE BIRDS

Keep an eye out for Hawaiian birds among the dense vegetation.



LENNIS' TIP

If you're visiting Hilo, Akaka Falls is an easy and worthwhile stop. Go early in the morning when the trail is quieter and the rainforest is often wrapped in mist.

Don't rush through the walk. The trail itself is part of the experience, with bamboo groves, giant ferns, tropical flowers, and lush jungle scenery around every corner.

After your visit, consider stopping in nearby Hilo for lunch or exploring the scenic Hamakua Coast before heading back to Kona.



Quick Facts



LOCATION

11 miles north of Hilo



TRAIL LENGTH

Approximately 0.4-mile paved loop



ALLOW

30–60 minutes



BRING

Water, camera, light rain jacket



FROM KONA

Approximately 2 hours



NOTE

Expect rain at any time

Rainbow Falls

Hilo's Most Famous Waterfall

One of the Easiest & Most Rewarding Waterfalls on the Big Island

Located just minutes from downtown Hilo, Rainbow Falls is one of the easiest and most rewarding waterfalls to visit on the Big Island. The 80-foot waterfall cascades over a natural lava cave into a beautiful pool surrounded by lush tropical rainforest.

Rainbow Falls gets its name from the colorful rainbows that often appear in the mist during sunny mornings. According to Hawaiian legend, the lava cave beneath the falls was home to Hina, the Hawaiian moon goddess.

One of the best things about Rainbow Falls is how accessible it is. Visitors can enjoy spectacular views from the main lookout just steps from the parking area, making it perfect for families, photographers, and anyone looking for a quick but unforgettable stop.

If you have extra time, walk up the short staircase near the parking lot to see giant banyan trees and additional viewpoints overlooking the Wailuku River.



Must-See Highlights



MORNING RAINBOWS

Best viewed on sunny mornings when mist fills the air.



80-FOOT WATERFALL

One of the most photographed waterfalls on this island.



GIANT BANYAN TREES

Massive roots and tropical scenery above the falls.



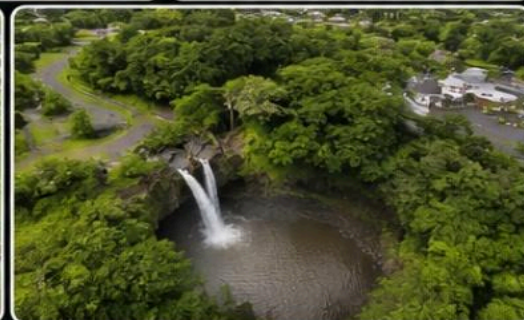
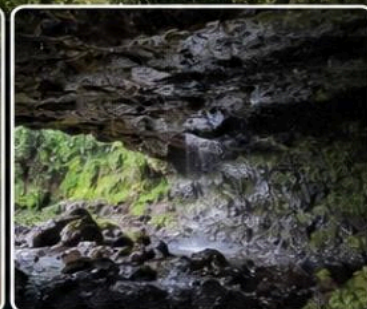
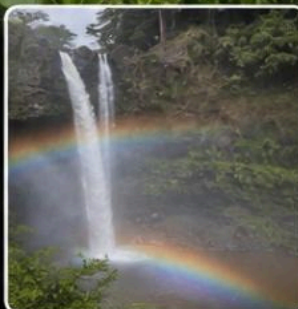
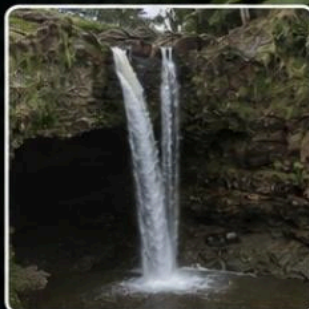
WAILUKU RIVER

Hawaii's longest river and a beautiful natural backdrop.



EASY ACCESS

One of the few major waterfalls requiring almost no hiking.



LENNIS' TIP



Visit early in the morning for the best chance to see the rainbows that give the falls their name.

