

Trip cost estimate

For your 10-day trip to Big Island and Maui, for 2 people, starting on February 10th, 2027.

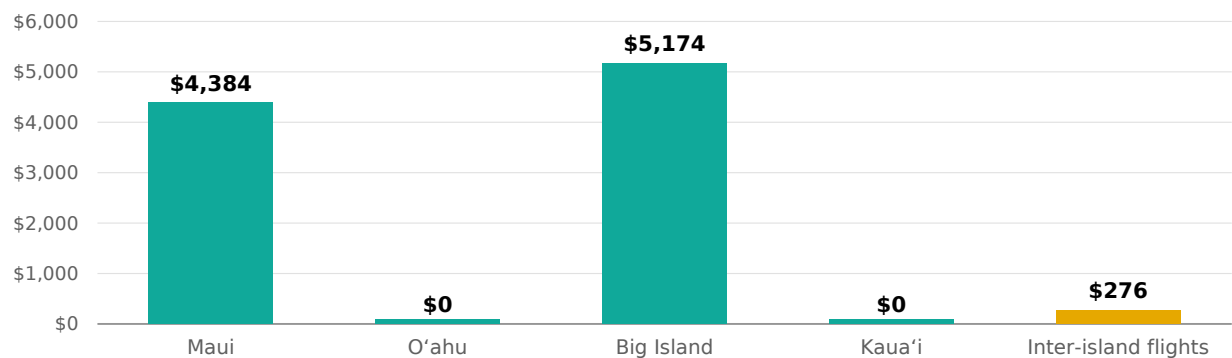
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Your trip to Hawai'i

This report estimates what your trip to Hawai'i for 2 people will cost, island by island. Your selections:

- **Trip Dates:** From February 10th, 2027 to February 20th, 2027 (10 days).
- **Islands Visited:** Big Island (6 days), Maui (4 days)
- **Estimated Total Trip Cost: \$9,833.74**, including all on-island expenses and **\$276.00** for inter-island flights (2 fares on 2 flights). Flights to and from Hawai'i are not included.

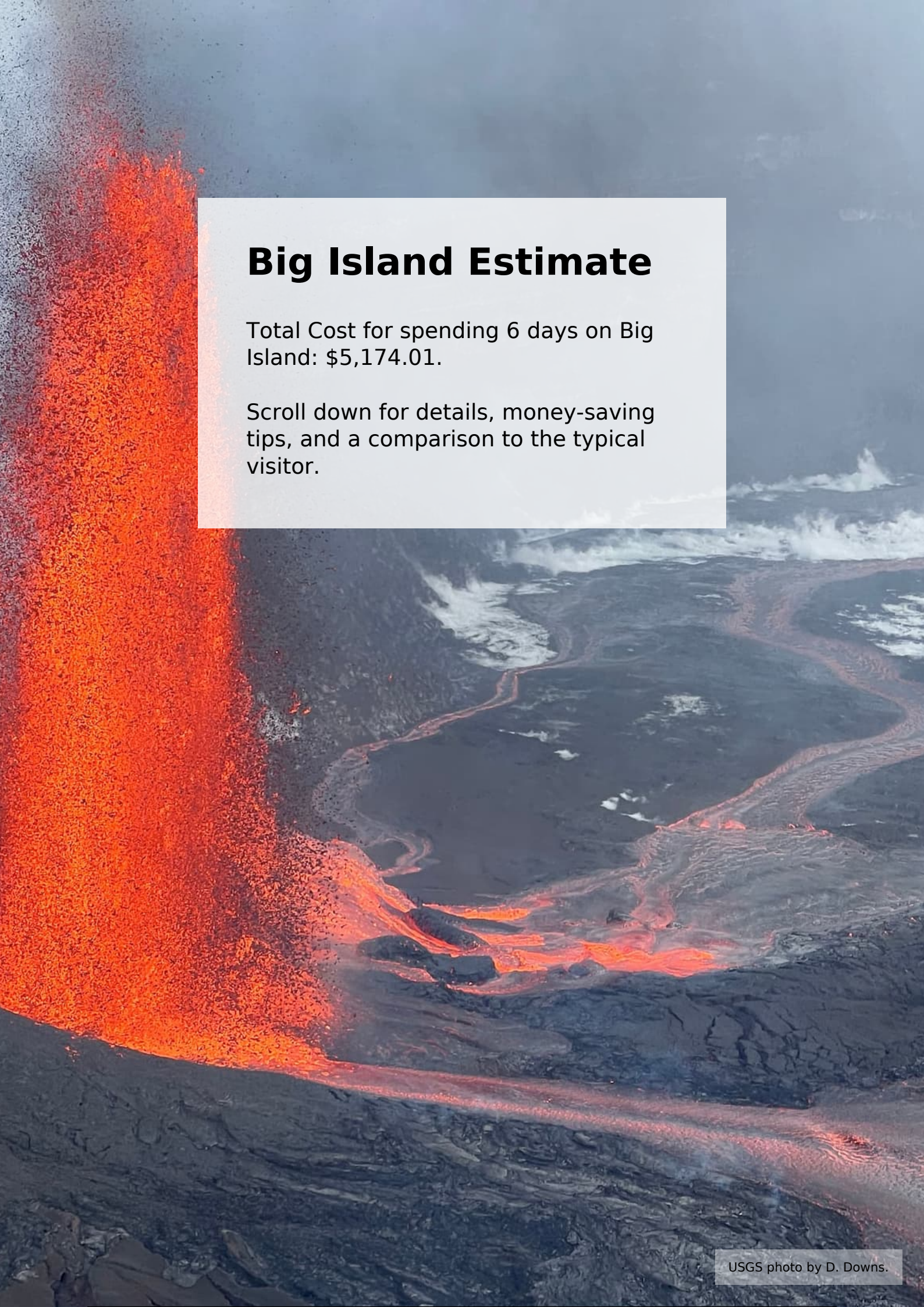
Estimated total cost for each island on your trip



Lodging, rental car, food, activities, and shopping for the nights you spend on each island; an island not on your trip shows \$0. Inter-island flights are the fares between the islands you visit. Flights to and from Hawai'i are not included.

