

On your way to or from the Big Island, why not stop on the island of O'ahu -- "The Gathering Place" -- to tour some of the delightful botanical gardens and interesting sites. Many airfares to the Big Island allow a stop in Honolulu for little or no extra airfare. The 3 night package is priced at \$349 per person based on 2 sharing a room and car, or \$698 if travelling alone. Package includes a centrally located hotel, a compact rental car, all taxes, plus information on the many places to visit on the island. Let Sterling Tours know you want to stop in Honolulu on your way to or from the Moku Lani Aloha Palm Tour and they will set you up.

Here's just a few of the many places to visit on the island of O'ahu:



Foster Botanical Garden

A garden in the midst of busy downtown Honolulu? Yes! And here at Foster Botanical Garden, visitors find a refreshing change from the chaos of the city. As the oldest of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, Foster Garden displays a mature and impressive collection of tropical plants. Some of the magnificent trees in this 14-acre garden were planted in the 1850s by Dr. William Hillebrand. They marked the beginning of a heritage that became The Honolulu Botanical Gardens.

- Palm collection
- Lyon Orchid Garden
- Hybrid Orchid Display Case
- Prehistoric Glen
- Exceptional Trees
- Foster Garden Giftshop

Find out more about [Foster Botanical Garden](#) or [Foster Botanical Garden Master Plan](#)
Check out the status of our flowering Talipot Palm at <http://talipot.blogspot.com>

Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden



Strolling or driving through these lush four hundred acres in windward Oahu, you will truly agree that Ho`omaluhia is rightfully named "a peaceful refuge." Opened in 1982, this garden in Kaneohe features plantings from major tropical regions around the world grouped geographically. Special emphasis is placed on conserving plants native to Hawaii.

- Hawaiian plants
- Palms and aroids
- Ethnobotanical exhibits
- Heliconias
- Picnic and camping grounds

Find out more about the [Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden](#)

Koko Crater Botanical Garden



In 1958, 200 acres on the slopes and basin of Koko Crater at the eastern end of Oahu were set aside as a botanical garden. Although it is still only partially developed, long-range plans envision Koko Crater Botanical Garden as an example of a xeriscape. Here selective planting and water conservation techniques transform this landscape into a garden where plants suitable to these desert-like surroundings can thrive and flourish.

- African plants
- Cacti and succulents
- Plumeria cultivars
- Native wiliwili (Erythrinas)
- Dryland palms
- Bougainvillea

*Inside Koko Crater
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825
Phone: (808) 522-7060*

No paved trails or facilities

Find out more about the [Koko Crater Botanical Garden](#)

Lili`uokalani Botanical Garden



Just north of Foster Garden and located between North Kuakini and School Streets, is Lili`uokalani Botanical Garden. Portions of this 7½ acre garden were once the property and favorite picnic grounds of Queen Lili`uokalani, the last reigning monarch of Hawai`i. She later bequeathed her land to the City and County of Honolulu to be used for the public's enjoyment. This developing garden is devoted to native Hawaiian plants. The garden is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Closed on Christmas and New Year's days.

- Native Hawaiian plants
- Nuuanu Stream and waterfalls

Wahiawa Botanical Garden



Cradled between the Waianae and Koolau mountain ranges in central Oahu lies Wahiawa Botanical Garden - the "tropical jewel" of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. This 27-acre garden and forested ravine dates back to the 1920s when this land was first used by sugar planters as an experimental arboretum. Your tour will take you among plants that thrive in the cooler environment and shady, humid habitat of this tropical rain forest.

- Hawaiian palms
- Aroid garden
- Epiphytic plants
- Native plants

Find out more about the [Wahiawa Botanical Garden](#)