

HAWAII DESTINATION GUIDE '25

NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach out to GradWeek Staff, we are here to help! **If you have an issue or a situation during your trip, you must contact on-site staff so we can assist you while at the destination.** Do not hesitate to call or text. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text. GradWeek staff are available to help you on-site 24/7. We have staff housed at every hotel where we have students staying and staff are present at all GradWeek sponsored events. You may also visit the **GradWeek Hospitality Desk, located near the lobby (business hours 8am-5pm) of the student hotels.**

ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER:

(call or text)

NEED TO CALL HOME?

Upon arriving we strongly encourage that you take a minute and call home. We often get calls from parents saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take a few minutes and call or message your parent(s) to let them know you made it to Hawaii safely. The easiest way to call home is from your cell phone. This will help you avoid costly hotel surcharges the hotel will charge when you call from your room. Don't forget to provide them with your room number at the hotel. The time zone in Hawaii is HST.

NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION?

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice. If you are in need of medical attention and it is a non-emergency, you can locate a GradWeek Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a GradWeek Staff member, simply go to your hotel's front desk for assistance or call the number above. **If it is an emergency, dial 911 and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member.** Please Note: If you need medical care, you will be required to pay for any hospital services upfront, you must keep all of your medical receipts and file a claim with the insurance company upon your return home for reimbursement.

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

- **Hydration – DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!!** – After many hours of travel, combined with laying in the sun and lack of sleep, it's critical that you stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of water during your trip. You'll feel better, be less susceptible to illness, and you will have an overall better experience!
- **The Buddy System** – We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay out in groups, especially when going back to your hotel at night. Always remember that there is safety in numbers! If you leave the hotel or an event, also tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- **Uber/Lyft/Taxis** – Your hotel is within walking distance of most events, shops, and food. However, the taxis run all day and night. Taxis will cost anywhere from \$5-\$30 depending on where you want to go. You can take up to four people in a standard taxicab. We strongly recommend that no one rides alone in a taxi or ride service, especially at night. Uber and Lyft are another transportation option that is readily available, easy, and inexpensive.
- **Smoking, Drugs & Alcohol** – Just say NO! DRUG POSSESSION AND USE IS ILLEGAL. Do not buy, sell, or use drugs anywhere. You will be kicked out of your hotel and will most likely end up in jail; all at your own expense. Smoking/Vaping in the rooms is strictly prohibited by the hotel and you will be cause for immediate eviction by the hotel; all at your own expense. **The legal drinking age in Hawaii is 21 years of age.** All hotels in Hawaii have strict enforcement policies for underage drinking. If you are caught with

alcohol in your room the entire room will be evicted at your expense and the police will be notified. In short, **DON'T DRINK!!**

- **Hotel/Room Damage** – You and your roommates are all responsible for paying for any and all damage to your room. This also includes any extensive cleaning due to stains, smoking, liquid spills etc. Take care of your room!

Upon arriving to your room make sure you and your roommates take 5 minutes to check your room and report any damage to the room if any so that you are not charged for it when you check out. Please walk down to the Front Desk and report any damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliding doors.

- **Hotel Safe Deposit Box** – We strongly recommend that you put all of your valuables in your safe deposit box upon check-in. **THIS INCLUDES CELL PHONES, GO PROS, MONEY, ETC.!!!** If a box is not provided to you in your room, you can get one at the front desk. ***Report any missing/stolen items IMMEDIATELY to the HOTEL!** DO NOT leave your valuables out when you are not in the room; always put them away!
- **Checkout – Airport buses leave on time so don't be late or you can get left behind!** The night before departure, travelers will need to pack their bags and **MUST** clean their rooms, take out all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from GradWeek Staff or the hotel front desk and tidy up room. On the day of your departure, proceed to the Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room. **You must be in the lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time.** *Buses will leave without you!! If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, hotel checkout is at 11:00AM and you can check your bags at the bell desk. We suggest some last-minute shopping.
- **Motorized Water Sports** – We strongly recommend NOT renting Jet-skis or other motorized water sport equipment. Moped collisions are a common occurrence and you are responsible for any damages. All equipment is owned locally and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. Be careful! Many students have been charged for damage they may not have done. Check the equipment for damage and report it before using.
- **Crossing the Street** – Be sure and look both ways to avoid being hit by moving vehicles. Look both ways before crossing the street will ensure safety.
- **Mopeds** – We strongly recommend that you NOT rent mopeds. Mopeds are not allowed on the hotel property and cannot be parked in the parking garage. You are also responsible for damages.
- **Ocean** – The Ocean has a strong undertow! During the day, please check to see if your hotel has warning flags in front of the beach area. Most hotels will post these flags to let you know the current ocean conditions. **DO NOT** go in the ocean at night regardless of the posted flags. It is extremely dangerous at night!
- **Balconies** – Do not sit on the ledge of your balcony or try and jump balconies from one room to another. Do not sit anything on the railing, it is very easy to fall off your balconies and can cause life threatening injuries!

