

Hilo, Big Island, Hawaii, USA

The lush, rainy side of the Big Island — where active volcanoes meet towering waterfalls, black-sand beaches, and a relaxed small-town vibe that most Hawaii visitors never see.

Docked — pier in town Typical call: 8–10 hrs US Dollar (USD) English · Hawaiian

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier 1 / Pier 2, Port of Hilo

To center: ~2 miles · taxi or walk

Best For: Volcanoes · Waterfalls · Nature

Don't Miss: Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$12–16 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park** — The must-do from Hilo. via an easy 0.4-mile loop trail...
- **Rainbow Falls & Boiling Pots** — An 80-foot waterfall plunges into a lava rock pool at Wailuku River State Park — best visited on a sunny morning when rainbows arc through the mist.
- **Helicopter — Circle of Fire** — Soar over active lava fields, the Kilauea summit crater, black-sand coastlines, and the Hilo side's dense rainforest canopy.
- **'Akaka Falls State Park** — Hawaii's most spectacular single-drop waterfall: 442-foot 'Akaka Falls plunges into a jungle gorge, accessible
- **Downtown Hilo & Farmers Market** — Hilo's historic downtown has kept its 1940s–50s storefronts intact.

BEST WALKS

- **Liliuokalani Gardens & Coconut Island** ~1.5 km loop · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — A 30-acre Japanese-style garden on Hilo Bay, complete with pagodas, fishponds, and stone lanterns.
- **Downtown Hilo Historic Walk** ~2 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy — Start at the Hilo Farmers Market on Mamo Street, then stroll the historic downtown along Kamehameha Avenue facing the bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:02AM–6:38PM · Jun 5:41AM–7:00PM · Aug 6:01AM–6:48PM ·	
Apr	76°	67°	24d	Sep 6:08AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:15AM–5:56PM	
Jun	78°	69°	24d	US Dollar (USD)	
Aug	80°	71°	26d		
Sep	80°	71°	23d		
Oct	80°	70°	22d		

