

17 Gorgeous Honolulu Beach Resorts

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Famed for its pristine white sand beaches, Honolulu is a dream destination for resorts right on the beach.

Honolulu Resorts Right on the Beach

For stays with spectacular views, endless options for water sports, and morning walks on soft white sand, here are 17 options for gorgeous Honolulu resorts right on the beach.

The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort

Honolulu's iconic pink palace, The [Royal Hawaiian](#) not only enjoys a prime position right on the beach in Waikiki, but also has a rich history to go with it. A place of celebration for King Kamehameha I when he conquered Oahu, its Coconut Grove garden is also the former site of Queen Kaahumanu's Summer Palace. With gorgeous, distinctive Spanish Moorish architecture, this landmark 528-room property boasts 18 oceanfront suites, a full-service spa, two restaurants, and a bakery. A stay at this Honolulu beach resort puts you right in the heart of all the Waikiki action, with endless photo ops for that perfect Instagram moment.

Amenities: Direct beach access, swimming pool, fresh flower lei on arrival, Italian brand-name Frette sheets and towels, free Wi-Fi, robe, slippers, turndown service, Malie organic toiletries, in-room tea, and Kona coffee.

Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa, Waikiki Beach

Built in 1901, the [Moana Surfrider](#), located right on Waikiki's famous white sand beach, is the grand dame of Honolulu beach resorts. Known as the "The First Lady of Waikiki," this landmark Victorian hotel has been synonymous with luxurious Waikiki stays for more than a century. Completely refurbished in 2014, the 795-room property has 36 oceanfront balcony suites, a 17,000-square-foot oceanfront spa, a wedding chapel, a freshwater pool, and dreamy Heavenly beds. Nightly live entertainment, performed underneath tea lights strung across the property's 100-plus-year-old banyan tree, is an attraction unto itself.

Amenities: Beach bar, kids' club, workout facility, free Wi-Fi, 32-inch LCD flat-screen TV, robe and slippers, mini refrigerator, and 24-hour laundry service.

Halekulani

The epitome of luxury Honolulu beach resorts, [Halekulani](#) (which means "house befitting heaven") occupies five acres of prime oceanfront real estate right in the heart of Waikiki. With spacious rooms decorated in the hotel's calming, signature seven shades of white, the hotel is an oasis of island refinement within Waikiki's generally bustling domain. Renowned for exemplary features like its three restaurants and two cocktail lounges, as well as its iconic heated pool made with an orchid-shaped mosaic of 1.2 million pieces of glass tiles on its floor, it doesn't get any better than the Halekulani.

Amenities: Marble bathrooms, Kohler soaking tub, premium toiletries, plush bathrobe and slippers, balcony, free Wi-Fi, an mp3 docking station, on-site laundry facility, florist, complimentary fitness center with free fitness classes, and complimentary admission to local museums.

Kahala Hotel & Resort

Set away from the main Waikiki drag in the affluent Kahala community, the [Kahala Resort](#) is one of the most prestigious Honolulu beach resorts. With its own secluded beach and a lagoon where guests can swim with the dolphins, this resort provides luxury oceanfront accommodation with appeal for families and couples alike. The spacious rooms feature a private balcony with incredible views of the ocean and Diamond Head. Bathrooms feature large, sunken tubs, magic toilets and separate showers. Guests also receive free access to the fitness center, steam room, and sauna, with free shuttle service to nearby attractions.

Amenities: Bathrobe and slippers, luxury toiletries by Floris of London, free Wi-Fi, 42-inch flat-screen TVs, iHome clock radios, refrigerated mini bar, two telephones with data port and voicemail, free access to the fitness center, nightly turndown service, twice-daily maid service, daily newspaper, in-room tea and coffee services, and 24-hour business center.

Sheraton Waikiki

A sprawling 31-story Honolulu resort occupying prime real estate on Waikiki Beach, the 1,636-room, fully renovated [Sheraton Waikiki](#) is a veritable beachfront playground for families and couples alike. Contemporary furnishings and comfortable rooms aside, the main draw at this resort are the pools. Kid-friendly Helumoa Playground features two large freshwater pools, two whirlpool Jacuzzis and a waterslide.

For adults, the clincher is the gorgeous, adults-only infinity pool, a spectacular vantage point from which to watch the sunset. A spa, gym, and free internet in public spaces, not to mention a mini on-site shopping mall and several restaurants, round out the package.

