



## LIVING IN HAWAII

### *Experiencing Everything Hawaii Has to Offer*

Hawaii is a unique and beautiful place – a land of history and legends, long-lived customs and values, and many ancient traditions – like the gift of a flower lei. People are friendly and welcoming and will gladly help you assimilate to the nuances of our culture. From our food to our music to our language, Hawaii is rich with unforgettable experiences.

#### **LIVING IN OAHU**

Hilton Grand Vacations operates several popular resorts in Waikiki on the island of Oahu. Working at any of these resorts offers you access to an outstanding lifestyle in the city or on the family-friendly outskirts of Waikiki. The entire island is well-suited to those who love the ocean and want to be part of a busy community where tourism is one of the top industries – and Hilton Grand Vacations is a leading employer.

#### **LIVING ON THE BIG ISLAND**

On the Big Island, Hilton Grand Vacations is located within Waikoloa Beach Resort on a four-mile loop of road surrounded by oceanfront views. Waikoloa Village is located about six miles from the resort and offers the lifestyle of a friendly and affordable neighborhood. However, many Team Members choose to live further out on the island, either in the sun-drenched community of Kailua-Kona or the rural countryside of Waimea. Once you are settled in, you'll have plenty of opportunities to participate in community activities around the island. Preview the event calendars and resources at the links below, and get ready to immerse yourself in all things Hawaiian!

[Go Hawaii](#)

[State Activities](#)

### **RELOCATING TO HAWAII:**

#### **MOVING YOUR BELONGINGS**

There are several shipping companies to choose from, and each company can provide you with a quote based on your location and the size of your container. Cargo takes an average of three weeks to arrive on the island. If you need faster service, you may mail your essential items in order to receive them in 5-10 days.

- [Matson Navigation Company](#) – 800-462-8766 (toll-free)
- [Horizon Lines](#) – 877-678-7447 (toll-free)
- [Honolulu Freight Service](#) – 808-531-0258
- [Young Brothers Limited](#) (Hawaii interisland moves only) – 808-543-9311
- [US Postal Service](#)

As a point of reference, the average cost for moving furniture and other belongings of a five-person family (3-bedroom home and 2 cars) from Florida to Hawaii is approximately \$14,000. If you're going to be reimbursed for your relocation costs, you'll need to submit original receipts. Keep in mind that some of your moving expenses may be tax deductible, so save your receipts.

#### **BRINGING YOUR PETS**

Hawaii has the rare distinction of being a rabies-free state. To continue to keep rabies off the island, the government greatly restricts the travel of animals between Hawaii and the mainland. Start the process early for the direct airport release program, which includes a 120-day pre-arrival waiting period. You also have the option to quarantine your pet in Oahu for 120 days after your arrival.

[The direct release program](#) is \$165 per pet and does not include vet fees or airfare.

#### **FLYING TO HAWAII**

Hawaii's major airline is Hawaiian Airlines. If you sign up for their miles credit card, they often offer a promotion that gives you discounted airfare and free checked baggage. The airports you'll likely use are Kona (KOA) and Oahu (HNL). When landing at the Kona Airport (KOA), you will need to rent a car. There is no shuttle service from the airport to Waikoloa, although you can travel by taxi or the Speedi-Shuttle for \$50+ per trip.



## RENTING A HOME

When moving to Hawaii, expect to pay first month's rent and a security deposit when signing a lease. Finding a house that accepts pets is challenging, so start your search well in advance of your anticipated relocation date. A good resource for current rental prices is [honolulu.craigslist.org](http://honolulu.craigslist.org).

## CHOOSING A SCHOOL

When deciding where you'd like to live, be sure to research [public](#) and [private](#) school options for the children in your household.

## REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE

After arriving in Hawaii, you will need to transfer your out-of-state driver's license to a [Hawaii driver's license](#). There are no emissions standards or requirements, although your car will need to undergo a safety check. You will also be required to carry auto insurance with a company that does business in Hawaii. For more information, visit the [DMV website](#) for your new county.

## USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Oahu has a great [public transportation system](#) that can get you all around downtown Honolulu quickly and cheaply. Taking a bus is often preferable to finding a parking space or paying for parking. Depending on where you live, commuting to work by bus may be a viable option. Oahu is also in the process of building a new [light rail system](#) to serve commuters across the island.

The Big Island is not congested with traffic, which is an advantage for commuters as public transportation is very limited. The [Hele-On Bus](#) service runs around the island, but due to the expansive geographical distance and limited schedule, public transportation is not feasible for a daily commute.

## RELOCATING FROM JAPAN

International Team Members will need additional details about relocating for employment with Hilton Grand Vacations in Hawaii. The links below will help you get started.

- Non-immigrant Visas and Immigrant Visas / U.S. Embassy Tokyo  
<http://japan.usembassy.gov/visas.html>
- U.S. Passport / U.S. Embassy Tokyo  
<http://japan.usembassy.gov/e/acs/tacs-passports.html>
- Living Permanently in the U.S. / Department of Homeland Security  
<http://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/move-united-states>
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce / Honolulu  
<http://hjcc.org/resources/>
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce / Big Island  
<http://www.jccih.org/>

