

Travel Tips

A Hawaii Vacation Can Be Budget Friendly

(NAPSA)—Those looking for a vacation that's entertaining and affordable might be surprised to learn that they can find one in Hawaii.

For starters, Hawaii offers something for everyone. For example, Hawaii Island, also known as "The Big Island," is famous for its spectacular scuba diving, dolphins, green and black sand beaches—and its coffee. It is also home to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and its active volcano, Kilauea, which can be a spectacular sight.

Kauai is known for its lush forests and plant life, so it's no surprise it's nicknamed "The Garden Island." Plus, there's hiking on Kalalau Trail, snorkeling at Ke'e Beach, golfing at The Princeville Club, sailing along Napali Coast and exploring Waimea Canyon.

Scheduling your island getaway during the fall or spring—known to travel pros as the shoulder season—often means you have access to savings and value when it comes to travel or accommodations. It's not unusual to find properties, especially condominiums, offering bargains that may include a free night with every three- or four-night stay.

Other programs may be offered just for children, such as the Island Explorer Kit given to children between 5 and 10 years of age at the Outrigger Condominium Collection in Hawaii. Developed in partnership with Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society, the child-size backpack includes a "Friends of the Reef Adventure Guide," binoculars and sunglasses.

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bining the privacy and spaciousness of a vacation rental with the customer service of a traditional hotel.

Another great benefit is the fully equipped kitchen—just stock up at the grocer with your favorite breakfast items, snacks and beverages, or visit local farmers' markets for fresh produce and fish to really get a taste of the area.

Choosing a condo can mean packing lighter, too. Most units have washers and dryers or on-site laundry facilities, letting guests launder personal items at their convenience.

In Hawaii, the Outrigger Condominium Collection is comprised of 15 properties on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. All are located in popular resort destinations across the state and offer spacious accommodations from studio apartments to one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

For more information, visit www.OutriggerCondos.com.