Amenities: Beach access, club level, kids' activities, spa, fitness facility, day care, cultural activities such as lei making and hula lessons, and day care.

The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel

A recently completed, seven-year, multimillion-dollar renovation makes this Honolulu beach resort one of the best value properties in Waikiki. Located on the Eastern edge of Waikiki, [this 125-room Honolulu beach resort](#) is fronted by the very swimmable Sans Souci beach. A mid-range hotel that's perfect for families, the contemporary rooms are light, bright, and feature balconies with incredible views of the ocean and Diamond Head. Though there is no pool, the resort's Hau Tree Lanai Restaurant is excellent. And since it's walking distance from Kapiolani Park, Honolulu Zoo, and the Aquarium, there's plenty to see and do.

Amenities: Beachfront, free Wi-Fi, HDTV with cable, private balconies, full-service spa, laundry facility, and three onsite restaurants.

Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort

Stepping out the back door of this [beach resort](#) puts you directly onto Waikiki Beach's famous soft, white sand. A lively, bustling Honolulu beach resort with easy access to surf lessons and all manner of water sports, this is one of those places where everything is designed to make you not need to leave the property. In addition to a spa, swimming pool, and Hawaiian cultural activities on-property, this resort is also home to Duke's Hawaii, one of Honolulu's best restaurants for drinking mai tais barefoot while watching the sunset.

Amenities: 24-hour fitness center, laundry facility, self-service business center, free Wi-Fi, Outrigger Waikiki Connection Trolley (included with resort fee), Hawaiian vow renewal ceremony, on-site retail shops, and restaurants.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

With more than 90 retail shops, 20 bars and restaurants, five swimming pools, a spa, as well as a Friday night Starlight Luau and fireworks show, "village" is an apt description for this massive 3,386-room [Honolulu beach resort](#). Perfect for families with children where convenience is key, there's something here for everyone: turtles and parrots, a koi pond, a mini zoo, a fitness center, a spa, Hawaiian cultural activities, live music, and more. The best part, of course, is that it's right on the beach. And, it has its own saltwater lagoon for paddle-boarding.

Amenities: Handicap accessible, Camp Penguin children's activities, water sports, live shows and entertainment, an outdoor luau, and on-site convenience store, and Ali'i, a boutique tower with upgraded amenities and privileges within the resort.

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

Situated on the quieter end of Waikiki Beach, this [family-friendly Honolulu beach resort](#) checks all the boxes. The location is excellent. You're right on the beach. There's a pool with three Jacuzzis and a Starbucks in the lobby. Honolulu's best shopping and tons of restaurants are within a block of the hotel. Most rooms feature balconies with spectacular ocean views. Though the rooms could use an upgrade in terms of decor, the onsite activities (which include free hula and ukulele lessons, as well as access to water sports such as surfing, canoeing, and catamaran sailing) make for a memorable stay.

Amenities: 24-hour fitness center, laundry facility, self-service business center, free Wi-Fi, Outrigger Waikiki Connection Trolley (included with resort fee), Hawaiian vow renewal ceremony, spa, and on-site retail shops and restaurants.

Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach

Debuted in December 2017 after a multimillion-dollar transformation, the newly renamed [Alohilani](#) (previously known as the Pacific Beach Hotel) offers chic, spa-like rooms, each with its own private balcony and expansive views of the ocean and/or Diamond Head. Located across the Kalakaua street from the Kuhio beach section of Waikiki, a main feature of the hotel is the 280,000 gallon Oceanarium. But it also comes with other creature comforts, including a full-service spa, a saltwater infinity pool, a Kid's club and kiddie pool, and a fitness center complete with tennis courts and yoga classes. Foodies will also love the two restaurants— one casual, one fine dining—by Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto.

Amenities: Two welcome drinks on arrival, a private lanai, Malie Organics bath amenities, free Wi-Fi, refrigerators, 50- or 55-inch HD flat-screen TVs, in-room safe, unlimited local calling and 60 minutes complimentary international calling, Keurig Brewers with complimentary coffee and tea K-pods, a gym facility with locker room, tennis courts and group fitness, and refillable, eco-friendly water bottles.

