

# Packing List: Hawaiian Islands



## Weather in Hawaii

The islands are a collection of diverse micro-climates due to the many mountain peaks, valleys, and coastal plains. There are only two seasons—fall (Hooilo) from November-April, and summer (Kau) from May-October, so temperatures and weather are fairly consistent at sea level, year-round.

Daytime temperatures average about 78° F (25° C) in Hooilo season and about 85° F (29° C) in Kau season. Evenings are about 10° F cooler. The near-shore water temperatures average about 74° F (23° C) in Hooilo and 80° F (27° C) in Kau. Temperatures are lower at higher elevations. Most rain falls in the mountains and valleys on the windward (northeastern) side of the islands creating Hawaii's lush tropical environment. You'll spend most of your time on the leeward (south) side of the islands. Weather is localized, so if it's raining in one spot there's likely a sunny spot just around the coast.

## Packing Tips

Think practicality, active comfort, and layers. Weather and activities should be your guide for packing. Clothing made with sun-protective fabric is recommended. Personal gear that serves you well on other outdoor adventures in warm climates will also work well for you in Hawaii. Please keep in mind that your storage space is limited, so pack efficiently. Here's a suggested checklist:

### PROVIDED

- Adventure gear including mask/snorkel/fins & yoga mats
- Robes, hairdryer, towels, and toiletries  
(*shampoo/ conditioner/body wash*)
- Refillable water bottles
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Fun and adventure!

### LUGGAGE

- Collapsible or nesting luggage recommended to maximize cabin storage space
- Daypack for walks, hiking & skiff rides
- Dry bag for camera, binoculars, snacks, etc.

### CLOTHING

- Sweater or sweatshirt for windy evenings on deck
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts
- Short sleeve t-shirts, shirts, or blouses
- Lightweight or convertible hiking pants
- Jeans/khakis, shorts, skirts/dresses
- Bathing suit

### OUTERWEAR

- Light rain or wind jacket
- Fleece or hooded jacket/pullover
- Brimmed hat & sun hat that covers ears/neck
- Long sleeve rash guard/sun-shirt

### FOOTWEAR

- Day hikers or sturdy walking shoes
- Water socks or water shoes/sandals
- Comfortable deck shoes
- Socks

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Snorkel vest or wet suit (*if you foresee needing one*)
- Travel binoculars with safety strap
- Camera, memory cards, extra batteries/charger, lens cloth & lanyard for safety
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses & retainer strap
- SPF lip protection
- Insect repellent
- Adventurous spirit!