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Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in the United States (US). Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Enhanced security screening measures are in place for all commercial flights to the US. The US administers a strict entry regime. See [Entry and exit](#)

The US has more violent crime than Australia, although it rarely involves tourists. Shootings, including mass shootings, can occur in public places. See [Safety and security](#). Medical treatment in the US is expensive. Get comprehensive travel insurance before you depart. See [Health](#). Australians visiting the US for less than 90 days may be eligible for an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). See [Entry and exit](#)

The above travel advice is issued for the United States in general, not specifically for Hawaii. The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in the United States at www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Passport and Tourist Entry Conditions

Most Australian ordinary passport holders can enter the US for tourist purposes or business meetings without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Travellers entering the US on a plane or cruise ship MUST register with the Electronic System for Travel Authorization website (ESTA) (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>) before they depart for the US, preferably more than 72 hours prior. Registering with this service costs \$14 and is payable by credit/debit card. The total stay in the US, Canada, Mexico and adjacent islands must be less than 90 days. Travellers require a machine readable e-passport that is valid for the period of intended stay, but it is recommended that they be valid for six months beyond this. Minors must have their own passport and may be subject to further requirements. Travellers should also be able to supply details of their first nights accommodation, produce tickets for their next destination and show documents confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves. Travellers who do not have complete and correct documentation may be refused entry into the US.

All travellers are recommended to read the VWP requirements at <https://au.usembassy.gov/visas/visa-waiver-program> to ensure that their specific circumstances and passport meet the eligibility requirements to enter the US under the VWP. Several factors may impact a travellers VWP eligibility, such as prior arrests or convictions; previous travel to or dual nationality with Chad, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen or Venezuela; serious communicable diseases or some mental illnesses. For further information travellers are encouraged to contact a US mission on the details below.

United States Representatives

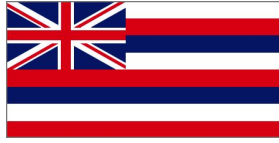
US Consular Service Centres in Australia

Visa Information Service: 1300 139 399
Web: <https://au.usembassy.gov>

Other US contacts for information on entry requirements:

US Customs and Border Protection
Web: www.cbp.gov/travel

US Department of State
Web: www.travel.state.gov



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Time differences between Hawaii and Australia

Hawaii is Greenwich Mean Time -10 hours. The applicable time zone is Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HAST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Hawaii (if it's Sunday in Hawaii, it's Monday in Australia). Daylight saving is not observed.

Hawaii, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6am, Darwin 7:30am, Brisbane 8am, Adelaide 8:30am, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9am.
 Hawaii, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6am, Darwin, Adelaide 7:30am, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, 8am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for the USA: +1
 Area Code for Hawaii: 808
 To Dial Australia Call: 011 61 <City> <Number>
 Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
 1800 865 6161
 Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau:
 1(800) 464 2924
 Visa Global Assistance: 1 866 765 9644
 MasterCard: (+1 636) 722 7111
 American Express Travellers Cheques:
 1800 221 7282
 American Express Card Services:
 Call Australia reverse charges on (+61 2) 9271 8664
 Travelex Card Services:
 Visa - 1 888 713 3424
 MasterCard - 1 877 465 0085
 Emergency Services: 911

Record Your Important Information

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____
 Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Card Number: _____
 Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
 Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Hawaii

Australian Consulate General, Hawaii

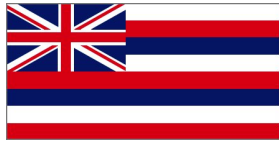
Penthouse, 1000 Bishop Street
 HONOLULU, HI 96813

Tel: (+1 808) 529 8100
 Fax: (+1 808) 529 8142

Web: www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/HawaiiCG.html

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Hawaii are encouraged to register their presence and contact details online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for the United States and Australia

Allowances when entering the United States:

Alcohol: 1 litre of alcoholic beverages.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 100 cigars.
 Gifts: Up to US\$100 in addition to the above.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

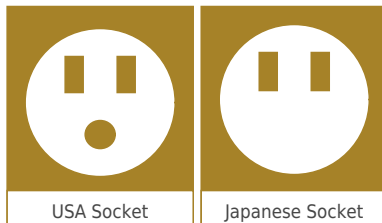
Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. The above US allowance may be reduced depending on a traveller's itinerary and any recent claims of the duty free allowance. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting the US & Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For further details on American customs go to www.cbp.gov/travel, or for information on Australian customs visit www.border.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: USA (type B) and Japanese (type A).

Supply: 110-120 V, 60 Hz (different to Australia). A voltage converter will usually be required to use appliances designed for Australia.

Travellers are urged to check the electrical info panel on their device. If it says "Input: 100-240V, 50-60 Hz" then a voltage converter should not be required.