In this guide (what to expect next)

See your estimated costs for each island based on your lodging, food, activities, and car rental choices.



Big Island Estimate

Total Cost for spending 6 days on Big Island: \$5,174.01.

Scroll down for details, money-saving tips, and a comparison to the typical visitor.

Big Island Trip Summary

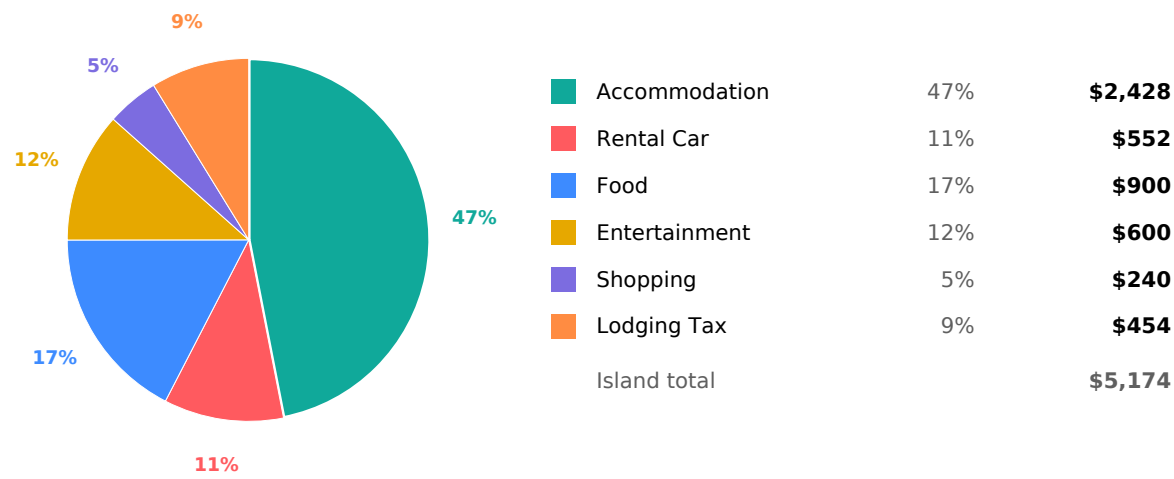
You'll be spending **6 days** on Big Island with 2 people, staying in a **vacation rental** in the **Kona** region. We calculate your lodging cost by extrapolating from average prices for this region as they were in February 2026.^(see note below)

Your estimated nightly cost is **\$404.63**.

We estimate your expenses to be the following:

- **Accommodation:** \$2,427.78.
- **Lodging tax (about 18.7%):** \$454.29 (state and county accommodations tax plus general excise tax, on your lodging).
- **Rental Car:** \$551.94 for 1 car over 6 days (including fuel costs).
- **Food:** \$900.00 including groceries, snacks, and restaurant food.
- **Shopping:** \$240.00 including souvenirs, clothing, etc.
- **Entertainment & Activities:** \$600.00.
- **Total Cost for Big Island:** \$5,174.01.

How your Big Island estimate splits by category

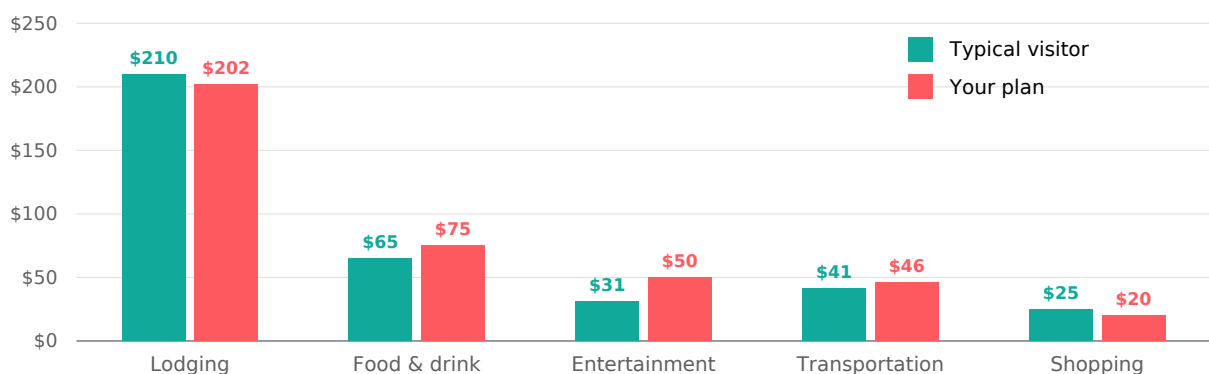


Note: We analyzed accommodation prices for February from 2022 through 2026 and found an average yearly change of **3%**. Your lodging rate for February 2027 is projected using this percentage and the most recent available data from February 2026.

How your budget compares to the typical visitor

Your plan comes out right in line with a typical Big Island trip: **\$393** per person per day, against a typical **\$380**. The biggest gap is **entertainment**, where your plan runs \$19 per person per day above a typical trip. The money-saving tips later in this report are where that gap is easiest to close.

Your daily spend next to a typical Big Island visitor, per person per day



Lodging is measured against an average-priced property of the type you picked; the other categories against projected 2027 Hawai'i Tourism Authority visitor averages.