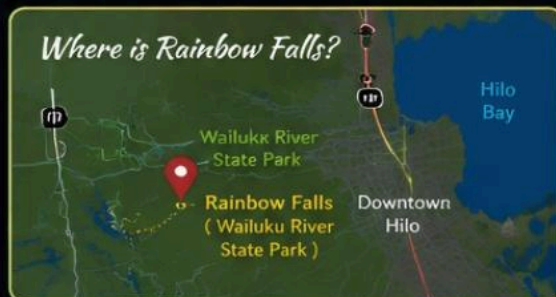


Because it's only a few minutes from downtown Hilo, Rainbow Falls pairs perfectly with Akaka Falls and the Hawaii Tropical Bioreserve & Garden for a full day exploring the lush Hilo side of the island.



If you're hungry afterward, stop by Pineapples Island Fresh Cuisine, Moon and Turtle, or Cafe Pesto Hilo Bay for a great lunch with local flavor. ♥

Where is Rainbow Falls?



Quick Facts



LOCATION

Hilo



TRAIL LENGTH

None required



ALLOW

20-45 minutes



BRING

Camera



FROM KONA

Approximately 2 hours



BEST TIME

Morning sunlight



Easy to visit. Impossible not to love. ♥

Carlsmith Park

A Peaceful Paradise in Hilo

Small Park. Big Views. Unforgettable Experience.

Carlsmith Park is a small but stunning oceanfront park located just a few minutes from downtown Hilo. The water here is crystal clear but refreshingly cold—perfect for a quick dip on a warm day.

It's one of the best places on the island to see Hawaiian green sea turtles (honu) sunbathing on the lava rocks. You can also snorkel in the calm waters and explore with tropical fish and beautiful underwater lava formations.

The park itself is not large, but the views are absolutely picture perfect. Bring a chair or blanket and relax under the shady trees while listening to the sound of the ocean.

Off-street parking makes it easy and convenient for everyone.

Must-See Highlights



TURTLE SIGHTINGS

Great spot to see honu sunbathing on the rocks.



SNORKELING

Calm, clear waters with tropical fish and beautiful lava formations.



AMAZING PHOTOS

Stunning views everywhere you look.



PERFECT PICNIC SPOT

Grassy area for chairs and blankets under a shady tree with incredible ocean views.



EASY ACCESS

Off-street parking right next to the park.



LENNIS' TIP

Carlsmith Park is not a big park, but it is one of my favorite stops in Hilo. The water is cold, but it's perfect for snorkeling and seeing turtles up close. Bring a chair or blanket, relax under the shade, and enjoy the ocean breeze!



Before or after your visit, stop by the Hilo Farmers Market. It's one of the best on the island with fresh fruit, local treats, and unique finds.



Right across the street from the Farmers Market is a fantastic Poke Bowl place. Grab something fresh and take it to Carlsmith Park for the perfect picnic! 



Snorkel with care and respect our ocean friends. Look, don't touch, and always leave the ocean as beautiful as you found it.



Quick Facts



LOCATION
Hilo



TRAIL LENGTH
None



ALLOW
30–60 minutes



BRING
Snorkel gear,
towel, camera,
picnic lunch



PARKING
Off-street
parking



WATER TEMP
Cold



BEST FOR
Snorkeling,
families,
relaxing

Clear water. Sea turtles. Ocean breezes. The perfect Hilo escape. 

Kulaniapia Falls

A Hidden Waterfall Adventure in Hilo



Swim, Explore, and Feel Like You've Stepped into Jurassic Park.

Kulaniapia Falls is a hidden waterfall adventure just outside Hilo. Unlike most waterfalls, this is a private property that requires a day pass for access.

Surrounded by towering palms, tropical rainforest, and dramatic cliffs, the area feels like stepping into a scene from Jurassic Park. Visitors can swim beneath the falls, relax by the water, rent paddleboards, and spend the day exploring the beautiful grounds.

Because access is limited, the experience is usually quieter and less crowded than many public waterfalls on the island.



LENNIS' TIP



Go early and make a day of it. Bring a picnic lunch, plenty of water, and your swimsuit.



The paddleboarding here is incredibly peaceful, and the waterfall setting is unlike anything else on the island.



Since you're already near Hilo, Kulaniapia Falls pairs perfectly with Akaka Falls, Rainbow Falls, or a visit to the Hilo Farmers Market.



