

Kailua-Kona, Big Island, Hawaii, USA

Where volcanic coastline meets crystal-clear Pacific waters — Kailua-Kona delivers world-class snorkeling, world-famous coffee, and ancient Hawaiian history all within reach of the tender pier.

 Tender port (no docking pier)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  USD  English / Hawaiian

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in Kailua Bay; 15-min ride to Kailua Pier

Best For: Snorkeling, Kona coffee tours, manta ray night dives, Hawaiian history

Walk to center: Steps from the tender pier to Ali'i Drive shops and restaurants

Don't Miss: Kealakekua Bay snorkel, Hulihe'e Palace, Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau NHP

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$6–12 in town ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Clark's Hawaii Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kealakekua Bay Snorkel** — Boat tours from the pier run to this state marine preserve — one of Hawaii's best snorkel sites, with spinner dolphins...
- **Manta Ray Night Snorkel or Dive** — One of the Big Island's signature experiences: giant Pacific manta rays swoop through beams of light feeding on plankton.
- **Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau (City of Refuge)** — Ancient Hawaiian sanctuary where lawbreakers could seek absolution.
- **Kona Coffee Farm Tour** — The Kona coffee belt climbs the slopes of Hualalai and Mauna Loa just above town.
- **Atlantis Submarine** — Descend 100+ feet below Kailua Bay in a passenger submarine operated from the pier.

BEST WALKS

- **Ali'i Drive Historical Stroll** ~1.5 miles one-way · Flat · 30–45 min — Walk south along Ali'i Drive from the tender pier past Hulihe'e Palace, Mokuaikaia Church, Kahaolu Beach Park entrance, and open-air...
- **Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP Shoreline** ~2 miles · Easy · 1 hr · Short drive north — A flat shoreline walk through ancient Hawaiian fishponds and petroglyphs at Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, a few miles...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	77°	69°	22d
Jun	79°	71°	27d
Aug	81°	73°	26d
Sep	81°	73°	22d
Oct	81°	72°	20d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:06AM–6:41PM · Jun 5:45AM–7:03PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:51PM · Sep 6:11AM–6:25PM · Oct 6:18AM–6:00PM

 USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. The first tender run is always crowded. Unless you have a ship shore excursion, sleep in slightly and join the second wave — you'll spend less time in line...
- Sea turtles at Kahaolu. Kahaolu Beach Park (a short walk south on Ali'i Drive) is one of the best free snorkel spots — Hawaiian monk seals feed in the shallow moat.

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A map of the Kona peninsula in Hawaii. The map shows the coastline, major roads like Highway 190 and Highway 19, and various towns including Kailua-Kona, Hilo, and Pahoa. Seven numbered orange circles are placed on the map: 1 is near Hilo; 2 is near Palani Junction; 3 is near Kailua-Kona; 4 is near Kahalu'u; 5 is near Kailua-Kona; 6 is near Kailua-Kona; and 7 is near Kailua-Kona. A red circle with a white 'P' is also visible near Kailua-Kona.

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