

2018A – Hawaii

Wednesday, January 10 – Fly to Kailua-Kona (Big Island)

Stock up at Costco

Stay at Castle Kona Bali Kai on Alii Drive in Kailua

Thursday, January 11 – Pu'u wa'awa'a Cinder Cone hike and Hapuna Beach

Hike 7.5 miles (RT) to the summit of the Pu'u wa'awa'a cinder cone

Relax on Hapuna Beach on the Kohala coast

Stay at Castle Kona Bali Kai on Alii Drive in Kailua

Friday, January 12 - Golden Pools of Ke-awa-iki and Anaeho'omalua Beach

Hike 1.5 miles (RT) along a lava trail to a Keawaiki beach

Spend the afternoon relaxing on beautiful Anaeho'omalua Beach

Stay at Castle Kona Bali Kai on Alii Drive in Kailua

Saturday, January 13 - Hikiau Heiau, Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park, and snorkeling in Honaunau Bay

Explore area south of Kailua-Kona

Stop at Hikiau Heiau, and ancient temple used for human sacrifices

Tour Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to learn about Hawaiian history and culture

Snorkel in Honaunau Bay

Stay at Castle Kona Bali Kai on Alii Drive in Kailua

Sunday, January 14 – Drive to Hilo

Drive Saddle Road to Hilo

Take side trip to Mauna Kea Visitor Center (6 miles up access road)

Hike to the summit of Sunset Hill across from the Visitor Center

Tour the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens 10 miles north of Hilo

Walk to the viewpoint of Akaka Falls

Check into Grand Naniloa Hotel

Stroll from the hotel through to Lili'uokalani Gardens and Coconut Island

Monday, January 15 – Hawaii Volcano National Park

Spend the day exploring the park: Sulphur Banks, Steam Vents, Jaggar Museum

Drive the 19-mile Chain of Craters Road down to the sea where a lava flow abruptly ends the road

Stay at Grand Naniloa Hotel

Tuesday, January 16 – Hawaii Volcano National Park

Return to the National Park for more exploration

Hike 4-mile loop trail from the Kilauea Iki Overlook down and across the crater floor

Explore the Thurston Lava Tube

Stop at Richardson Beach Park in Hilo on the way back

Stay at Grand Naniloa Hotel

Wednesday, January 17 – Fly to Maui

On the drive back to Kona Airport stop at:
Waipio Valley Lookout
Makalawena Beach on the Kohala Coast
Fly to Maui
Stock up at Safeway
Grab a quick dinner at Maui Fish and Chips
Stay at Maui Banyan Condos on South Kihei Road

Thursday, January 18 – Makena Beach

Spend the day relaxing, reading, and swimming on Makena Beach
Watch sunset from Kamaole Beach Park (across the street from our condo)
Have fish tacos at Coconut's Fish Cafe
Stay at Maui Banyan Condos on South Kihei Road

Friday, January 19 – Haleakala National Park

Drive to the 10,000-foot summit of Haleakala Crater
Hike 8 miles (out and back) to the Haleakala Crater floor
Dine at Fred's Mexican Cafe
Stay at Maui Banyan Condos on South Kihei Road

Saturday, January 20 – Makena Beach and Wailea Coastal Walk

Spend the day relaxing, reading, and swimming on Makena Beach
Stroll 3 ½ miles along the Wailea Coastal Walk
Dine at Coconut's Fish Café (again)
Stay at Maui Banyan Condos on South Kihei Road

Sunday, January 21 – Lahaina and the Nakalele Blowhole

Stroll historic Front Street in Lahaina
Sit in the shade of one of the largest banyan trees in the U.S. in Banyan Tree Park
Have lunch at Paia Fish Market
Drive north on Highway 30
Hike down the Acid War Zone Trail to the Nakalele Blowhole
Stay at Maui Banyan Condos on South Kihei Road

Monday, January 22 - Kealia Pond National Wildlife Preserve and home

Stroll the boardwalk over a salt marsh in Kealia Pond National Wildlife Preserve
Fly back to San Francisco