Lodging benchmark: average projected nightly rates for your lodging type on Big Island, from Hawai'i Tourism Authority / DBEDT rate data, run through the same occupancy and resort-fee rules as your own estimate. Other categories: HTA / DBEDT visitor spending data, projected to 2027. Sources and methodology: see "Calculation details, caveats, and data sources" at the end of this report.

February on the Big Island

Temperatures average about 75°F on the Kona side, with about 1 inch of rain over the whole month. The leeward west coast stays dry most of the year; Hilo and the east side see far more rain, so pack a rain layer for that part of your trip. In February, that wetter side averages around 10 inches.

February is one of the busier months on the Big Island, and lodging rates sit close to the yearly average. Book rooms, rental cars, and popular tours early.

The charts below put your travel month in context, using three decades of NOAA weather normals, official Hawai'i visitor counts, and our own lodging-rate tables for Big Island. Use them to see whether moving your dates would get

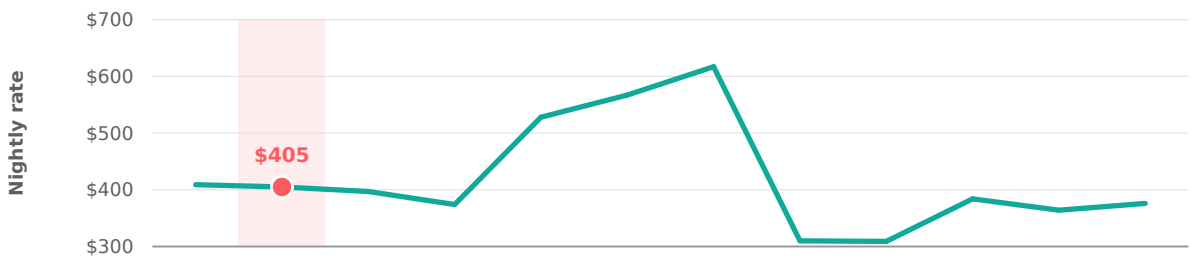
you a drier month or a cheaper room.

How busy the Big Island is through the year

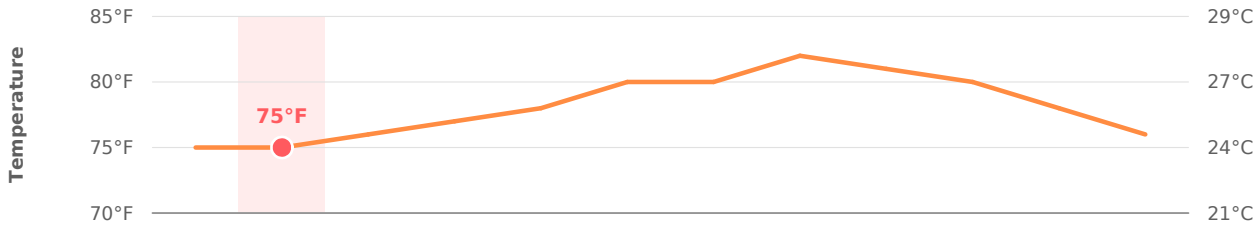
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Projected 2027 nightly rates for vacation rentals in the Kona region



Average monthly temperature on the Kona side



Average monthly rainfall on the Kona side

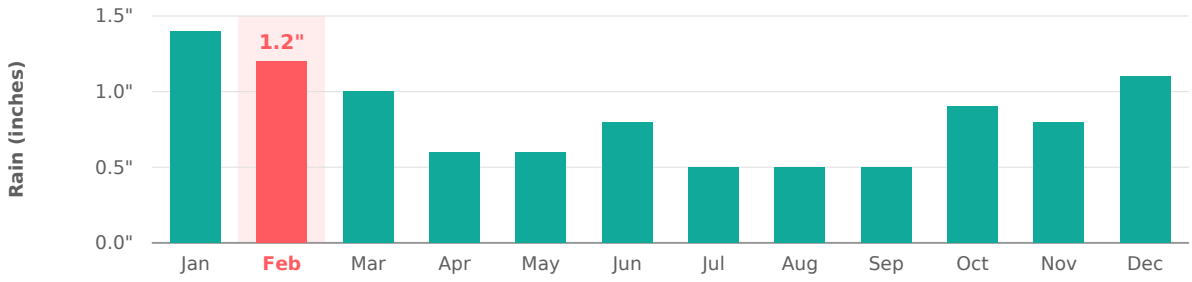


Figure: February on the Big Island against the rest of the year (your travel month in coral). Crowd levels from HTA monthly visitor counts; temperature and rainfall are 30-year NOAA normals; nightly rates are our projection from HTA lodging data.

Big Island Essentials

Mauna Kea's summit gets snow most winters, and the beaches below it come in white, black, and green sand. It is your island if you want volcanoes and open country, and the wrong one if you want nightlife.

Big Island in a nutshell:

- **Best for:** [Colorful beaches](#), [Farm Tours](#), [Volcano Activities](#), [Hiking](#).
- **Also good for:** Water Activities, [Cultural Sites](#).
- **Short on:** Nightlife, Culinary, Shopping.

