

Big Island of Hawai'i



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Airports:

West (Leeward) Side:

Ellison Onizuka
 • Kona International Airport at Keāhole
 IATA Airline Code: KOA

East (Windward) Side:

• Hilo International Airport
 IATA Airline Code: ITO

Best Time to Visit:

- for Best Weather: for Less Crowded:
- April-May
 - August-September
- for Whale Watching:
- January-February

Where to Stay:

- for Best Quality Accommodations:
- Kailua-Kona area or along the Kohala (Gold) Coast
- for Most Secluded / Romantic Getaways:
- Short Term Rental in the town of Volcano

Must See & Do:

- Best Attractions:**
- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
 - Pololu Valley Overlook
 - Akaka Falls State Park
 - Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden
- Historic Sites:**
- Puuhonua or Honaunau
 - Pu'ukohola Heiau
- Best Beaches:**
- Hapuna Beach Park
 - Makalawena Beach
 - Manini'owali (Kua Bay)
- Best Hiking:**
- Kilauea Iki Trail
 - Papakolea Green Sand Beach

Recommended Eats:

- Laulau:**
- Kaaloa's Super J's (Cpt. Cook)
- Loco Moco:**
- Koji's Bento Korner (Hilo)
- Mixed Plate:**
- Broke Da Mouth Grindz (Kona)
- Shave Ice:**
- Original Big Island Shave Ice Co. (Waikaloa)
- Malasadas:**
- Punalu'u Bakeshop (Na'alehu)

Drive Times:

From Kona Airport (KOA) to...	Time	Miles
Hapuna Beach	25 - 40 minutes	25 miles
Volcanoes NP	2 - 2.5 hours	102 miles
Hilo	1.5 hours	75 miles
Kailua-Kona	10 minutes	10 miles
Kealakekua Bay	40 - 50 minutes	25 miles
Waimea	45 min - 1 hour	37 miles
From Hilo Airport (ITO) to...	Time	Miles
Hapuna Beach	1.5 hours	78 miles
Volcanoes NP	30 - 50 minutes	31 miles
Honoka'a	40 - 60 minutes	45 miles
Kailua-Kona	1.5 - 2 hours	79 miles
Waimea	1 - 1.5 hours	65 miles



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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Big Island (Kona)	81/66°F	81/66°F	82/67°F	83/69°F	84/70°F	85/72°F	86/73°F	87/73°F	86/73°F	86/72°F	84/70°F	82/68°F
	1.7"	0.9"	1.1"	0.5"	0.6"	0.4"	0.6"	0.8"	0.7"	0.6"	0.9"	1.8"
Big Island (Hilo)	79/64°F	79/64°F	79/65°F	79/66°F	81/67°F	82/68°F	82/69°F	83/69°F	83/69°F	83/69°F	81/67°F	79/65°F
	9.8"	9.0"	12.1"	12.4"	8.0"	7.6"	10.8"	9.8"	9.1"	9.7"	12.1"	10.3"