

Pearl Harbor at Dawn, North Shore Waves at Sunset — A 3-Day Oahu Road Trip

A self-drive loop from Pearl Harbor's sunken battleships to the surf towns of the North Shore and back along the windward coast — real hotels, real shrimp trucks, and 2026 prices for every stop.



Diamond Head State Monument Crater Hike

~1.5 hrs round-trip · ~\$5 USD / person entry (nonresidents, reservation required) + parking/shuttle

A paved-and-stepped trail climbs inside an extinct volcanic crater to a WWII bunker lookout with a 360-degree view over Waikiki and the south shore. Non-Hawaii-resident visitors must book an entry + parking (or shuttle) reservation online in advance.

Diamond Head State Monument (DLNR) · dlnr.hawaii.gov

Hotel Check-In — Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

From \$300–340 USD / night, for 2 people

A beachfront high-rise on Waikiki Beach's quieter western end, an easy walk to both Diamond Head and the Waikiki strip's restaurants.

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort · www.outrigger.com

Day 2

Up the Spine to the North Shore

A self-drive across the island's center to the surf towns of the North Shore, with a pineapple plantation detour and an afternoon watching some of the Pacific's most famous waves.

Self-Drive — Waikiki to Haleiwa

~1 hr · ~30 miles via the H-2 Freeway and Kamehameha Highway

North on the H-2 through the island's center and down into the old plantation town of Haleiwa, the gateway to the North Shore's surf beaches.

Dole Plantation — Pineapple Garden Maze & Plantation Train

~1.5 hrs · ~\$8 USD / person maze, ~\$14 USD / person train

A former pineapple-packing operation turned roadside attraction, with the Guinness-record Pineapple Garden Maze and a narrated train loop through working plantation fields.

Dole Plantation · www.doleplantation.com

Matsumoto Shave Ice, Haleiwa

~30 min · ~\$5 USD / person

