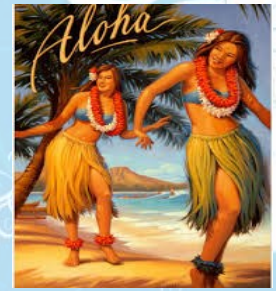


# VIRTUAL VACATION



**Aloha Hawaii**

**Week 8-9**

## **Pu'u O Umi Natural Area Reserve to Hilo Forest Reserve**

Once we are away from the Pu'u O Umi reserve we are going back to the tropical paradise of Hawaii that we all know and love. Palm trees and waterfalls are all that stand in our way of reaching the top of Mauna Kea!

## **Hilo Forest Reserve to Rainbow Falls Park**

Hilo Hawaii is known for its beautiful scenery and its draw on tourists. Its only fitting this area was the only that we walked near twice.



## **One Last Week!**

Congratulations, you have successfully made it across the coast of the Big Island. Our last journey is to trek to the top of Mauna Kea!



## Laupahoehoe Train Museum

Visitors are welcomed with the spirit of aloha, and will find fascinating photographs, railroad artifacts and memorabilia from days gone by.



## The Palms Cliff House Inn

Situated on a 3.5 acre private ocean front estate, the Inn has become known state wide for it's romantic atmosphere and a feel that evokes old Hawaii. Luxury accommodations at value packed pricing ensure a memorable stay.



## Kohala Coast Helicopter Ride

The Kohala Mountains offer some of the most spectacular scenery on the Big Island; Kohala's towering sea cliffs give way to deep, winding valleys, magnificent waterfalls drop thousands of feet to the rainforests below where the remnants of ancient Hawaiian villages can still be observed.



## Hamakua Forest Reserve

Every day, dozens of Waipio visitors hike, ride on horseback or take a four-wheel drive vehicle down the uber-steep cliff-hugging road to explore the huge, lush and sparsely populated valley. But the Waipio Valley overlook—almost 2,000 feet above the valley floor—is how most visitors experience the Big Island's largest and most scenic valley. To get to the lookout, just follow Waipio Road from Honokaa town to its end. Trust us, you won't miss the lookout.



## Akaka Falls

Pleasant self-guided walk through lush tropical vegetation to scenic vista points overlooking the cascading Kahuna Falls and the free-falling 'Akaka Falls, which plunges 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. The 0.4-mile loop footpath requires some physical exertion.

## Rainbow Falls

Rainbow Falls derives its name from the fact that, on sunny mornings around 10AM, rainbows can be seen in the mist thrown up by the waterfall. Timing this is quite a feat in Hilo! Sun is scarce, so you'll want to plan for a day with a clear morning, or wait until clouds pass.



## Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden

The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden is a museum of living plants that attracts photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world. The Garden's collection of tropical plants is international in scope. Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden.

## Lyman Museum and Mission House

Fascinating, well-designed museum of the history, culture and geography of Hawaii. With just two floors and a few galleries, you can fit in a visit in an hour or so, or add a tour of the adjacent Mission House for another half hour well spent.

