5 Reasons You Should Spend Your Summer Vacation in Hawaii

Spring fever got you itching to plan your next big getaway? Check out these five reasons you should spend your summer vacation in Hawaii.

1. Perfect Weather for Beach Bumming

There's nothing worse than a vacation ruined by bad weather. Fortunately, you won't have to worry about rain (or really anything) if you vacation in Hawaii this summer.

July is one of the driest months on the west coast of the Big Island (and if it does rain, it's usually at night). Temperatures hang in the mid 80s during the day, lowering to only the mid 70s at night. No matter when you want to go out, the weather will be perfect!

Plus, ocean temperatures have warmed up to about 80F by this time, meaning you can splish-splash to your heart's content.

If committing to full-fledged beach bumming isn't your thing, check out Kaimū Black Sand Beach and see how volcanic activity continues to shape the island's topography. The scenery in Kalapana does not disappoint – and you'll be hard pressed to find a black sand beach on mainland USA.

2. Visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

For even more awe-inspiring volcanic adventures, visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Spanning over 330,000 acres, this national park includes Mauna Loa and Kīlauea – two of the world's most active volcanoes.

Whether you view these geological wonders by hike or helicopter, this experience is sure to amaze. (Seriously. When was the last time you saw an active volcano up close?)

3. Swim with Manta Rays at Twilight

When you're living the Big Island life, the fun doesn't end just because the sun goes down. Take a twilight tour out of Keauhou Harbor where you can snorkel alongside manta rays (or stay on the boat and watch the sunset).

After an on-board naturalist provides insight on manta rays feeding habits and behaviors, you can jump in the water and see this behavior for yourself. In addition to snorkeling gear, you'll be

equipped with a ‘light board’, the glow of which will attract plankton… which will in turn attract the manta rays.

Watch the manta magic up close as these gentle giants swoop and dive to feed on plankton.

4. Tour Kona in a Submarine

If you want to go underwater but don’t want to get wet, take a submarine tour of Kona and see shipwrecks, reef sharks, and colorful coral from the comfort of an air-conditioned submarine.

Featured in National Geographic, the Atlantis Submarine Kona Adventure takes you 100 feet below sea level just off the coast. Volcanic lava rock filters rainfall and runoff on the Kona coast, making these waters some of the clearest in Hawaii.

Friendly, informative guides will tell you about the local marine life as you watch tropical fish like manini, convict tang, emperor fish, and even sharks swim by the submarine’s portholes.

And when you come up for air, check out what Kona has to offer on land.

5. Lay Back at a Luau

While you’re in Hawaii, celebrate native culture at the Royal Kona Resort’s interactive luau with views overlooking beautiful Kailua Bay.

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of tasty Polynesian classics such as Lomi Lomi salmon salad, kalua pork and cabbage, coconut rolls, and plenty of fresh-catch fish. (Be sure to save room for some Hawaiian haupia pudding!)

After dinner, watch the Voyagers of the Pacific Luau. Featuring Hawaiian song and dance, the show tells dramatic Polynesian stories with an unforgettable Samoan fire knife dance finale.

Stay a Little Longer?

While you’re in the area, schedule a tour to view one of our luxury properties. Who knows? Maybe your next great vacation spot will become your next dream home.

Aloha, and welcome to Hawaii.