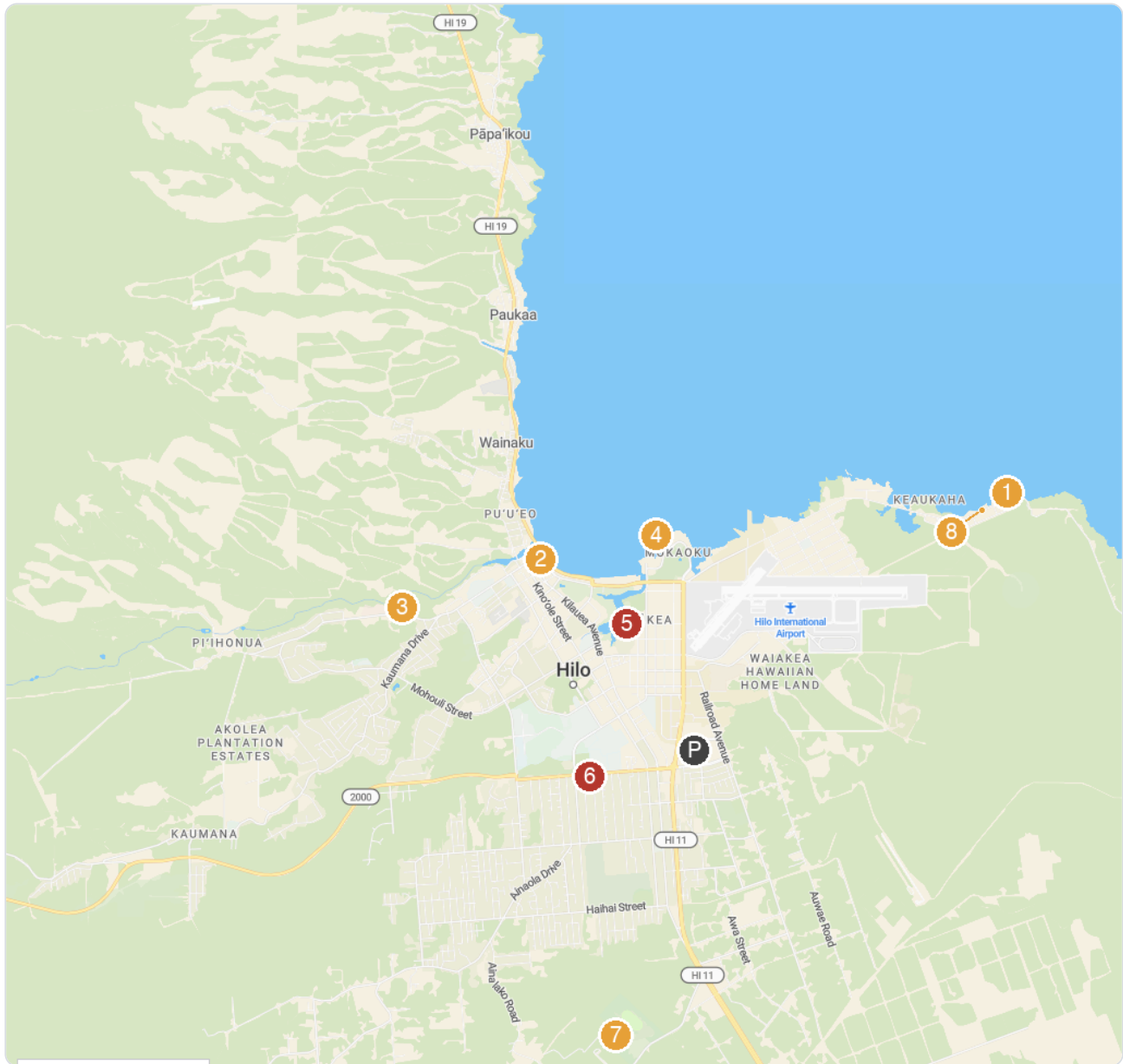
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Volcanoes NP is the headline — book early. If you want to see Kilauea Crater and the lava tube, reserve a guided excursion or rent a car before your cruise. Entry requires a \$35/vehicle park fee; no cruise line discount.
- Pack a rain layer. Hilo is the rainiest city in the US, averaging 130+ inches a year. A brief shower is likely even on sunny days — a light packable jacket keeps you comfortable on waterfall walks.
- Rent a car for flexibility. A rental unlocks Rainbow Falls, Akaka Falls, and Volcanoes NP at your own pace. Reserve in advance — cars near the port sell out quickly on ship-call days.
- Sea turtles: look, don't touch. Hawaiian green sea turtles (honu) are federally protected. Approaching within 10 feet or touching them is illegal and carries hefty fines — keep your distance and let them rest undisturbed.
- Visit Rainbow Falls in the morning. The rainbows in the waterfall mist only appear when sunlight hits at the right angle — typically 9–11 AM. Afternoon visits miss the namesake effect.
- Farmers Market is best Wednesday and Saturday. The Hilo Farmers Market on Mamo Street has the biggest selection on those days — fresh local fruit, flowers, macadamia products, and crafts. Arrive early for the best picks.

Hilo, Big Island, Hawaii, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Richardson Ocean Park | Oceanfront park for snorkeling, tide pools, and a black sand beach. | 2 Pacific Tsunami Museum | Museum detailing tsunami history and science in the Pacific. |
| 3 Wailuku River State Park | State park with Rainbow Falls and Boiling Pots waterfalls. | 4 Moku Ola / Coconut Island | Small island park for swimming, picnics, and scenic views. |
| 5 Wailoa River State Recreation Area | Large park for fishing, boating, and walking trails. | 6 Hilo Daijingu | Peaceful Shinto shrine offering a cultural experience. |
| 7 Panaewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens | USA's only tropical rainforest zoo and botanical gardens. | 8 Wai'olena Beach Park | Beach park popular for surfing and bodyboarding. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |