

HOSTELS

VERY LOW COST LODGING IN WAIKIKI

If you can't get a room on any of the military bases on the island and want to spend lots of time in and around Waikiki, consider hostels. For \$25 a night/\$155 a week, these offer rock-bottom accommodations.

The catch? Those prices are for dormitory rooms, but some offer a few private rooms with private bathrooms, some with shared bathrooms. These are at higher prices.

What else? They have strict rules you must follow: some require you to leave your belongings there during the day while you are out at the beach. Others are "open" 24 hours. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, loud music, "rowdy behavior", etc. That's right, just like Boot Camp.

If you want to travel like a European (and there are many Europeans who stay here in hostels) and not spend a great deal of money, consider a hostel or the YMCA. Most of these are in Waikiki or are a short bus ride away.

Again, my first choice would be a room at one of the lodging facilities on base. Next would be to get a commercial hotel room. Be sure and ask if they have a military rate. Lastly, try a hostel or the YMCA.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Hostels should be regarded as short term lodging for visitors, travelers, etc., not for long term housing. With that in mind, you may be asked for proof that you don't intend to stay a long time, ie. a round-trip ticket. For those of us who travel space-a, I can only tell you to bring all documentation you can; i.d., orders, boarding pass, sign up forms, etc. Above all, maintain a friendly attitude when you deal with these folks.

All the above information is based on my own investigation and does not reflect the opinion or recommendation of the USO.

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1. HOKONDO WAIKIKI BEACHSIDE HOSTEL

www.waikikibeachsidehostel.com

2556 Lemon Rd. 923-9566

2. PACIFIC OHANA HOSTEL

2552 Lemon Rd. 921-8111

3. POLYNESIAN HOSTEL

www.hostelhawaii.com

2584 Lemon Rd. 922-1340

4. SEASIDE HAWAIIAN HOSTEL

www.seasidehawaiianhostel.com

419 Seaside Ave. Suite E 924-3303

5. ISLAND HOSTEL

1946 Ala Moana Blvd. 942-8748

6. HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL (WAIKIKI)

www.ayhaloha@lava.net

2417 Prince Edward St. 926-8313

7. YMCA

401 Atkinson Dr. 941-3344