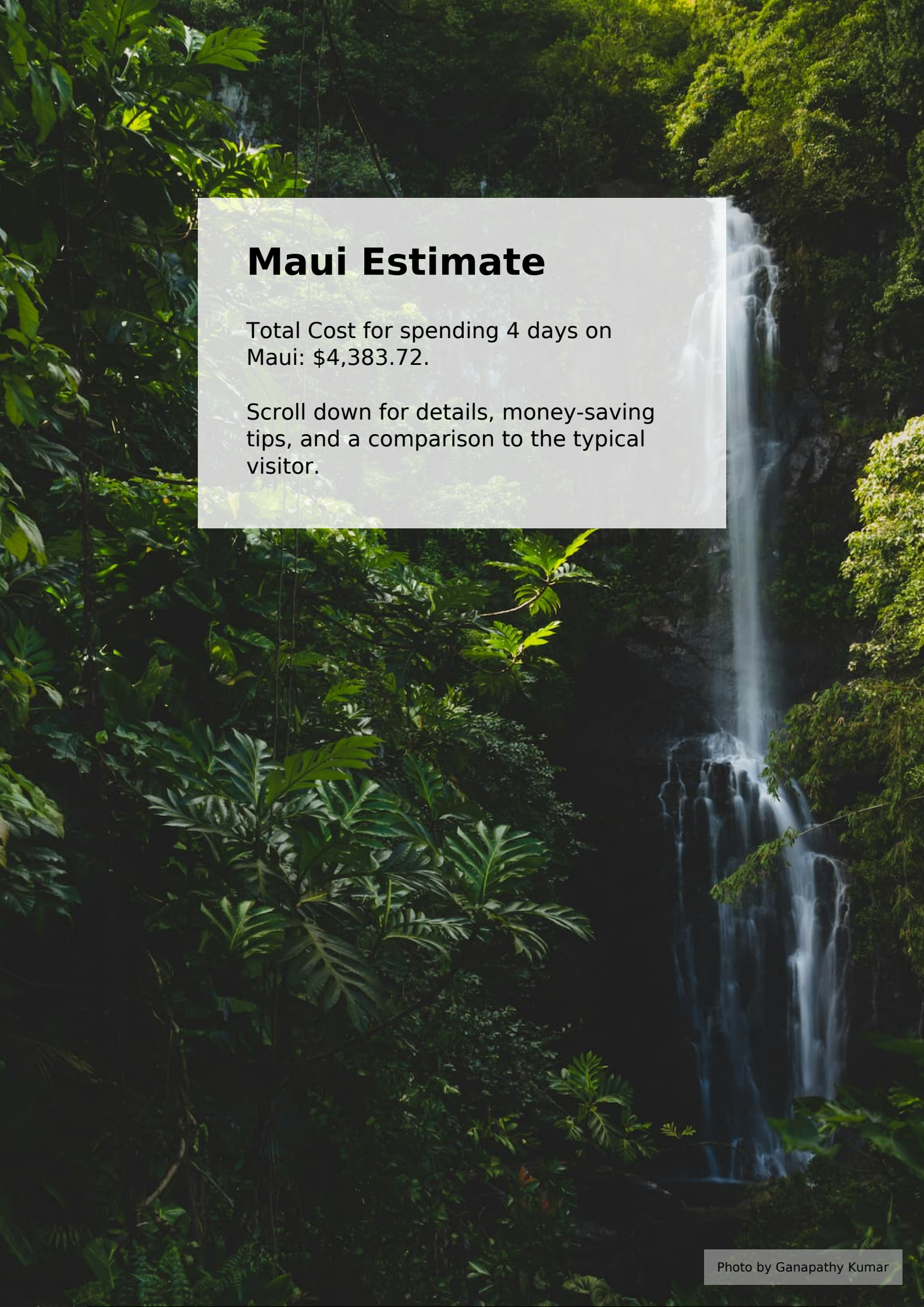
Our top 3:

1. The [manta ray night snorkel or dive](#) off Kona.
2. [Kīlauea's crater glow](#) at night, when it is erupting (check the USGS Kīlauea status page before you plan a night around it).
3. Sunset from the [Mauna Kea summit](#) (4WD only; children under 13 and anyone pregnant stop at the Visitor Information Station at 9,200 feet).

Trip planning resources

Check out our guide on the [best time to visit the Big Island](#), and have a look at our [Big Island blog](#). Also:

- Our [Big Island accommodations guide](#): every region, the case for and against staying in each, and our picks by travel style.
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Maui Estimate

Total Cost for spending 4 days on Maui: \$4,383.72.

Scroll down for details, money-saving tips, and a comparison to the typical visitor.

Maui Trip Summary

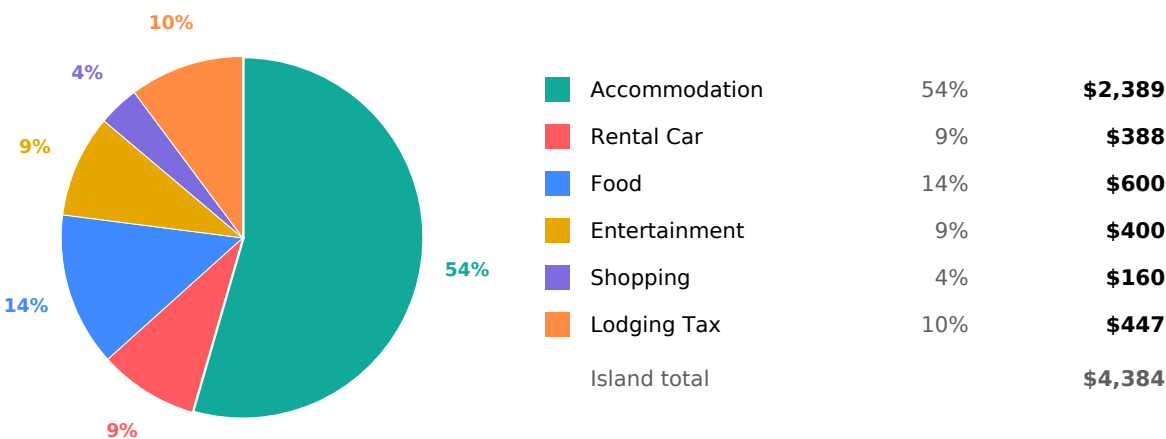
You'll be spending **4 days** on Maui with 2 people, staying in a **hotel**. We calculate your lodging cost by extrapolating from island-wide average prices as they were in February 2026.^(see note below)

Since you are traveling with 2 people, we assume that you will need **1 room** at an average daily rate (ADR) of **\$557.13** per night.