GRADWEEK DIGITAL ORIENTATION & ACTION PAC PREREGISTRATION

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2025! To help speed up your check-in process when you arrive, please read through the information below.

- No sooner than 48-hours before your arrival date, complete the MANDATORY GradWeek Digital Welcome Orientation and Action Pac "pre-registration" process. Scan the QR on your Action Pac, or visit: <https://www.anotherevent.com/ist/shopstart.php?programcode=hawaii2025istours>
- For those participating in H2O Sports Hawaii activities through your Action Pac, a waiver is required. After you make your reservation using the QR code provided during orientation, or visit: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/h2osports/items/386785/?full-items=yes> you will receive an email from H2O with the subject line "ACTION REQUIRED." This email will include a link to complete the required digital waiver. **"If you are under 18 at the time of travel, you must forward the "ACTION REQUIRED" email to your parent or guardian so they can provide their required signature. If you do not have your signed waiver form, you will not be able to participate.**



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HAWAII AREA MAP

EXCLUSIVE GRADWEEK DISCOUNTS

Flash your GradWeek Wristband to receive discounts at the following restaurants and eateries. Must show wristband and ask for discount prior to ordering!

For additional details, please stop by the GradWeek Hospitality Desk located at the student hotel or ask a GradWeek Staff Member.

- **Domino's Pizza @ Hyatt Place Hotel:** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **Hard Rock Cafe:** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **Oahu Mexican Grill (OMG):** Free soft drink with purchase of any entrée.
- **Giovanni Pastrami:** 15% OFF regular menu price.
- **Blue Ocean Seafood & Steak (food truck):** \$2 OFF on all entrées + free soft drink.

Star Beach Boys Board Rentals

- **Surfboards:** \$10 for 2 hours or \$20 half day (5 hours).
- **Paddle Boards:** \$20 for 2 hours or \$40 half day (5 hours).
- **Boogie Boards:** \$5 for 2 hours or \$15 all-day.

