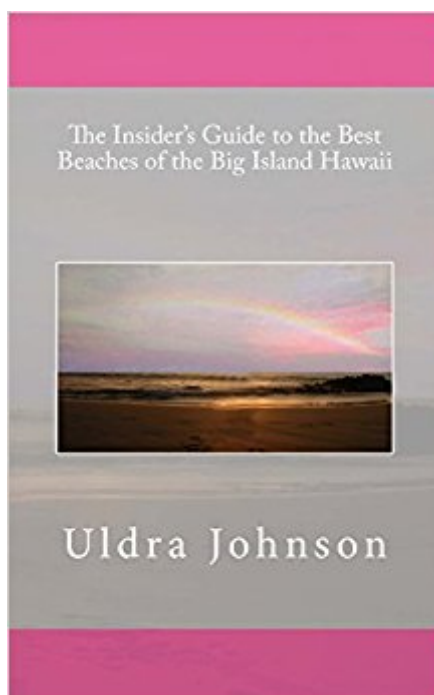


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The Insider's Guide To The Best Beaches Of The Big Island Hawaii



Synopsis

Planning to visit the Big Island to bask in its glorious sunshine and swim in its crystal clear waters? Coming to snorkel or dive among its kaleidoscopic, technicolor marine life? You've found the right guide! Here you will find the top 22 beaches on this island, ranked by a beach lover, a beach connoisseur, who knows well the beaches of this magical isle. From a secluded beach at the bottom of the world's most active volcano, accessed only by hiking a desolate frozen lava trail, to a white sand crescent moon beach with a 5-star hotel, designated one of the five most beautiful beaches in the world, you'll find the beach of your dreams here. Want to camp on a rugged beach in an uninhabited valley, and sleep to the sound of wild surf? Want to sit atop a sugary white sand dune and watch silvery dolphins leap from turquoise waters into the golden sky in the diamond sunshine? Or maybe you'd like to swim in an emerald-green bay so close to spinner dolphins that you can hear them joyfully singing to one another? What about finding the best body and boogie boarding beach in the Islands, where the surf never stops rolling, and whose white sands magically disappear and then reappear? Want to go where wild horses run up and down a black sand beach in a valley of waterfalls? Or would you like to leave your footprints on a bejeweled green sand beach, sparkling with semiprecious stones, on a windswept, steep-cliffed bay, with nothing between you and Antarctica, but the deep blue sea? This guide, written by a beach lover and naturalist who came to Hawaii for its beaches almost thirty years ago, will take you to these astounding places, and many more. How about snorkeling or diving in the Garden of Eels, and possibly be the first to find one of history's most legendary shipwrecks, rumored to be within swimming distance of the island's shores? Want to hang on a remote beach said to be haunted by Night Marchers, huaka'i po, the ghosts of long-dead warrior armies? And then there is the beach named for its springs of life, from whose sacred waters only the royalty of Hawaii were permitted to drink, on pain of death? Would you like to visit the secret Golden Ponds? The alluring Queen's Bath? Want to hike to an unspoiled bay where you can descend into a sea-water filled lava tube? What about a beach where you can learn to surf or take a glass bottom boat ride or parasail or windsurf? Do you prefer a white, black, or green sand beach, or maybe a beach unique in all the world, a beach of both white and black sand? They're all waiting for you here, and more, in "The Insider's Guide to the Best Beaches of the Big Island"! Ready? Let's hit the beach!

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The book has great descriptions of the beaches and details about them, but the book would be 100% more useful if it had a map of the beach locations and photos. You'll need another map/book to make sense of this one.

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