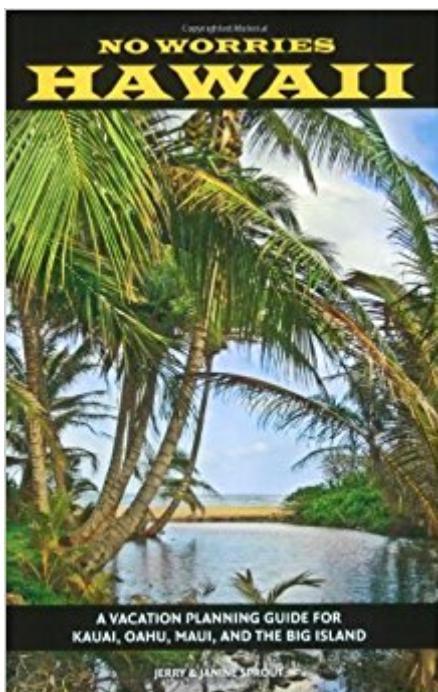


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No Worries Hawaii: A Vacation Planning Guide For Kauai, Oahu, Maui, And The Big Island



Synopsis

Aloha Alert! A new e-book 2014 edition of NO WORRIES HAWAII (9780991369003) is available now on . Get To The Heart of Your DestinationHalf of Hawaii's 8 million yearly tourists are first-timers, often unsure of which island to visit, where to stay, and what to choose to do. NO WORRIES HAWAII, a companion book to the Sprout's adventure guides for each of the islands, comes to the rescue. The book is also useful for repeat visitors or locals looking for new adventures. Readers first take an armchair voyage, in which they nail down their vacation style (a scouting expedition, a romantic getaway, a solo or group adventure, invigorating, relaxing, healing). These likings are matched with what Hawaii has to offer. A clever but simple self-test allows readers to sort through Hawaii's assets: beaches, nightlife, trails, gardens, attractions, cultural sites, surfing, snorkeling, 36 categories in all, to determine which are important and which island is best. In the second part of NO WORRIES HAWAII, readers take their decisions from part one and receive all the practical and money-saving advice needed to book a vacation that makes the armchair voyage become a real one. Included also is a complete list of what to pack. The third part of the book is full of tips on what to do and what not to do after arriving in the islands. Readers will deplane as kama'aina (locals), having the benefit of the Sprout's 20 years of exploration. Sections include how to plan days to maximize fun and avoid hassle, finding free entertainment, car rental and accommodation money-savers. Readers are advised on how to, and whether to, book tours (snorkeling, sailing, helicopter, horseback, etc.). The book's safety tips are a literal lifesaver, and the everyday advice on driving, hiking, and beach-going are essential forgetting the most fun out of every day. The meat of NO WORRIES HAWAII is its Best Of section, a listing of Hawaii's top attractions: museums, rainforest dayhikes, snorkeling coves, walk-around beach towns, surfing spots, places to watch surfers, mountain bike trails, people-watching beaches, botanical gardens, short strolls to views, cultural sites, luxury resorts, volcano hikes, bird-watching forests, waterfalls, churches, remote beaches, family beach parks, golf courses, and more. Taken together, the 50 categories neatly sum up the best of Hawaii. Readers can use these listings as a reference when they get to their chosen island. NO WORRIES HAWAII is beautifully designed, complimented by more than 100 color photographs, and also contains a "wikiwiki phonebook" with all the contact numbers needed to put a vacation together.

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Customer Reviews

Janine and Jerry Sprout have spent more than 20 years together exploring the trails, beaches, and attractions of the American West. Their guides are handcrafted and trail-tested. Janine is a professional photographer and graphic designer. Jerry is a former newspaper reporter, award-winning athlete and novelist. Their skills result in outdoor guides that are beautiful to look at and fun to read.

This book is terrific for preplanning a trip to Hawaii. The author gives great descriptions of the islands and their attractions but what makes this an outstanding book is his approach to planning your trip. There is an analysis of the different type of travelers and an overview of lodging styles. The best section is his 'test' of your interests to determine which island has the sights that really matter to you. He includes everything from picnicking to snorkeling to religious shrines to volcano watching to horseback riding and more. With his lists, I was able to prioritize what I wanted to see and what islands to visit. It also told me where I needed a rental car and where I did not. He has a lot of helpful telephone numbers and beautiful photographs. If you want a lot of detail about hotels and activities, I would go online. But, if you want to look at the big picture first and get your bearings, start with this book.

This book gives a great, brief overview of all of the Hawaiian Islands. The best part for us was the quiz that helps you drill down into the specific islands that suit the type of vacation you want. Most people cannot take such a long vacation to spend many days kicking around each island. This book helped us select the islands that we wanted to focus on and eliminate the ones that just didn't suit our travel style. Once you take the quiz you can read the information for the specific islands and

begin your trip planning there. Beyond that part of planning, the book is a little thin on details for me. It may be perfect for someone else but I like to read a lot about different destinations before I go. It is a great book and a great starting point. It may be the only book you ever need!

No Worries Hawaii is just what we were looking for. The authors have condensed and organized so much information which made our vacation decisions simple. What I really liked was their self test which asks you what you want most out of your vacation there. Beach time, hiking, and especially snorkeling were all key to us. Then it pointed us to which islands filled the bill. There are things to do in Hawaii that I never imagined. We ended up going to Hawaii Island with a short stay in Waikiki on Oahu just to see what that's all about. The guide also recommends where to stay on the islands, again, depending on your tastes. Everybody is so internet oriented these days and I got overwhelmed Googling around. The No Worries put me right on track. In the back pages is the Wiki Phonebook they put together that has tons of contact information. I couldn't believe how friendly people in Hawaii are on the phone! Anyway, this book is written with a sense of humor that takes all the stress out of planning. The photos make you feel like you're right there in paradise. We also ended up buying the Trailblazer guides for the Big Island and the one for Oahu to zero in on more details.

helped with our adventure to Hawaii

This is the second in their series that we own and covet. The pages cover the big picture of what the Hawaiian Islands are all about and delivers what it promises: no worries. There are plenty of tips on economizing on accommodations, planning the daily itinerary. I'd compare it to a huge gift basket of the best there is about Hawaii. No other book that I could find has as many activities categorized according to island or is so useful. For first timers, we recommend getting it weeks before you go. You'll need all the information it contains and enjoy scads of beautiful photographs! It's all intelligently organized for independent travelers like us. BTW: Their "wikiwiki phonebook" in the back is a great resource for all things local. Wandering around the internet can be confusing; this book helps you focus in.

I found this book "No Worries Hawaii" so descriptive I couldn't wait to get there. The only problem it appeared to be suited mainly to the young & able-bodied as opposed to older land-lumber types like myself. Carrying injuries it would be impossible for me to attempt some of the terrific adventures

whereas I'd make do with long walks/busing & sightseeing some historic/treasured areas, discovering & eating local foods, soaking up the atmosphere as documented. Will bring as reference material.

This particular book was a lot older than I expected. Some of the areas they talked about are no longer current!

I am planning a family vacation and was looking for the perfect spot for us to spend as a family and a couple. This book helped me layout and find the most reasonable prices. Although most strategies were what I normally practice, it was most useful in finding the right place for us to stay.

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