Hilton Grand Vacations Club at Hilton Hawaiian Village

Part of Hawaii's largest self-contained beachfront resort, [Hilton Grand Vacations Suites at Hilton Hawaiian Village](#) is the perfect spot for your Honolulu vacation. There is so much to do and see within the resort that you will have no reason to leave while staying there. Try your hand at scuba diving, take a hula dancing class, or learn how to play the ukulele- all within the resort grounds!

Amenities: Kitchenettes, full kitchens, six outdoor pools, paddle boarding, twenty restaurants, weekly fireworks, fitness center, spa, yoga, hula dancing, ukulele lessons, Camp Penguin for kids.

Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa Waikiki

Not only does the [Hyatt Regency Waikiki](#) house some of the biggest hotel rooms in Waikiki, but every room features a private lanai to sit on and enjoy the views of Honolulu. Choose from a variety of suites and guestrooms, all with stunning scenery from the windows. You'll have plenty to do, from shopping, dining by the ocean, or getting a treatment like the Hibiscus Sugar Scrub or a massage at the spa.

Amenities: Fitness center, restaurants, shopping, pools with cabanas, pet-friendly (for a fee), spa, weekday classes in lei making, ukulele, and hula, beach chairs and towels.

Prince Waikiki

Immerse yourself in luxury when you stay at [Prince Waikiki](#). Relax on their signature pool deck before taking a dip in the adults-only infinity pool. You can take in the artwork throughout the resort, commissioned and created specifically to "perpetuate the history and story" of the location in a "sophisticated and authentic" way. Participate in one of the many activities offered at the resort, including their Coccoalohi Workshop, where you will make your very own pāpale nui—a hand woven coconut palm hat. Choose from a variety of rooms and suites to cater to your needs during your stay.

Amenities: Fitness center, library, pet-friendly, resort shops, Biki Bike and Go X Scooter use, Sheer and blackout remote control blinds, children 5 and under eat free, spa discount, golf, four restaurants.

Aston Waikiki Beach

Steps away from the beach, [Aston Wakiki Beach](#) is located across from Kuhio Beach Park, which features a calmer, relaxing reef on one side and a wavier oceanside for surfers on the other. The modern accommodations feature suites and regular rooms to fit whatever needs you have. Have breakfast while enjoying 180 degree panoramic ocean views at the Coconut Club, located on the 21st Floor. During your stay, earn Beach Candy rewards, which can be used towards beach rentals including umbrellas, surfboards, paddleboards, and more.

Amenities: Beach rentals, sunscreen, fitness center, five on-site restaurants, pool.

Modern Honolulu

Located at the gateway to Waikiki Beach, the [Modern Honolulu](#) has all you need for the perfect Honolulu getaway. During your stay, if you spend \$125 in food and beverage, you will get an all-day cabana for free. Your stay at the Modern will feel truly unique, as all of the furnishings and designs of the hotel are custom and unique- they use no stock furnishings. The hotel was named both Best Overall Interior Design and Best Lobby for 150+ Rooms by the 2011 EnRoute Hotel Design Awards.

Amenities: Pool, fitness center, on-site restaurants, spa.

Hyatt Centric

Relax with gorgeous views atop the Rooftop Splash lounge with private cabanas on the 8th floor of the [Hyatt Centric](#), or enjoy the evening around the firepit—no matter how you choose to spend time outside, you will feel taken care of during your stay. Participate in morning yoga, lei making, or get a bite to eat at one of the hotel's four restaurants. For extra space during your stay, choose from one of the thirty-three suites, which include a separate sitting area for some extra space during your stay.

Amenities: Fitness center, splash lounge, cabanas, on-site restaurants, business center, pet-friendly.

The Laylow

Your comfort is at the forefront during your stay at [The Laylow](#), where “midcentury modern style meets present-day Hawaiian charm.” Spend the day lounging by the saltwater pool, or cozy up by the fire pit on a lanai in the garden- whatever you choose, you are sure to not regret “laying low” during your time at this Marriott Autograph Collection hotel. Enjoy live music without stepping foot outside of the hotel grounds. On days you feel like leaving, there is plenty to do in the surrounding area, from beaches, and tours, to shopping at the international marketplace with your special discount booklet you can obtain by showing your hotel key at the customer service kiosk.

Amenities: E Komo Mai Basket upon arrival, nightly live entertainment, cruiser bicycles, Fitness Center, pool, on-site restaurants.