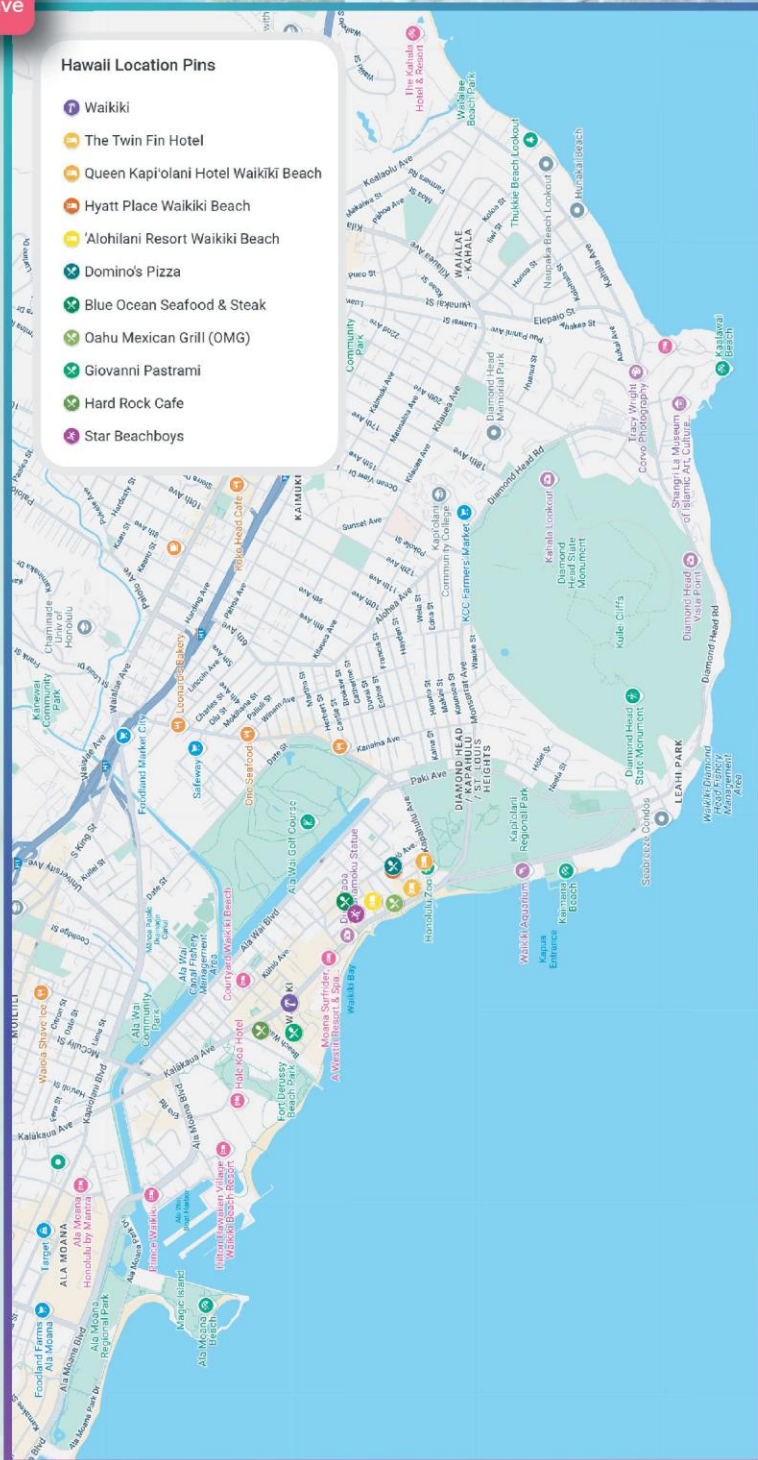


GRADWEEK ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

- **Breakfast Suggestion:** Breakfast coupons are valid at Oahu Mexican Grill (OMG) and Blue Ocean Waikiki. Mexican Grill (OMG) is located 2520 Kalakaua Ave 2nd floor. Blue Ocean is located at 2449 Kuhio Avenue (don't forget your breakfast coupon!).
- **Explore Waikiki:** Day or Night take some time and explore the famed Kalakaua Avenue! You'll find every store imaginable, discover one of the world's most renowned beaches along with a sunset for the ages, and you can find some great dining options.
- **Pearl Harbor and Swap Meet:** Visit one of Hawaii's top tourist sites. Ask the Staff about transportation times to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and Aloha Stadium. Enjoy the various exhibits of the USS Arizona Memorial and historical events surrounding Pearl Harbor. Optional tours are available for a cost. From there, we will then walk over to the Aloha Stadium and experience Hawaii's best-known Swap Meet where you will find great bargains on souvenirs and more! **Please bring \$2 for the Swap Meet entrance fee.**
- **Catamaran Ride:** Take your free Kepoikai Catamaran ride! Simply go to Kalakaua Avenue and make a right and go a couple of blocks to Dukes Waikiki Restaurant. Go onto the beach and look for a large Blue GradWeek flag. Ask your GradWeek Staff for further directions if needed. **Sail times are 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm.** Sailings are on a first-come, first-serve basis, and must show up in person to sail. **For more info call/text (808) 224-4742.**
- **Watersport Day (Action Pac):** It is a perfect day to set up a watersport activity through our friends at H2O Sports. You can also get Surf Lessons from our friends over at Star Beachboys. Ask your GradWeek Staff for details.
- **GradWeek Luau (Action Pac):** This is a must for any tourist in Hawaii! Enjoy great food and an outstanding show with all of the traditional Hawaiian entertainment!
- **Secret Island Beach Day (Action Pac):** Journey with all our grads to Kualoa Ranch where you will board boats & head to Secret Island for a day of fun with kayaking, canoe riding, a trip on the glass bottom boat and more. It is a memorable day of music & beach activities (lunch included). Ask your on-site staff for more details. most tourists miss.
- **Aloha Dinner @ Giovanni Pastrami, Oahu Mexican Grill (OMG) or Blue Ocean Seafood:** Enjoy a special GradWeek menu for a great meal at the various restaurant partners. The coupon is valid 7 days a week, 12pm -9pm (operating hours each day subject to change). **Don't forget your GW dinner coupon!**

Hawaii Location Pins

- Waikiki
- The Twin Fin Hotel
- Queen Kapi'olani Hotel Waikiki Beach
- Hyatt Place Waikiki Beach
- 'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach
- Domino's Pizza
- Blue Ocean Seafood & Steak
- Oahu Mexican Grill (OMG)
- Giovanni Pastrami
- Hard Rock Cafe
- Star Beachboys



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Tours and events may only be redeemed with an Action Pac Wristband and the appropriate ticket. You must bring your appropriate ticket to each event to be admitted. Events are subject to change without notice. Please check in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes. Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in any given tour or event you have purchased. Activities are not mandatory; they are voluntary. Your decision to participate is not actionable against GradWeek. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against GradWeek.

ALL EVENTS & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.