QUICK FACTS



LOCATION: Near Hilo



ACCESS: Day Pass Required



SWIMMING: Yes



PADDLEBOARDS: Available for Rent



TIME NEEDED: 2-4 Hours

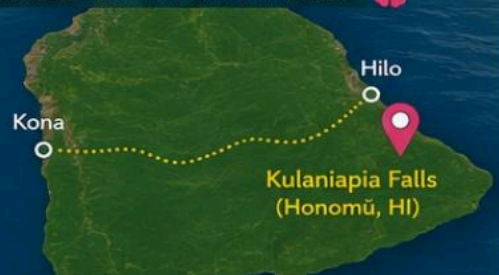


BEST FOR: Families, Couples, Photography, Swimming



FROM KONA: Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

WHERE IS KULANIPIA FALLS?



Drive Hwy 19 from Kona toward Hilo



Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes (90 miles)



A hidden waterfall oasis in the heart of Hawai'i's rainforest.





HILO FARMERS MARKET

Fresh Fruit, Local Culture & A Taste of Hawai'i

Located in the heart of downtown Hilo, the Hilo Farmers Market is one of my favorite stops on the east side of the island. It's the perfect place to experience local culture while picking up fresh tropical fruit, handmade gifts, flowers, local coffee, and Hawaiian treats.

The market is open daily, but Wednesdays and Saturdays are the biggest market days with the largest selection of vendors.

Whether you're looking for juicy pineapple, rambutan, lychee, papaya, fresh flowers, or unique souvenirs, you'll find something here that captures the spirit of Hawai'i.



Lennis' Tip

Before heading out to explore waterfalls, beaches, or gardens around Hilo, stop here and build yourself the perfect picnic lunch.

I love picking up fresh fruit from the market and then walking across the street to grab a poke bowl before heading off on the day's adventure.



What You'll Find

-  Fresh tropical fruit
-  Hawaiian flowers
-  Local coffee
-  Handmade gifts and artwork
-  Fresh poke nearby
-  Local honey and treats

Quick Facts

-  LOCATION: Downtown Hilo
-  TIME NEEDED: 30 minutes – 2 hours
-  COST: Free to browse
-  PARKING: Street parking nearby
-  BEST DAYS: Wednesdays & Saturdays



Don't Miss!

POKE N SIDES
@ the Hilo Farmers Market

Grab a fresh, local-style poke bowl just across the street. It's the perfect way to enjoy your market finds and fuel your adventure!

Where Is It?

The Hilo Farmers Market is located in downtown Hilo on the Big Island's east coast.



 Come hungry. Leave with a taste of Hawai'i. 

STAY AT KONA MANSIONS V

One of my
favorite things?
Watching the
sunset just a
short walk from
the condo.



Affordable comfort in the heart of Kailua-Kona.

Your home away from home on the Big Island.

Kona Mansions V is a beautifully updated 1-bedroom condo in the heart of Kailua-Kona. You're just a short walk to restaurants, shops, beaches, and everything Kona has to offer.

Inside, you'll find a fully stocked kitchen, comfortable living space, fast Wi-Fi, and all the essentials you need for a relaxing stay.

Beach gear is included—chairs, umbrella, coolers, snorkel gear, and more—so you can spend less and experience more.

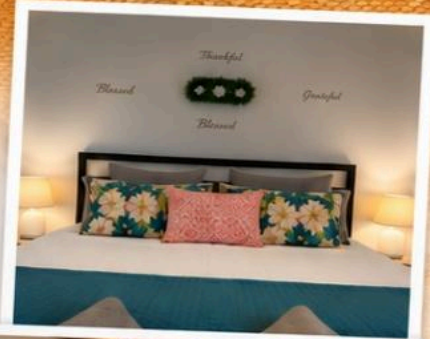
Perfect for couples and solo travelers looking for comfort, convenience, and value.

Budget-friendly, but never basic.
This is where comfort meets aloha.



LENNIS TIP

Many guests park the car and spend days exploring Kona entirely on foot.



INCLUDED AMENITIES



COMPLIMENTARY
COFFEE



BEACH CHAIRS
& UMBRELLA



SNORKEL
GEAR



WELCOME
WINE & SNACKS



WALK TO
RESTAURANTS
& BEACHS

STAY AT KEAUHOU BAY RESORT



Spacious island living near Kona's most beautiful bay.

Your home away from home on the Big Island.

Keauhou Bay Resort offers the perfect combination of tropical charm, comfort, and convenience. With soaring ceilings, a bright open floor plan, and a spacious lanai surrounded by lush greenery, this condo feels more like a private island retreat than a vacation rental.

