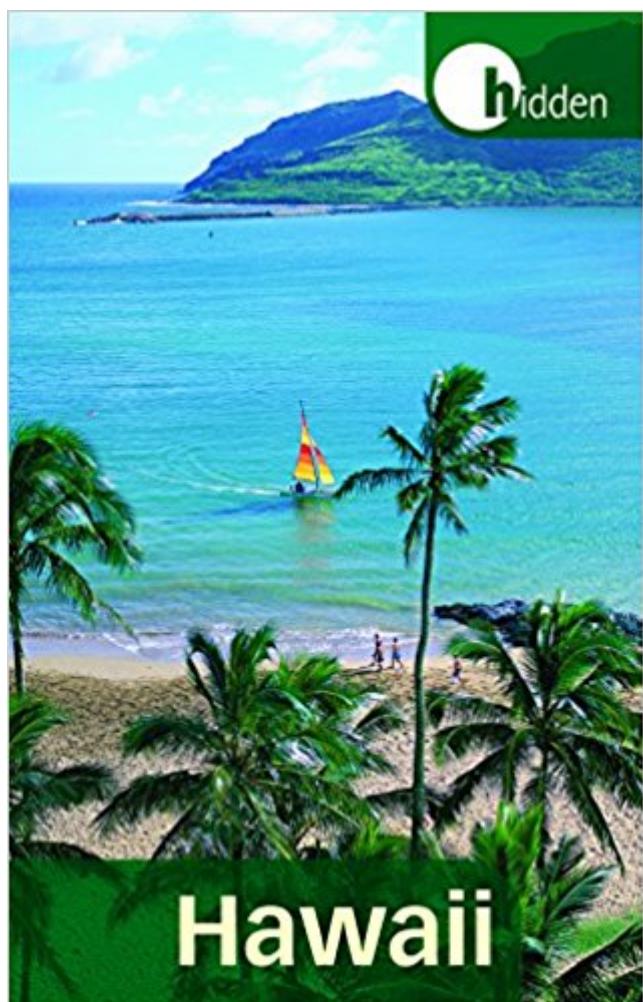


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Hidden Hawaii: Including Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Lanai, Molokai, And The Big Island (Hidden Travel)



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From ancient petroglyphs and 100-foot-high sand dunes to the Garden of the Gods' mysterious multicolor boulders that dramatically change color at dawn and dusk, "Hidden Hawaii" reveals the islands in unique and unparalleled fashion. Includes author's picks, driving and walking tours, and photos & illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

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Okay, so it isn't the up-to-the-minute guide book many people are looking for. However, this is about the 6th or 7th edition I have purchased and it's still the best for overall content, layout and wry observations. I got the first editions as a review copy at the newspaper where I worked back in the fall of 1979, and it was invaluable to a novice intent on spending a month in the islands. I'm going back to the Blg Island in a couple of weeks, and I will use this slightly-dated edition to make sure that I show my family as good a time as possible. I hope Ray Riegert is enjoying his time on a nice beach somewhere after working on 14 editions of Hidden Hawaii!

Even though I have lived in Hawaii for many years previously this book is an absolute must for any traveler to Hawaii. If you enjoy being off the beaten path and want to absorb the "real" Hawaii then this is the book for you. There are many tourists areas that receive a great deal of attention from the

tourist bureau but Hidden Hawaii will direct you to the places one must see to truly understand the culture of Hawaii.

I already had an earlier version. Not a lot of updates, but information still good. I like the new format indicating hidden areas (although most of them are a stretch to call hidden).

Good luck finding Island information when you are headed for a small Hawaiian Island. Only this book had the information we were looking for! Before we left, we were booked into one of Lanai's two B&B's and tore out the pages pertinent to our destination. Most people when they go to Lanai tend to stay at one of the two Four Season's resorts. We prefer the small hotel/ B&B route. Lanai has one of each. The newly remodeled Lanai Hotel right on the town square, and 'Dreams come true', our B&B. We got a very good feel for local life. Lanai has a population of 2500 people, a mixture of Korean, Japanese, Hawaiian, and Caucasians, most of whom came to work on the pineapple plantations 'the company'. Now the 'company' is the Four Season's hotel. We go to the island for the local life, and to go off-roading. Most of the roads here are unpaved FUN! This guidebook offers plenty of information about the small eateries, shops, and roads that we needed, all in a few pages we could tuck into our suitcase.

great book with lots of hidden gems for your vacation!

The book was very informative. We found the suggestions were honest and accurate. We did many of the "hidden" suggestions, especially for food, and they allowed us to try places we would definitely have missed otherwise. I was just sorry the edition I had was five years old.

Ray Riegert's Hidden Hawaii: Including Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Lanai, Molokai, and the Big Island (Hidden Travel) published by Ulysses Press incorporates full-bleed photos of the Pacific Ocean, lava flows, on the outside and inside of the book. I claimed this travel guide from the Mini Book Expo for Bloggers because my husband and I have been talking about a vacation to Hawaii since before we got married six years ago. Ideally, that would have been our honeymoon of choice, but money was unavailable at the time for that kind of vacation, so we went somewhere closer for our honeymoon--Jamaica. Now that we are older and wiser and are willing to plan ahead, we are looking toward our goal, Hawaii, and hopefully, Kauai. This travel guide is larger than I would like to take along with me on the streets as a handbook for exploration, but then again I carry a large SLR

and other photographic equipment. However, this book does have a lot to offer tourists interested in a trip to the island chain. The white and green pages provide readers with a crisp, clean page to read, and the contents are broken down by island--Oahu, Big Island, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Kauai. One of the best parts of this travel guide is that it not only tells the reader the touristy locations that are "must see," but also the hidden aspects of the islands. For instance, in Waikiki, one of the most well-known attractions is Diamond Head. One of the hidden treasures of Waikiki highlighted in the book, which peaked my interest, is Queen Kapiolani Hibiscus Garden where tour buses do not have a place to stop, but tourists can spend the day in splendor picnicking. Hidden Hawaii not only describes the major hotel chains in Hawaii, but some of the smaller hotels and bed and breakfasts. It also contains green and white maps broken down by particular regions and various coastlines, which will help tourists orient themselves. Some of the maps outline streets, and many of them are dotted with attractions. I would love to see the Star of the Sea Painted Church on the Big Island for myself, which is another of the hidden treasures that can be found in this book. According to the book, a Belgian priest painted murals of religious scenes inside the church, which reminded me of the Sistine Chapel's ceiling in Italy painted by Michelangelo. This church must be a sight to see. From outdoor activities like kayaking in the ocean to hiking to tennis, this book has something for everyone, even those just interested in lying on the beaches and getting a suntan. There are favorite tourist night spots and those that are hidden. My husband and I enjoyed looking through the book and picking out the hidden spots and the more well-known spots we would like to see on our trip someday, but we were a bit disappointed that there weren't too many photos of the islands and some the parks, destinations, museums, activities, and the like. All of the photos in the book are at the beginning. If I had to pick a drawback, that would be it. This book is for tourists interested in the hidden side of the islands and the tourist attractions. I would recommend it as a starting guide for a trip to Hawaii.

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