We estimate your expenses to be the following:

- **Accommodation:** \$2,388.52 (includes \$160.00 in resort/amenity fees: \$40.00/room/night × 1 room).
- **Lodging tax (about 18.7%):** \$446.94 (state and county accommodations tax plus general excise tax, on your lodging).
- **Rental Car:** \$388.26 for 1 car over 4 days (including fuel costs and \$100.00 parking fees).
- **Food:** \$600.00 including groceries, snacks, and restaurant food.
- **Shopping:** \$160.00 including souvenirs, clothing, etc.
- **Entertainment & Activities:** \$400.00.
- **Total Cost for Maui:** \$4,383.72.

How your Maui estimate splits by category

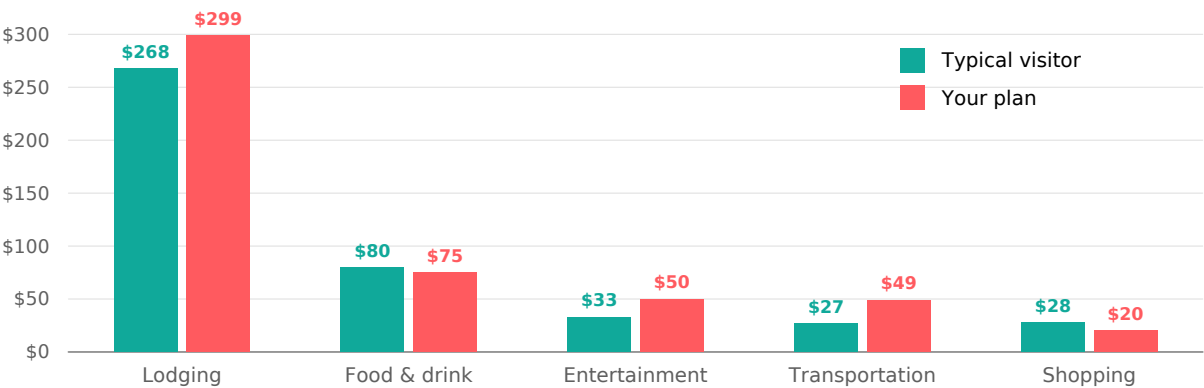


Note: We analyzed accommodation prices for February from 2022 through 2026 and found an average yearly change of **-0.59%**. Your lodging rate for February 2027 is projected using this percentage and the most recent available data from February 2026.

How your budget compares to the typical visitor

Your plan comes out about **11% above** a typical Maui trip: **\$492** per person per day, against a typical **\$442**. The biggest gap is **transportation**, where your plan runs \$22 per person per day above a typical trip. The money-saving tips later in this report are where that gap is easiest to close.

Your daily spend next to a typical Maui visitor, per person per day



Lodging is measured against an average-priced property of the type you picked; the other categories against projected 2027 Hawai'i Tourism Authority visitor averages.

Lodging benchmark: average projected nightly rates for your lodging type on Maui, from Hawai'i Tourism Authority / DBEDT rate data, run through the same occupancy and resort-fee rules as your own estimate. Other categories: HTA / DBEDT visitor spending data, projected to 2027. Sources and methodology: see "Calculation details, caveats, and data sources" at the end of this report.

February on Maui

Temperatures average about 73°F around Kahului, with about 2 inches of rain over the whole month. West and South Maui stay mostly dry; the Hāna side and the windward slopes above Ha'ikū catch far more rain. In February, that wetter side averages around 6 inches.

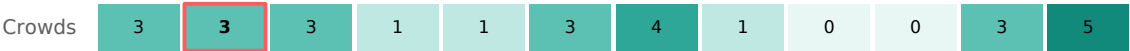
February is slightly busier than average on Maui, and lodging rates run well above the yearly average. Booking ahead is still worth it for the most popular tours.

The charts below put your travel month in context, using three decades of NOAA weather normals, official Hawai'i visitor counts, and our own lodging-rate

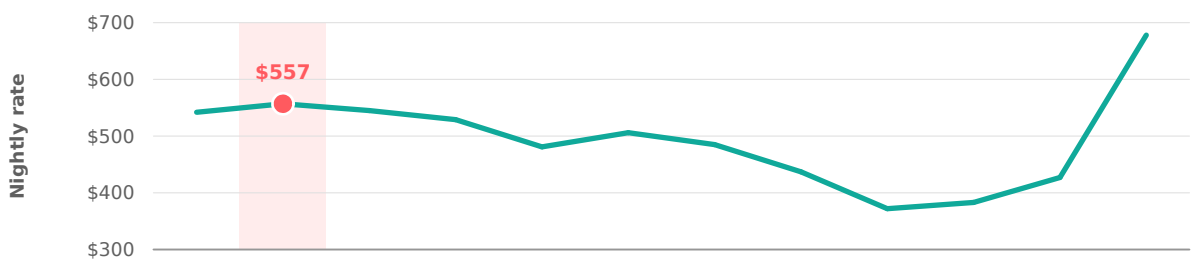
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How busy Maui is through the year

