

HAWAII – POINTS OF INTEREST AND TRAVEL FACTS Corporate Meetings and Incentives

“Science has no borders. The attraction of Hawai'i is that our meetings are not only better here, they're bigger.”

Roque Calvo
Executive Director
The Electrochemical Society

Key Points

- The six major islands – Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Maui, and Hawai'i's Big Island – offer an extensive variety of meeting facilities and unique activities and attractions to enhance every type of convention, meeting, and incentive.
- Hawai'i provides seemingly endless pre- and post-meeting activities to enjoy, including a rich collection of arts and culture showcasing its Polynesian heritage and multi-ethnic diversity. Along with a first-rate symphony, opera, and live theatre are hundreds of cultural festivals and interesting pursuits to experience.
- Golf is an everyday passion in Hawai'i with 80-plus courses statewide ranging from high-end resort layouts designed by the sport's legends to budget-minded municipal public courses. The settings are as diverse as they are spectacular, from breathtaking coastlines and lush, tropical rain forests to picturesque courses built over ancient fields of lava.
- Hawai'i offers a cosmopolitan, business-friendly environment. The 50th state is a leader in astronomy, ocean and earth sciences, genetic research and cloning technology, tropical agriculture, alternative energies, satellite tracking, film/TV production, and tourism.
- The state-of-the-art Hawai'i Convention Center, which opened in 1998, is a five-star convention facility offering:
 - 200,000-square-foot exhibit hall, with drive-on access to its three halls and a 35,000-square-foot separate lobby.
 - Forty-nine meeting rooms comprising 100,000 square feet, plus two presentation theaters with tiered seating.
 - Hawai'i's largest ballroom – 36,000 square feet with a 2.5-acre rooftop garden terrace pre-function space.
 - Fiber optic and CAT 5 infrastructure throughout with satellite and microwave capabilities and built-in simultaneous translation booths.
 - Award-winning food and beverage services.

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Air Transportation

- Hawai'i receives direct flights from 21 gateway cities in North America for airports serving Honolulu, Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i's Big Island.
- All the major airlines service Hawai'i. Domestic carriers have added one million air seats to the islands since 2003 with more being added this year.
- Two locally based carriers – Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines – each provide 100 daily flights that connect the islands.

Accommodations

- Hawai'i offers 71,000 hotel rooms statewide that can meet any group's budget, ranging from luxurious, five-star resorts to economy business lodges.
- Waikiki Beach offers 31,000 hotel rooms (O'ahu – 36,000 rooms total).
- Most hotels are just steps away from some of the world's most beautiful beaches; Another popular treat are the exotic spa and body treatments, especially those using natural herbs and products that reinvigorate the mind, body, and spirit.

Activities and Attractions

- The islands have so many interesting experiences to choose from, such as surfing lessons, catamaran sailing, helicopter tours, arts and cultural performances, and festive *lū'au* dinners. Each island offers many sites, including this sampling:
 - Kaua'i: Waimea Canyon; Nāpali Coast
 - O'ahu: Pearl Harbor; Hanauma Bay
 - Moloka'i: Molokai Ranch; Hālawā Valley
 - Lāna'i: Munroe Trail; Hulopo'e Beach
 - Maui: 'Iao Valley; Haleakalā Crater
 - Hawai'i's Big Island: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park; Parker Ranch

Only in Hawai'i!

- Culture? Hawai'i is the only state with its own language, music, and dance.
- The average year-round temperature is 77 degrees, with cooling trade winds.
- As the fabled "Crossroads of the Pacific," Hawai'i is strategically located between East and West – and two-thirds of the world's buying power.
- Six exotic islands, six tropical experiences – all on American soil.

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