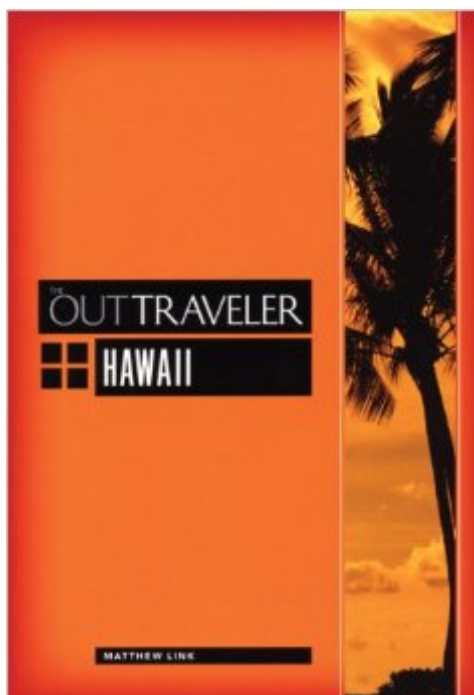


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# The Out Traveler: Hawaii (Out Traveler Guides)



## Synopsis

New! The Out Traveler volumes strive to inspire sophisticated travelers by showcasing thoughtful and transformative travel experiences that set the standard of gay travel. These new and information-packed books emphasize the long-overlooked but incredibly powerful cultural and historical traditions of the LGBT community throughout the world. Hawaii travel expert and former Big Island resident, author Matthew Link gives you the insider information on one of the world's top LGBT travel destinations. From the hula's great gay teachers to the openly gay beaches, Link reveals the queer history that you never get. Hand-picked, in-the-know listings for gay and non-gay lodging, dining, and activities portray the spirit of each varied isle. Included are maps, illustrations, gay-friendly ratings, and travel tips. Travel writer Matthew Link is the editorial director of The Out Traveler, and has written for Newsweek, TIME Asia, Forbes, Men's Health, Real Simple, and MSNBC.com.

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## Customer Reviews

"The Out Traveler" magazine presents a new travel guide series, created to be "the standard in gay travel" - compact, paperback guides written specifically with the interests of the LGBT community in mind. "The Out Traveler: Hawaii" (9781593500733, \$15.95) addresses such questions as "Do gay guys surf?", warns against common faux pas such as constantly referring to gay people as "mahu" (the word is commonly used to refer to local men in drag, who may not be gay), and includes a fascinating history of how same-sex relationships have been an integral part of native Hawaiian culture for centuries. A "must-have" series for any LGBT traveler, whether on business or pleasure -

though heterosexual travelers are sure to find them fascinating and informative as well.

THE OUT TRAVELER: HAWAII is a pretty good guidebook covering all of the islands in Hawaii. It pays close attention to specific places that would be of interest to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender travelers. The book is arranged by islands--Oahu, Maui, Kauai, The Big Island, Molokai, Lanai, Niihau and Kahoolawe--and gives a brief history of the respective island, places to visit, nightlife, etc. I went to Oahu and so I only read that section, but the first three of chapters cover the history of Hawaii and its politics, the Hawaiian culture and the gay community, and events that shouldn't be missed as well as sections on booking a room to getting around. There's also a pronunciation guide to everyday Hawaiian words that you might need to know, interesting history and myths about the Islands along with how the gay community has been active in Hawaii. There's a helpful list of "don'ts" and a handy guide as to what to bring. I deduct one-star because the maps in the book are way too small to read, so you'll still need to buy a separate map of the area that you want to explore. You could probably find all this info online, as far as bars and stuff is concerned, but then you won't get a good overview of the history and culture of Hawaii and how the LGBT community fits in.

I am on a quest to see all 50 states and Hawaii is my last one. I like to see the whole gay scene when I travel, too. This book had very little info on Honolulu and I am very surprised how shallow the hotel suggestions were and there was no tips on the high parking charges and the housekeeping fees some the hotels, including the ones suggested, charge the unsuspecting tourist. I went to an online travel reservation agency and navigated to much cheaper accommodations. I will take the book with me to see how the gay scene, in person, matches up. This book was of no help and I thought the writer may not even have gone to Hawaii. I will let you know!

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