Hawaiian Holidays 2018

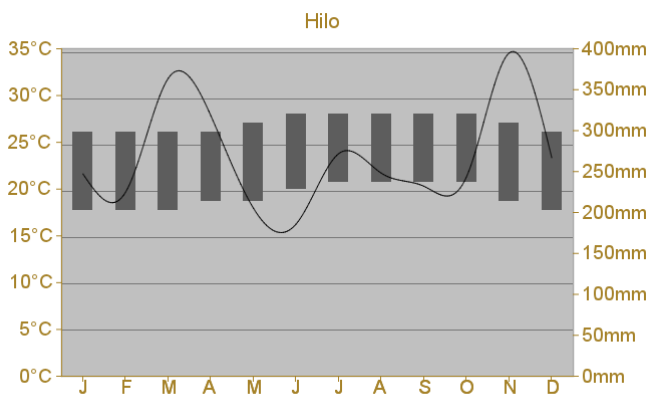
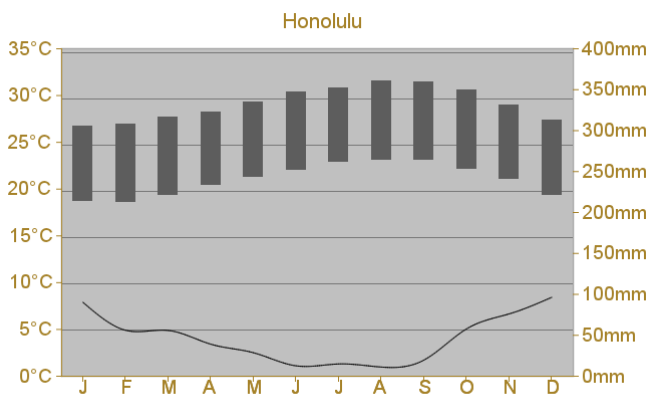
Public Holidays

01 Jan: New Year's Day	04 Jul: Independence Day
15 Jan: Martin Luther King	17 Aug: Statehood Day
19 Feb: Presidents Day	03 Sep: Labour Day
26 Mar: Prince Kalaniana'ole Day	06 Nov: Election Day
30 Mar: Good Friday	12 Nov: Veterans Day
28 May: Memorial Day	22 Nov: Thanksgiving
11 Jun: King Kamehameha I Day	25 Dec: Christmas Day

School Holidays 2018

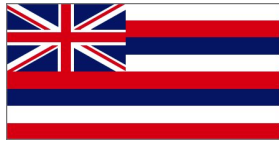
Winter: 22 Dec - 07 Jan 2018	Summer: 31 May - 06 Aug
Spring: 19 Mar - 26 Mar	Fall: 08 Oct - 12 Oct

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Hawaii



For local forecasts please visit the website of the US National Weather Service at www.nws.noaa.gov.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.72 US Dollars
 1 US Dollar (USD) = 1.39 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 0.69 US Dollars
 1 US Dollar (USD) will cost 1.45 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging these currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the US Dollar and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing power of each currency.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = \$4.28 US Dollars
 Big Mac US (average): \$5.28 (USD) = \$7.34 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in the US is therefore 23% more expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

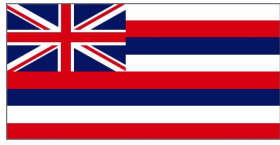
Currency Cheat Sheet

50 US Cents = \$0.72 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		100 US = \$144.61 AUD	
\$1 US = \$1.45 AUD	\$10 US = \$14.46 AUD	\$100 US = \$144.61 AUD	\$2 US = \$2.89 AUD	\$20 US = \$28.92 AUD	\$200 US = \$289.22 AUD
\$3 US = \$4.34 AUD	\$30 US = \$43.38 AUD	\$300 US = \$433.83 AUD	\$4 US = \$5.78 AUD	\$40 US = \$57.84 AUD	\$400 US = \$578.44 AUD
\$5 US = \$7.23 AUD	\$50 US = \$72.31 AUD	\$500 US = \$723.05 AUD	\$6 US = \$8.68 AUD	\$60 US = \$86.77 AUD	\$600 US = \$867.67 AUD
\$7 US = \$10.12 AUD	\$70 US = \$101.23 AUD	\$700 US = \$1,012.28 AUD	\$8 US = \$11.57 AUD	\$80 US = \$115.69 AUD	\$800 US = \$1,156.89 AUD
\$9 US = \$13.01 AUD	\$90 US = \$130.15 AUD	\$900 US = \$1,301.50 AUD			\$1,000 US = \$1,446.11 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of the Hawaii is the US Dollar (plural dollars), which is abbreviated using the symbol \$ (for example \$100) or its currency code "USD". The subunit of the dollar is the cent, of which there are 100 in every dollar. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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About Hawaii

Size: 16,705 sq km (1/4 the size of Tasmania).

Population: 1.42 million (similar to South Australia).
 Oahu 880,000; Hawaii (the Big Island) 149,000;
 Maui 118,000; Kauai 59,000; Molokai 7,500.

Religion: Protestant 38%, Catholic 20%, Buddhist 8%,
 Mormon 3%, Unaffiliated 26%.

Ethnicity: Asian 37.7%, white 26.6%, Hawaiian/Pacific
 Islanders 10%, black 2.3%, mixed 23.1%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$44,442 (Australia US\$46,600).

Significant Dates:

400 - 1,000 AD - Polynesians arrive and settle in Hawaii.

1778 - Captain James Cook maps the Hawaiian islands, naming them the Sandwich Islands. He is killed in Kealakekua Bay on the Big Island a year later.

1810 - King Kamehameha I unites the warring tribes across the islands to form the Kingdom of Hawaii.

1820's - Traders and missionaries from the US begin to arrive.

1885 - Japanese laborers begin to arrive in Hawaii.

1893 - American colonists overthrow the Kingdom of Hawaii.

1898 - Hawaii is annexed by the United States of America.

1941 - US base in Pearl Harbor is attacked by Japan.

1959 - Hawaii becomes the 50th and most recent state to join the United States of America.

