



3-Day Waikiki Plan

February 18–20, 2026 — Based in Waikiki

Day 1 — Beach + Diamond Head + Local Eats



Morning

- **Diamond Head hike** — go early (7-8am) before it gets hot. ~30 min up, incredible 360° views. Book reservation online
- Grab açai bowls at **Playa Bowls** or **Egghead Café** after



Afternoon

- **Waikiki Beach** — chill, swim, rent a board and try surfing
- Walk to **Ala Moana Beach Park / Magic Island** — less crowded, great swimming



Evening

- **Marukame Udon** — fresh udon in Waikiki, cheap and fast
- Walk the strip, check out **International Market Place**
- 🐳 It's **whale season** — you can sometimes spot humpbacks from shore at sunset

Day 2 — North Shore Day Trip



Morning (leave by 9am)

- Drive to the **North Shore** (~1 hr from Waikiki)
- Stop at **Dole Plantation** on the way (Dole Whip 🍍)



Midday

- Watch **big waves at Pipeline / Sunset Beach** — February is prime surf season
- The **Eddie Aikau Big Wave International** event window is active right now
- **Shark's Cove** for tide pool exploring

Lunch

- **Giovanni's Shrimp Truck** in Kahuku — garlic shrimp, legendary
- Or **Fumi's** right next door

Afternoon

- Walk around **Haleiwa Town** — surf shops, shave ice at **Matsumoto's**
- Drive back via the east coast for different scenery

Dinner

- **Rainbow Drive-In** — loco moco or plate lunch, iconic Honolulu spot

Day 3 — Hanauma Bay + Koko Head + Last Night

Morning

- **Hanauma Bay** — go at opening (6:45am), the snorkeling is unreal. Reservations required, book online tonight
- Spend 2-3 hours there

Late Morning (optional)

- **Koko Head Crater** — 1,048 steps, brutal but the view is insane. Right next to Hanauma Bay

Lunch

- **Helena's Hawaiian Food** — legit local Hawaiian food (poi, laulau, kalua pig)
- Or **Leonard's Bakery** for malasadas





Afternoon

- **Manoa Falls** hike — easy rainforest walk to a waterfall, 20 min from Waikiki
- Or chill at the beach one last time

Evening

- Sunset drinks at **Duke's Waikiki** (right on the beach)
- If it's Tuesday, **free live music at Waikiki Beach Walk** (Ku Ha'aheo concert series)
- Last night dinner somewhere nice on the strip

Quick Tips

-  Whale watching from shore is free — look from **Makapu'u Lookout** or Waikiki
-  Sunscreen up — February sun still hits hard
-  Rent a car for Day 2 — North Shore by bus is painful
-  Book Hanauma Bay reservations tonight at **hanaumabaystatepark.com**