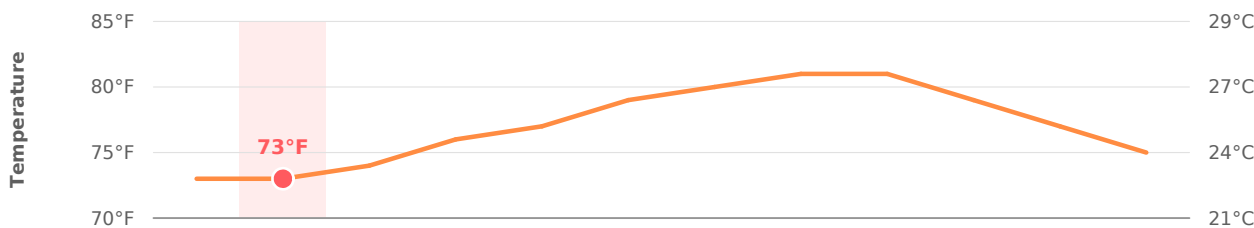
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Projected 2027 nightly rates for hotels island-wide



Average monthly temperature around Kahului



Average monthly rainfall around Kahului

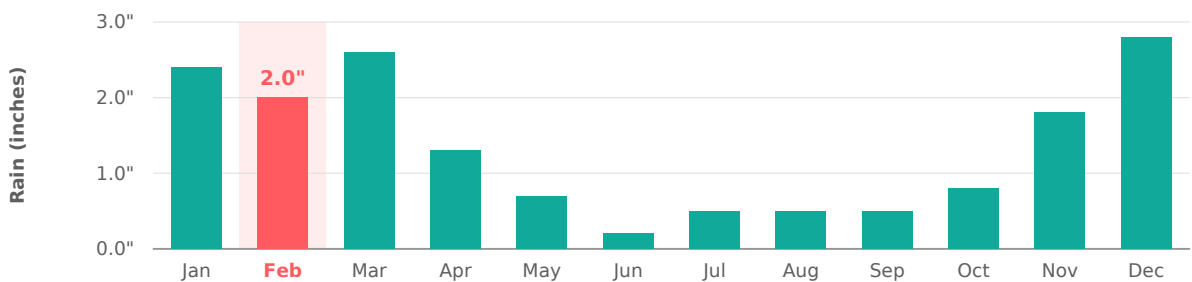


Figure: February on Maui against the rest of the year (your travel month in coral). Crowd levels from HTA monthly visitor counts; temperature and rainfall are 30-year NOAA normals; nightly rates are our projection from HTA lodging data.

Maui Essentials

Maui is two volcanoes joined by a flat isthmus: Haleakalā, 10,023 feet, with a road to the summit, and the older West Maui Mountains above the Kā'anapali resorts. Humpback whales fill the 'Au'au Channel between Lahaina and Lāna'i from December through April, and the Hāna side stays wet, remote, and mostly undeveloped.

Maui in a nutshell:

- **Best for:** [Beaches](#), Farm Tours, [Water Activities](#), Romance.
- **Also good for:** [Hiking](#), Surfing, [Culinary](#), Nightlife, Museums.
- **Short on:** Budget lodging.

Our top 4:

1. The [summit of Haleakalā](#) (sunrise, 3 to 7 am, needs a Recreation.gov reservation; sunset does not).
2. The [beaches](#) of south and west Maui.
3. A boat trip on the 'Au'au Channel ([whales](#) December through April).
4. Driving the [Road to Hāna](#) (allow the full day).

Trip planning resources

Check out our guide on the [best time to visit Maui](#) if your dates are still open, and have a look at our [Maui blog](#). Also:

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Recommendations Based on Your Tour Preferences

- About 28% of Big Island visitors take a guided boat, whale-watch, or submarine tour.
- About 33% of Maui visitors take a guided boat, whale-watch, or submarine tour.

Your total activity budget is **\$500 per person**. You did not select any tours, so we cannot say whether that budget is enough or suggest cheaper options.

How We Estimate Food Costs (and Why Yours May Differ)

The food, shopping and activity figures in this report come from the budget you entered on the form (per adult per day, or as a trip total). The comparison block in each island section sets them against the average visitor's spend as reported by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

What a daily food budget buys, at three levels:

- **\$35-50/day:** Local eats, grocery runs, take-out meals, and maybe a shaved ice or two. You're likely eating at food trucks, convenience stores, or preparing some meals at home.
- **\$60-90/day:** A mix of casual dining and the occasional mid-range restaurant. You'll have more flexibility and comfort, perhaps with one drink or dessert each day.
- **\$100-150+/day:** Resort breakfasts, appetizers, entrees, cocktails, and maybe some splurges like lū'au dinners or fine dining.

Three Food Styles: A Quick Comparison

You're a couple staying on Big Island for 6 days. Here's how your food budget might vary depending on your preferences:

- **Budget-focused:** You stock up at Costco or KTA, eat simple breakfasts at your rental, pick up poke bowls from Suisan or Da Poke Shack (~\$15-20), and sometimes dine out at casual places like Ken's House of Pancakes.
 - *Estimated cost:* ~\$411 total
 - *That's ~\$34 per person per day*
- **Balanced:** You have brunch at Island Lava Java, dine out every other night in Hilo or Kona, and splurge on a dinner out at Hilo Bay Cafe or an oceanfront table in Kailua-Kona.
 - *Estimated cost:* ~\$857 total
 - *That's ~\$71 per person per day*
- **Upscale:** You opt for hotel buffets, book dinners at Brown's Beach House or CanoeHouse, enjoy local wines or cocktails, and try tasting menus at Merriman's Waimea or 'Ulu Ocean Grill.
 - *Estimated cost:* ~\$1,457-1,714 total
 - *That's ~\$121-143 per person per day*

Money-saving tips

Picked for your trip, starting with the lines where your plan runs above the typical visitor.

Getting around

- **Skip the electric rental, and use warehouse gas where you can.** Where a warehouse club is on your route, its gas is the cheapest around. An electric rental saves about one tank a week and costs hours at scarce chargers.