Located minutes from Keauhou Bay, guests enjoy easy access to manta ray tours, snorkeling, paddleboarding, golf, shopping, and some of the Big Island's most beautiful beaches.

Inside you'll find a fully equipped kitchen, comfortable living spaces, fast Wi-Fi, beach gear, and thoughtful touches designed to help you relax from the moment you arrive.

Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, an adventure-filled vacation, or an extended stay in paradise, Keauhou Bay Resort offers the perfect place to experience the aloha spirit.



LENNIS TIP

One of my favorite evenings? Walking to Sunset Kai Lanai for dinner and drinks while watching the sun set over the Pacific.

It's an easy walk from the condo and offers some of the best sunset views in the Keauhou area.

This is where I come when I want Kona without the crowds.



Wake up surrounded by tropical gardens.



One of my favorite things? Dinner on the lanai at sunset.



Fully equipped kitchen with seating for four.



Beach gear included



Resort pool

INCLUDED AMENITIES



COMPLIMENTARY
COFFEE & TEA



BEACH CHAIRS
& UMBRELLA



SNORKEL
GEAR



WELCOME
WINE & SNACKS



FAST
WI-FI



RESORT POOL



Which Condo IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



Both condos offer a wonderful Big Island experience, but each has its own unique personality. Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, a relaxing retreat, or a convenient home base for exploring the island, there's a perfect fit for you.

BOTH CONDOS OFFER:



Fully Stocked
Kitchens



Beach Chairs,
Umbrella, Cooler
& Snorkel Gear



Beach
Towels



Free
Parking



Free
WiFi



Hawaiian
Welcome Treats



Amazing Big Island
Adventures Nearby

KONA MANSIONS V WALK TO EVERYTHING



VS

KEAUHOU BAY RESORT RELAXATION, ROMANCE & OCEAN VIEWS



BEST FOR



Couples



Walkability Lovers



First-Time Visitors



Solo Travelers

WHY GUESTS LOVE IT



Prime Kailua-Kona Location



Amazing Ocean Views



Walk to Restaurants & Bars



Walk to Shopping



Close to Beaches



Easy Access to Downtown Kona

One of the biggest advantages of Kona Mansions V is convenience. You can spend less time driving and more time enjoying your vacation.



VACATION VIBE

"Let's walk to dinner, grab a drink, watch the sunset, and explore Kona."

SLEEPS



Ideal for 1-2 Guests

Perfect for couples or solo travelers looking for an affordable island escape with an unbeatable location.

BEST FOR



Honeymooners



Families of Four



Anniversary Celebrations



Returning Visitors



Couples Seeking Relaxation

WHY GUESTS LOVE IT



Beautiful Ocean Views



Morning Coffee on the Lanai



Resort-Style Pool



Close to Snorkeling



Peaceful Atmosphere



Minutes from Keauhou Bay

Keauhou Bay Resort offers a quieter, more relaxing experience while still being close to many of the island's best attractions.



VACATION VIBE

"Let's enjoy coffee on the lanai, snorkel in crystal-clear water, relax by the pool, and watch the sunset over the ocean."

SLEEPS



Up to 4 Guests

Ideal for couples celebrating a honeymoon or anniversary, as well as small families looking for extra space and comfort.

QUICK QUIZ

Which sounds more like your perfect vacation?

A



Coffee



Walk
Downtown
Kona



Browse
Local
Shops



Happy
Hour



Sunset by the Beach

OR



Coffee on the Lanai



Morning Snorkeling



Pool Time



Afternoon Relaxation



Ocean-View Sunset

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CHOOSE KONA MANSIONS V

CHOOSE KEAUHOU BAY RESORT

♥ Lennis' Recommendation ♥

Choose Kona Mansions V

if you want convenience, walkability, ocean views, and easy access to everything Kona has to offer.



Choose Keauhou Bay Resort

if you're looking for a romantic getaway, honeymoon destination, anniversary trip, or a peaceful resort-style vacation with room for up to four guests.

