



Chart Your Course with *Peter & Patricia Anderson*

- The Top Ten Reasons to Move to Hawaii -

Hawaii is the symbol of paradise around the world, an image of incomparable beauty and an unending leisure. Hawaii hosts a culture in pursuit of arts, sports, a community bound together by aloha, a love of the land and a strong sense of ohana (family ties).

The fresh, floral air energizes you. The warm, tranquil waters refresh you. The breathtaking, natural beauty renews you. Look around. There's no place on earth like Hawaii. Whether you're a new or returning visitor, our six unique islands offer distinct experiences that will entice any traveler. We warmly invite you to explore our islands and discover your ideal travel experience.

Hawaii really is a special place on Earth. For the unlucky ones, they must settle for visiting paradise. Hawaii is a place where technology, tradition, progress and history all collide yet still find a way to co-exist with each other.

"There they lie, the divine islands, forever shining in the sun, forever smiling out of the sparkling sea, with its soft mottling of drifting cloud-shadows and vagrant cat's-paws of wind; forever inviting you, and whosoever looks upon them once will never more get the picture out of His memory till he die"

Mark Twain

Hawaii is an interesting place to call home. Sometimes, it is a bustling metropolis fueled by business and commerce. Other times, it is a sleepy beach town where time stands still. No matter where you look, you'll never find another place quite like it. Only a lucky few are able to call it home.

Here are Some Reasons Why it is so Great to Live in Hawaii:

1. The Diversity of the People:

- 1. The people you'll find in Hawaii are like no other - They are among the friendliest that you will ever meet. They welcome you as if you're part of the family and new friends are always embraced. During the era of boat days, hula girls would wait at the docks to greet visitors from the mainland with fragrant flower leis. This spirit is still alive when you step off the plane. The tradition of lei giving lives on, but it is more than just the giving and receiving of the floral garlands that makes Hawaii a welcoming place. It is the sheer joy and genuine kindness that is felt by those giving away the lei that leave the lasting impression.**
- 2. Hawaii is a melting pot of cultures. From its early days when the first Polynesians arrived on canoes to the present day when thousands of people fly in on jets, Hawaii has served as a wonderful place to rest and recuperate. Many visitors stay awhile before returning home with stories of tropical days and nights to tell their friends. Others are seduced by the islands and never leave.**

2. The Natural Beauty - Aina:

- 1. The beaches are not the only show of beauty on the islands of Hawaii. Hawaii boasts spectacular sunsets, majestic mountains, picture perfect rainbows, wondrous valleys, and plenty of palm trees. Hawaii is truly a tropical paradise, and that alone is plenty of reason to move to the islands.**



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2. Whether you are drawn to the ocean or the mountains, Hawaii offers a great deal of nature for you to explore. The blue coastal waters are warm and inviting to surfers, body boarders, snorkelers, wind surfers, kite boarders and sun bathers, just to name a few. Beautiful white sand stretches for miles on the jagged coastline. If you like hiking and breathing in the fresh mountain air, there are many trails for you to discover. Some trails lead deep into the valleys and culminate in a flowing waterfall. Others paths guide you higher and higher into the hills to spectacular views of the beaches below. Each path can lead you on a new adventure.

3. Ecology - The Flora and Fauna:

1. If you love ecology, Hawaii is the spot for you. Hawaii is filled with rare tropical birds, plants, and animals, each one more beautiful than the next.
2. Hawaii boasts every climate on the planet, excluding the two most extreme: arctic tundra and arid desert. The Islands have wine-growing regions, cactus-speckled ranchlands, icy mountaintops, and the rainiest forests on earth. The Galapagos has nothing on Hawaii's biodiversity - more than 90% of Hawaiian plants and animals are endemic, meaning they exist nowhere else on earth.

4. Weather and Climate:

1. We are not exaggerating at all. There are probably over 300 sunny days on Oahu each year. The climate in Hawaii is near-perfect. With constant sunshine and relatively low humidity, you can spend time outdoors just about every day. Some areas see more rainfall than others, but after every shower, you are bound to see an amazing rainbow.
2. Hawaii's climate is typical for the tropics, although temperatures and humidity tend to be a bit less extreme due to near-constant trade winds from the east. Most of Hawaii has only two seasons: the dry season from May to October, and the wet season from October to April:

Summer is June - Sept = High of 88 and Low of 70

Winter is Nov - April = High of 82 and Low of 65

5. Health and Well-Being:

1. Hawaii has for the past 40 years enjoyed an excellent reputation as the "Health State." On the average Hawaii residents live more than three years longer than the other 49 states. Statistics show that men typically live to age 78 and women to age 82.
2. A recent study that looked at 38 indicators of health care access, quality, costs and health outcomes ranked the State of Hawaii as #2 in the Nation.

6. The Beaches of Hawaii:

1. The beaches in Hawaii are magnificent, some accessible only by helicopter or landing watercraft, some built around the high drama of intense waves crashing against razor-sharp lava rocks and some that literally disappear under the high winter surf on the north shores of the islands. Hawaii offers some of the most amazing beaches in the world. The Pacific is crystal clear and tepid and the sand on most beaches is soft and white.

7. Water Sports in Hawaii:

1. If you love water sports, Hawaii offers you a wide variety of activities to choose: From Boating to Sport Fishing, from Surfing to Wind-Surfing, from Kayaking to Canoeing, from Snorkeling to Diving. Hawaii has it all!
2. Best of all: The water temperature is always between - 76 degrees to 81 degrees Fahrenheit
- 24 degrees to 27 degrees Celsius

8. Cuisine:

1. Because of the blending of different cultures, the food in Hawaii is quite different from other places. There are so many flavors that are unique to the islands that many former residents claim that what they miss most about Hawaii is the cuisine. From the hole-in-the-wall restaurants to five-star dining experiences, the food in Hawaii can only be described as "ono" (which means delicious in Hawaiian).

9. Taxes:

1. Hawaii is only one of two states that exempts Pension and Social Security income from state taxes.
2. Hawaii homeowners also enjoy generous exemptions on the State's already low property taxes. The tax rate of approximately \$3.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value results in property taxes about 40% of neighboring California.
3. The sales tax rate is currently 4.62% on Oahu and 4.1% on the neighboring islands.

10. Aloha Spirit:

1. The aloha spirit is alive and well in Hawaii like no other place in the world. In the Hawaiian language, aloha stands for much more than *hello* or *goodbye* or *love*. Its deeper meaning is *the joyful (oha) sharing (alo) of life energy (ha) in the present (alo)*.

As you share this energy you become attuned to the Divine Power that the Hawaiians call "mana." And the loving use of this incredible Power is the secret for attaining true health, happiness, prosperity and success.

The fact that *aloha* has so many definitions can only mean that it is a word without any restrictions, which is how you should express it - without boundaries, without limits.

Aloha is what you feel. It lives inside of your heart and when you express Aloha, you share it with the world.

Hawaii is not a state of mind, but a state of grace.

Paul Theroux

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