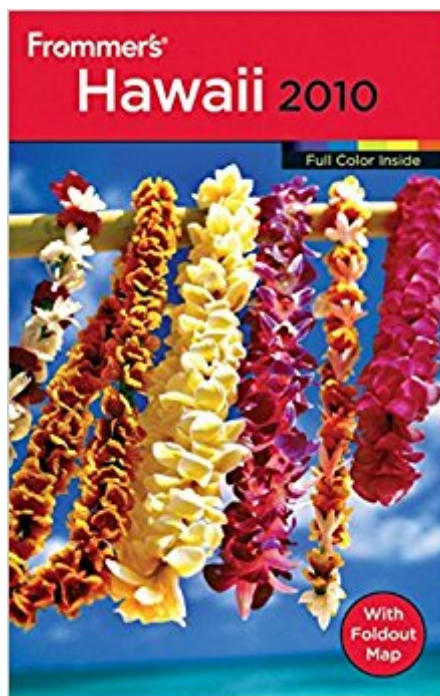


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# Frommer's Hawaii 2010 (Frommer's Color Complete)



## Synopsis

Completely updated every year (unlike most of the competition), Frommer's Hawaii features gorgeous color photos of the stunning beaches and thrilling adventures that await you. Meticulously researched by one of Hawaii's most noted journalists, this is hands-down the most reliable, up-to-date, and comprehensive guide to the islands. Each of our candid hotel reviews is based on a detailed personal inspection. You'll find lavish beachfront resorts, intimate rain-forest B&Bs, family-friendly condos, and much, much more. Our dining reviews are simply the best in the business, whether you crave cutting-edge Asian-fusion cuisine or a hearty, affordable plate lunch. Our author makes sure that you'll truly experience the spirit of aloha, and she'll help you steer clear of anything that's overpriced, touristy, or inauthentic. With Frommer's in hand, you'll know where to find secluded beaches; secret spots for snorkeling; the best outfitters to choose for everything from diving to deep-sea fishing; and where to find the top galleries and shops. Inside you'll find extensive coverage of family-friendly accommodations and activities; tips on how to get married in the islands; recommendations for the best honeymoon resorts; and valuable advice on finding the best airfares and package deals. Whether you want to watch the fiery spectacle at the Big Island's volcano, play a challenging round of golf, snorkel with sea turtles, or simply kick back with a mai tai to watch the sunset, you can design the perfect trip with Frommer's Hawaii. You'll even get a color fold-out map!

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## Customer Reviews

Discover The Best of Hawaii Content from Frommer's Hawaii 2010 There's no place on earth quite like this handful of sun-drenched, mid-Pacific islands. The Hawaii of South Seas

literature and Hollywood films really does exist. Here you'll find palm-fringed blue lagoons, lush rainforests, hidden gardens, cascading waterfalls, wild rivers running through rugged canyons, and soaring volcanoes. And oh, those beaches—gold, red, black, and even green sands caressed by an endless surf. The possibilities for adventure and relaxation are endless. Each of the six main islands is separate, distinct, and infinitely complex. There's far too much to see and do on any 2-week vacation, which is why so many people return to the Aloha State year after year. Unfortunately, even paradise has its share of stifling crowds and tourist schlock. If you're not careful, your trip to Hawaii could turn into a nightmare of tourist traps selling shells from the Philippines, hokey faux culture like cellophane-skirted hula dancers, overpriced exotic drinks, and a 4-hour timeshare lecture before you get on that "free" snorkeling trip. That's where this guide comes in. As a Hawaii resident, I can tell the extraordinary from the merely ordinary. This book will steer you away from the crowded, the overrated, and the overpriced and toward the best Hawaii has to offer. No matter what your budget, this guide will help ensure that every dollar is well spent.

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Hundreds of color photos    Foldout map, plus detailed maps throughout    Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information    Candid reviews of hotels and restaurants, plus sights, shopping, and nightlife    Itineraries, walking tours, and trip-planning ideas    Insider tips from local expert authors

We used a 2008 version of this guide for a two week visit to Maui and Kauai in 2008. The material was useful but difficult to find and somewhat incomplete. We are planning a similar trip for 2010 so we got this updated version. After our trip in December I can better report on this guide's usefulness. But the 2010 update is worth purchasing while planning a trip. This new version has page content markers on the headers and footers, as well as a more outline oriented text format. Much easier to find subject and easier to browse. While much of the content is unchanged, a number of recommendations are significantly modified. Graphics are much improved and informative. Frommer excels at covering the highlights. Their review of restaurants is limited to many of the "usual suspects". In 2008 the restaurant suggestions were not impressive. We did not find any little authentic local eating spots that are local favorites and deserve to be. The usual suspect

restaurants were tourist oriented and unimpressive. We will be using the Trip Advisor restaurant reviews and rankings more heavily this visit. Their recommendations have served us well for other locations. The Frommer's guides cover the basic nuts and bolts of touring in a locality well. To get a better feel for the history and culture as well as LOCAL favorite lodging, eating, and sightseeing and recreation, we find the National Geographic suggested Great Destination Guides to be an excellent supplement to Frommers. As senior citizens we appreciate their accessibility details. Reading the Great Destination guide is like a friend who has lived in the area might tell you from his personal experience. The graphics and photos are sparse, but the text is lively and draws the reader in as a one-on-one conversation might.

I was initially reluctant to buy this book because of some relatively low ratings by others. And I had already bought and loved the "...island... Revealed" books by Andrew Doughty. But I find that this book is a great supplement to the "blue books". If a particular attraction or restaurant or event is recommended by both, then I know that it is well worth seeing. And each book may offer different, but valuable, advice about it. I particularly like the suggested itineraries found in the Frommer's Hawaii book. So, if I am spending a week on a particular island, I can follow their suggested itinerary for a week; or, for less time, I can pick and choose from among the suggestions to make up my own itinerary. So, the Frommer's book is a great supplement and cross-check of the blue book series, and has features and specifics not found elsewhere, such as the suggested itineraries.

Good book.

I have always been a big fan of Frommer's, but I'm so delighted that this book includes color photos. If you're going to an area and planning to stay awhile, Frommer's is the book to get. We have traveled to many places, and always chose Frommer's.

I hve been planning my Hawai trip for several months and the Frommers Books gave me the info I needed to complete my itinerary! Thanx a lot!!! Very useful!!!!!! I will definitely be looking for future information for other vacations!!!!

The Frommer's guide book on Hawaii has been very helpful in planning our upcoming trip. It includes lots of information, history, and tips on housing, transportation, food, activities, etc.

Great book. It was a gift to some friends who were going to visit Hawaii for the first time and we wanted to share all the good times we had in Hawaii with them. Full of good information!

Frommers travel books allow me to get more pleasure from my travels and save me a lot of time. The price from was very good.

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