Activities

- **Count the park fees, and get the pass if it pays.** Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā charge \$30 per car; the \$55 Hawai'i Tri-Park annual pass covers both, so it pays on a Big Island and Maui trip. State parks charge non-residents \$5 per person plus \$10 to park at Waimea Canyon, Hā'ena and 'Īao Valley; Hā'ena and 'Īao need a reservation.
- **Save the boat budget for the trips that need a boat.** Kapalua and Honolua on Maui, Two Step on the Big Island, Sharks Cove on O'ahu, Po'ipū on Kaua'i: the fish are the same ones the boats motor out to. Spend the tour money where a boat is the only way in: manta rays at night, Molokini, the Nāpali Coast.

Food and drink

- **Make the Costco run part of arrival day.** There is a Costco a short drive from every arrival airport except Hilo: Kailua-Kona, Kahului, Līhu'e, and four on O'ahu. One stop covers breakfasts, beach lunches, and snacks at mainland prices. Landing in Hilo, KTA and Target do the same job.
- **Poke counters and plate lunch for the everyday meals.** Foodland and KTA sell poke by the pound, a plate-lunch counter feeds two for the price of one resort sandwich, and a walk-up window has no tip line. Save the table service for the one dinner you have been looking forward to.

Lodging

- **Skip high season for lower rates.** Your trip starts in **February**, when lodging rates run above the yearly average on Maui. Rooms run cheaper in late April, May, September, October, and the first half of November.

Book your tours

When you are ready to turn this budget into bookings, start with our tour pages. We keep a short list for each island, with prices and a note on who each tour suits. Every listing links straight to the operator, at the same price as booking direct. The next section tells you which of your picks to book first.

- [Browse our recommended Big Island tours.](#)
- [Browse our recommended Maui tours.](#)

Calculation details, caveats, and data sources

This section explains where each number in this report comes from and what the data cannot tell you.

The numbers come from visitor spending and lodging data published by the State of Hawai'i, projected forward from the trend of the past several years.

1: How we estimate your trip

For food, shopping and activities the estimate is a simple product: your daily budget × number of days × number of people (or your trip total, split by nights). Lodging and rental cars use published tourism data instead: average monthly nightly rates and yearly per-person rental spending, projected to your travel dates. Inter-island flights use a flat current fare per person.

Extrapolation methodology for future cost estimates

Future costs are projected from historical data. Lodging uses the average year-over-year change for the same calendar month; visitor spending and rental-car figures use the trend across years.

- **Accommodation costs (ADR):** for each calendar month we take the average year-over-year change across the historical values from 2022 through 2026 and apply it forward. A July estimate uses July data from each available year in that range.
- **Visitor spending and rental car costs:** These figures are reported on a per-person, per-day basis by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Annual averages are extrapolated using a linear model based on data from 2021 through 2024.

Real prices will differ. The model does not know about a sold-out weekend or a jump in fuel prices.

Rental Car Costs

Your rental car estimate is based on average per-person daily spending on rental vehicles, as reported by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA),

extrapolated to 2027 using historical trends. These figures represent averages across all visitors, including those who never rent a car, so they understate what a renter pays.

To correct for this, we estimate the share of trip days on which visitors use a rental car, based on HTA-reported rental car participation rates and known differences in transportation infrastructure between islands:

- **O'ahu:** Although about 57% of visitors use a rental car, many rely on public transportation or walkable areas like Waikīkī for part of their stay. We estimate rental cars are used for roughly half the trip → usage ratio = 0.50 → cost adjusted × **2.00**
- **Maui:** About 82% of visitors rent a car; public transport is limited and driving is essential for most activities → usage ratio = 0.82 → cost adjusted × **1.22**
- **Kaua'i:** About 80% of visitors rent a car and keep it for most of the stay → usage ratio = 0.80 → cost adjusted × **1.25**
- **Big Island:** About 79% of visitors rent a car; long distances and limited transit options make one necessary → usage ratio = 0.79 → cost adjusted × **1.27**

To convert per-person-per-day rental spending into the cost of a single vehicle, we multiply the adjusted per-person value by the **average group size** reported in HTA data (2.3 people).

Additional fixed costs include:

- A weekly fuel cost of \$100 per car
- For hotel stays only: a nightly parking fee that depends on your chosen accommodation tier and visited island

Accommodation costs

We estimate lodging costs using Average Daily Rates (ADR), adjusted in several ways:

- **Future date adjustment:** We look at historical ADR data for the same month in previous years and calculate the average year-over-year change. We then apply this rate to project ADR values into the month of your visit.
- **Group size adjustment, hotels:** two adults or teens per room, up to four people per room once younger children are counted; babies do not add a room. The room count multiplies the nightly rate and the resort

fee.

- **Group size adjustment - Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs):** Each rental unit accommodates up to 10 people, with the base ADR covering the first 2 guests. For each unit, we add \$25 per extra guest per night beyond the second. If your group exceeds 10 people, we estimate the number of units needed and apply this logic to each one.

Resort fees: Many Hawai'i hotels add a mandatory nightly resort or amenity fee on top of the room rate. We estimate it from the island and the class of hotel you chose, then multiply by your nights and rooms. It is a typical 2026 figure for that class, not your hotel's exact fee, so confirm the amount at checkout. Budget and mid-range hotels tend to charge less, upper-tier resorts more, roughly \$15 to \$60 per room per night before tax. A few hotels charge nothing. The figure is closest where an island has many hotel classes, such as O'ahu and Maui, and rougher where it has few, such as Kaua'i. Vacation rentals carry no separate resort fee here: their booking and cleaning costs already sit inside the nightly rate we use.

