

Lodging:

Honoka'a: Waipi'o Wayside Inn

Stay as the guest of Jacqueline Horne in this small B&B set above the Hamakua coast. Built in 1932 for a plantation superintendent, the inn retains a real sense of history and the bedrooms feature handmade Hawaiian quilts, antique furniture and original artwork



Hilo: Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

The Hilo Hawaiian is a modern hotel that sits in parkland just outside of Hilo. The hotel is modern with spacious rooms. The hotel is convenient, clean and comfortable rather than charming though the location – right on the Bay – is nice. The property is 1½ miles from the center of Hilo but there are dining options nearby



Volcano: Kilauea Lodge

Set in tropical gardens, this relaxed lodge has a mix of rooms and cottages. The property was originally a summer camp – now renovated to be a comfortable B&B. The lodge has a hot tub and a nice restaurant. The property is a mile from the entrance to Volcanoes National Park.



Volcano - Upgrade

Volcano House This hotel – on the very rim of the Kilauea Caldera – is all about location. It is the only hotel in the Volcanoes National Park and the views are spectacular. The hotel was completely renovated in 2013 though the rooms and bathrooms are still relatively modest. The property is 2½ miles from the village but there is a restaurant in the hotel. A hotel upgrade is available in Volcano to the Volcano House for \$140 per room per night.



Captain Cook: Ka'awa Loa Plantation

This charming guesthouse is also a start-up coffee farm. The 5-acre estate is nestled in tropical surroundings at 1,200 feet – just below the town of Captain Cook. Owner-managers Greg and Michael are gracious hosts and make a great breakfast. The building is a classic Hawaiian plantation home.



Captain Cook: - Upgrade

Horizon Guest House The Horizon Guest House is an elegant inn situated at 1,100 feet on the slopes of Mauna Loa. The inn is set on 40 acres of sloping pasture lands with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. The property includes an Infinity Edge swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Your host, Clem, is extremely welcoming and well informed. A hotel upgrade is available in Captain Cook to the Horizon Guest House for \$215 per room per night



Tips & Notes

The Waipi'o Wayside is 2½ miles outside of Honoka'a but the manager will drive you to dinner by prior arrangement. NOTE: This is the tropical side of the island and the coquí frogs can be quite loud at night.

In Hilo, we can drive you to dinner by prior arrangement.

The Ka'awa Loa Plantation and the Horizon Guest House are 1½ miles and 10 miles respectively from the center of Captain Cook. Please agree with your guide at the start of your tour if you would prefer to selfcater or take our complimentary transfer to dinner

Where to stay before or after your tour:

Many guests choose to stay at a beachside resort after their tour to relax after enjoying exercise and exploration. There are good options in Kailua-Kona or on the Kohala Coast. If you are short of time, we can also collect you from Kona (KOA) Airport and/or transfer you back there at the end of your tour.

Transfers from/to Kona International Airport

There is a \$50 surcharge per couple, per transfer for pick-ups or drop-offs at Kona International (KOA) Airport. Only available on the first and last days of the tour

Climate

There's no bad time to visit Hawaii! The Big Island enjoys a mild climate year round – with temperatures on the coast between 70°F and 80°F. Winter lasts from November through April and is slightly cooler and dryer than summer. However, location is the real predictor of temperature and rainfall. Generally the west coast is hot and dry. It gets wetter the further east you go and cooler the higher up you go – especially in the evening. Like any tropical island, there can be windy days.

Optional extras:

Transfers from/to Kona International Airport

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Kayaking and Snorkeling

There are good options for kayaking and snorkeling on Kealahou Bay near Captain Cook. Reservations recommended.

Volcano Tours

Volcano tours are an option when staying in either Captain Cook or Kailua-Kona. The tours last all day, cost \$200 per person, and include transport, private tour guide, and the entrance fee for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Route Customization

If you would prefer alternative routing – staying in different overnight towns or with more or fewer loop days – we would be pleased to customize this itinerary