

Living in Kailua-Kona

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Living in Kailua-Kona on the dry west side was in total contrast to the extreme wet southeast living in Puna district.



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Living in Kailua-Kona on the Leeward side of the Big Island

Hot and dry sometimes with volcanic gasses flowing from the nearby volcano

Everyday 75° F ±5

Rain never in the forecast

Alii Drive runs north and south along the sea wall

At the south end was Keauhou shopping center

At the north end Courtyard King Kamehameha's beach, the calmest tiny beach on the island

In between south and north ends, crowded magic white sand beach and Kahaluu beach known for tide-pools

Bougainvillea, Plumeria and Hibiscus are common sight and so as spectacular sun sets along the sea wall

Big waves constantly crash onto the sea wall spreading mist around

Restaurants and gift shops galore on either side of Alii drive

Bucket full of Boat Trash is best on the menu at Babba's Gump seafood restaurant

Hugo's on the Rock is good for steaks.

Island Lava Java always crowded more for scenery than food

Thai Rin serves good Thai food

Lulu's eat, swill and chill

Bongo Ben's Island Cafe

Humpy's Big Island Alehouse

Fish Hopper, Falafel World and Killer Fish Taco are good eateries to visit

ABC stores are like Seven Elevens stores

Tourists walking up and down along the sea wall with wow expression at the crashing waves taking photos

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Japanese tourists walk cautiously with curious look

Jolly good tourists from mainland always looking for good place to eat

Petite women perform Hula dance moving slowly for Polynesian music

Sitting on the sea wall a man regularly weaves hats with coconut leaves to sell.

Another man makes walking sticks out of tree limbs.

A woman with lost mind walks fast collecting waste paper as precious was a sad sight

Hippies with their pet dogs following were always looking for free smoke

A heavy set scantily clothed six-foot brown skin man slowly walks up and down along the sea wall holding a brass cross with his hand stretched out seeking something

Kona coffee grown at a farm owned by the granddaughter of Ferrari auto magnet is sold for \$20 per pound at a roadside kiosk

A walk through Farmersâ market is like visiting Philippines.

Mokuaikaua church, the oldest church on the island looks more like a fort built with lava rock stands majestically.

A very small Blue church nearby is an island land mark

10 to 100 dollar Hawaiian shirts on sale.

Magic stones and coral jewelry are specialty at gift stores.

Illegally parked cars get steel boot.

Cruise ship anchors on every Wednesday and Saturday unloading the tourists.

Immigrants from Micronesia look more like Dravidians of South India.

Shivalik Curry House, the only Indian restaurant on Aliâ i Drive was closed for good the day after Juggernaut had dinner, just a coincidence or Juggernaut curse?

Monastic living on the island of Hawaii was not bad after all.

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