Lodging taxes. Hawai'i adds about 18.7% in taxes to your room and any mandatory resort fee: an 11% state accommodations tax (raised January 1, 2026), a 3% county tax, and up to 4.712% of the general excise tax passed on to you. We add this on top of the nightly rate, because published average rates are quoted before tax. Vacation rentals are taxed the same way. Parking is billed and taxed separately, so it is not in this line. Rates last checked September 2026, so confirm your final total at checkout.

Interisland Flights

If your trip includes more than one island, we estimate interisland flight costs based on one flight per island visited: the hops between islands plus the return to your starting island. Visiting 2 islands means 2 flights, visiting 3 islands means 3 flights. If you fly home from your last island instead of returning to the first, drop one flight from the total.

Weather and crowd levels

The weather figures in each island section are NOAA 1991–2020 climate normals for that island's main airport station (Kona, Kahului, Honolulu, and Līhu'e). Each of those sits well away from the wettest part of its island, which is why every island section also names the wet side. Crowd and lodging-rate

levels are derived from Hawai'i Tourism Authority monthly visitor statistics and the same nightly-rate data used for your lodging estimate: each month is ranked against the rest of the year for that island.

Why we ask for nights (not days)

When we ask how many **nights** you'll spend on each island, we assume that each night represents a **full 24-hour stay**, from approximately noon on your arrival day to noon the next day. That means 1 night = 1 full day of activities and costs. So, a trip with 15 nights will be calculated as 15 *on-island days*, even though it spans 16 calendar days.

2: Caveats & limitations

The model has limits.

Limitations of Average-Based Estimates

The numbers are projected averages from the latest data. Your own spend will be above or below them depending on how you eat and where you book.

This estimate is a benchmark, not a quote.

Accommodation cost variability

Lodging is often the most significant part of your budget, and our estimates rely on **Hawai'i Tourism Authority** data, which has some limitations:

- Rural areas have fewer sampled properties.
- Some islands only have island-wide ADRs (e.g., Kaua'i).
- The Big Island's hotel rates skew high because available ADR data is dominated by the resort-heavy Kohala Coast (around \$600 a night) rather than Hilo, where rooms run well under half of that.

For Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs), we rebuild monthly rates from year-to-date figures, which cover more regions; the method is described under the STVR heading below.

How we benchmark your lodging

The "How your budget compares" section measures your lodging against the

average nightly rate for *the type of place you picked* on that island, using the same room-sharing and resort-fee rules as your own estimate. Only the nightly rate changes. So the comparison answers one question: is the property you have in mind expensive for its type, on that island, in that month?

We do not benchmark lodging against the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's published lodging spending figure, even though we use HTA data for food, transportation, entertainment, and shopping. That figure divides every lodging dollar spent in the state by **every visitor day**, including the days of visitors staying with friends and relatives, timeshare owners, and cruise passengers, none of whom pay a nightly rate. The result sits roughly a factor of two below what anyone actually books. HTA's own 2024 report puts Hawai'i Island lodging at \$108.70 per person per day and the island's average hotel rate at \$428.08. Both numbers are correct; they answer different questions. Comparing your hotel to the first one would tell you that you are overspending no matter what you booked.

Use of extrapolated STVR ADR data

Because Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) ADR is only published monthly for a handful of regions, we reconstruct monthly rates for every island and sub-region using the more broadly available Year-To-Date (YTD) data:

- For regions with full monthly ADR series, we derive each month's rate by taking the difference between that month's cumulative YTD and the prior month's.
- For regions reporting only quarterly YTD values (March, June, September, December), we treat each as the cumulative rate for the preceding three-month block, then split that total back across those months in proportion to the State of Hawai'i's own monthly pattern.

That gives a monthly rate for regions that only report year-to-date figures.

Note on STVR pricing: The ADR figures used for vacation rentals reflect the *Total Rate* reported by our data provider (Lighthouse Intelligence, Ltd.). This metric includes all additional fees such as cleaning and property management costs, and excludes taxes. It is approximately 1.53 times the nightly base rate shown on online booking platforms. We consider this factor to be on the high side, but follow the official data provider methodology for consistency.

Excluded costs

Our cost estimate **does not include** flights to and from Hawai'i.

3: Data sources

Data sources:

Monthly Accommodation Costs: Calculated from Average Daily Rates (ADR) for various regions and accommodation styles across Hawaiian islands. Monthly STVR data is from Lighthouse Intelligence, Ltd., © 2022–2026 State of Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. Monthly hotel and vacation rental ADR data comes from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's monthly Hotel Performance and Vacation Rental Performance reports ([HTA infrastructure research](#); DBEDT mirrors: [current reports](#) and [archive](#)).

Visitor Spending Data: Average daily spending on food, entertainment, rental cars, and activities is sourced from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and compiled annually by the Research & Economic Analysis Division, State of Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) ([source](#)). For our calculations, we use historical data from 2021 through 2024 and extrapolate to estimate average spending for 2027.

Rental Car Participation Rates: Derived from the “Visitor Satisfaction and Activity Reports” published by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (participation figures above: VSAT 2024 edition, US visitors). These reports detail the percentage of visitors who used a rental car by island and market. See the [Visitor Satisfaction and Activity reports here](#).

Activity Participation Rates: The boat, whale-watch, and submarine tour participation figures in the tours section come from the same Hawai'i Tourism Authority “Visitor Satisfaction and Activity Reports” (VSAT 2024 edition, US visitors), which record the share of visitors who took each activity by island.

About this Estimate

This trip cost estimate was generated by [LoveBigIsland.com](#) from your inputs and State of Hawai'i tourism data, for personal trip planning. Questions: info@lovebigisland.com.

This estimate was generated on September 11, 2026 using Hawai'i Tourism Authority data through 2026.

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