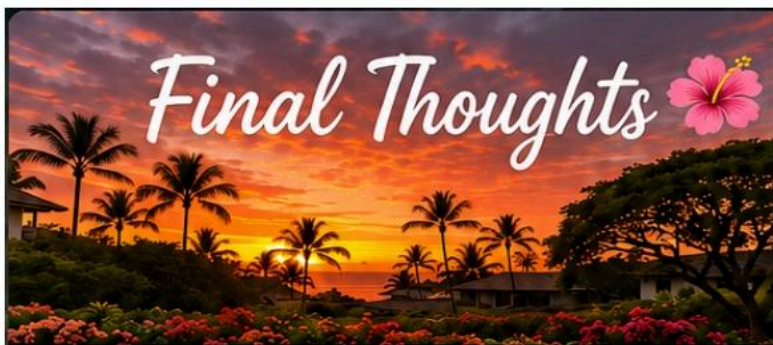


The truth? You really can't make a bad choice. ♥

Both condos offer beautiful ocean views, comfortable accommodations, thoughtful amenities, and easy access to some of the best adventures on the Big Island.

Aloha! ♥♥

Final Thoughts



Aloha and Mahalo

If you've made it this far, you're probably already dreaming about your Big Island adventure.



Whether you're snorkeling alongside colorful fish at Two Step, watching the sunset from the beach, exploring Volcanoes National Park, swimming beneath a waterfall, or simply relaxing on the lanai with your morning coffee, my hope is that this guide helps you experience the island the way I have come to love it.



One of the things that makes the Big Island so special is its incredible diversity.



In a single day, you can walk through a rainforest, explore an active volcano, relax on a black sand beach, snorkel in crystal-clear water, and end your evening watching one of the most beautiful sunsets you've ever seen.

There truly is no place like it.



My biggest piece of advice?

Don't try to do everything.
Leave time to slow down.
Leave time to sit by the ocean.
Leave time to watch the sunset.
Leave time to simply enjoy being here.

Some of my favorite memories on this island weren't planned at all.
They happened when I slowed down enough to notice them.



A Few Final Tips

- ✓ Wear reef-safe sunscreen
- ✓ Stay hydrated
- ✓ Respect the ocean and local wildlife
- ✓ Give sea turtles plenty of space
- ✓ Keep a light jacket in the car for higher elevations
- ✓ Start long adventure days early
- ✓ Don't be afraid to change plans if something catches your eye



Most Importantly...

Take lots of pictures.
But don't forget to put the camera down once in a while.
Some moments are best experienced, not photographed.

From My Family to Yours.

Thank you for choosing us to be part of your Big Island plans. We hope our condo feels like your home away from home and that your time on the Big Island is filled with unforgettable memories.

Until next time...

Aloha,
Lennis & Family



Book Your Stay

KONA MANSIONS V



KEAUHOU BAY RESORT



Quick Reference Guide

EMERGENCY



Emergency Services
911



Hawai'i Police Department (Kona Station)
74-611 Hale Māka'i Place
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
(808) 326-4646



Nearest Hospital
Kona Community Hospital
79-1019 Haukapila Street
Kealahou, HI 96750
(808) 322-9311



Urgent Care
Urgent Care of Kona
75-5995 Kuakini Hwy, Suite 104
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
(808) 327-4357

GROCERY STORES & ESSENTIALS



Costco
74-5600 Alapa Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



Walmart
75-1015 Henry Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



Safeway
75-1027 Henry Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



Target
74-5455 Makala Boulevard
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



KTA Super Stores
78-6831 Ali'i Drive
Keauhou Shopping Center
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



Lennis' Tip

KTA is the closest grocery store to Keauhou Bay Resort and is very convenient for quick trips, fresh poke, prepared foods, and local products. Prices can be a little higher than Costco, Walmart, or Safeway, so many guests do a larger shopping trip on arrival and then use KTA for smaller items throughout their stay.

HELPFUL STOPS & REMINDERS



Costco Gas Station
74-5614 Alapa Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



Kona Coffee & Tea
Bring home a taste of the Big Island!



Beach Gear Included at Both Condos
Beach chairs, umbrellas, towels, and coolers are provided.



Snorkel Gear Available
Explore the beautiful reefs during your stay.



Downtown Kona
5 minutes from Kona Mansions V



Keauhou Shopping Center
5 minutes from Keauhou Bay Resort



One Last Reminder

Take only pictures.
Leave only footprints.
And don't forget to watch at least one more sunset before you leave.

