

Airport Information for Hawaii

There are six Hawaii different islands available for tourists to select. The people who decide to go to Hawaii for the first time usually plan to visit one or more than one island but have numerous questions relating to where exactly to go and how exactly to get there. In fact, this article serves as an introductory guide on one of the most famous worldwide vacation locations if you are interested in reaching the Hawaii area and checking out some of its islands. Thus, you should know that mainly airline companies connect the islands together by offering the needed inter-island flights. Hawaiian Airlines, Aloha Airlines, or Island Air are some of the companies that serve customers on a daily basis and finding the best price deals can usually be done through the companies' websites or through your mainland flight company or travel agent.

If you are considering visiting Hawaii during your vacations period, most probably you will fly into the Honolulu International Airport (HNL). Most mainland and International flights use this airport for their flights and travelers heading on to another island may have to deplane and get on an inter-island flight to reach their final destination. The HNL airport is located on the outskirts of Honolulu, about a 20-minute drive to Waikiki, and about a 45-minute drive to the North Shore. In addition, Maui has three airports. The major airport is Kahului Airport (OGG), which allows direct flights from the West coast of the U.S. mainland. The drive from the airport to Kihei or Wailea is less than half an hour, but if you plan to visit Lahaina or Kaanapali then be prepared for another hour of traveling. Much closer to the Lahaina area is Kapalua Airport (JHM), but since it serves only local flights, you can reach this destination specifically from Honolulu. Another airport is located in Hana (HNM) in case driving is not your favorite sport, but you will be taking a very small plane. Pacific Wings offer this specific flight. Local agents can also assist you in finding day ferries from Maui to Lanai and Molokai.

Hawaii, which actually is called the Big Island to avoid any confusion, has two airports; Hilo International Airport (ITO) and Keahole Airport (KOA). Located an a 2.5 hour drive away from each other these two airports can lead you to some of the finest destination points of your Hawaii visit. While Hilo is closest to Honokaa, Kapoho, and Volcano, Keahole is in Kailua-Kona, which is closest to all of Kona, Puako, Kohala, Waikoloa, and Waimea. Direct flights exist from the mainland only to Keahole and no ferries from the Big Island (Hawaii) are available to any other island. Although sad, it is true. Furthermore, Lihue Airport (LIH) is the sole airport of Kauai, in Lihue, and some carriers offer direct flights from the mainland. Specifically, Lihue is about halfway to everything on the island-but a bit closer to Poipu than Princeville. Keep in mind that there are no ferries from Kauai to any other island. In addition, Molokai has one airport, Molokai Airport (MKK) which is located in central Molokai. As a visitor you will probably have to take a small airplane in, usually no bigger than 20-seats. You will be able to fly there from Honolulu or Kahului via Island and small commercial boats can transfer you from Maui to Molokai. Moreover, Lanai has one airport, Lanai Airport (LNY), near Lanai City, but it also accepts only small airplanes. Again, Island Air can fly you in from Honolulu and small commercial boats are available for you to take from Maui to Molokai.

Finally, travel agents state that by 2007 Hawaii Super Ferry should be operating between all the islands and will hopefully revolutionize the current expensive and inefficient inter-island travel systems. But until then, you should better book your flight in advance and keep a copy of this article in hand.

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