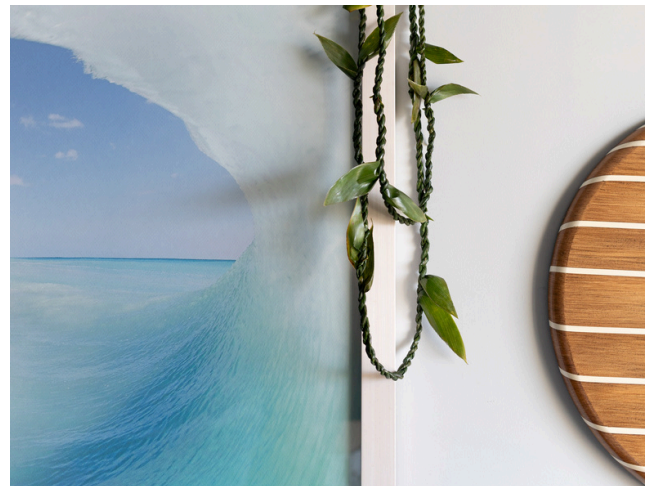




# A WEEKEND *HYATT REGENCY* AT *WAIKIKI*

Your guide to the ultimate getaway – whether it's a local staycation or an escape to paradise.

Located south of Honolulu on the island of Oahu, Hawaii and the shores of Waikiki Beach is Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa - an idyllic retreat for anyone craving relaxation and adventure. My friend and I booked a weekend staycation in the heart of Waikiki to experience the island in a new light. After checking in with the warm hospitality of Hyatt's staff, we found everything we could possibly need and more was on site, including a coffee shop, gym, pool, dining, spa, and more. What made this the best experience was knowing we didn't need our car - the whole time we were on foot with everything we needed just a quick walk away. We checked into our spacious and spotless room equipped with all necessary amenities and exceptionally comfortable beds -



with my favorite part being our balcony with unreal views of endless ocean. Our exploration began with a visit to the Ho'okela Hawaiian Heritage and Culture Center. Here, we were greeted by 'Auntie's' Raz and Carolyn. We learned about the sacred lineage of native ancestors, principles of the Hawaiian language, and crafted handmade leis and ornaments with local flora. Using Ti leaves, we twisted them to make traditional leis while listening to stories of how locals in earlier times found functionality through native plants. With leaves from the Hala tree, we learned how to weave and could pick a shape where we weaved our very own ornaments—we went with turtles! The cultural center was a beautiful way of engaging in something interactive while learning about the rich history and created a deeper appreciation for items native to Hawaii that bring purpose.





Even when walking around the island, we were able to spot the Ti and Hala leaves we used to make the leis and weave with.

After returning to our room, we got ready for dinner and were lucky enough to catch an unreal sunset on our balcony. Later that night, we enjoyed dinner at The Buffet, a Korean-BBQ style restaurant on site, one of many dining options to choose from in Honolulu.



Every Friday in Waikiki, a display of fireworks set off, so we had the perfect view from our balcony to see the sky light up - a tradition that's been going on since 1988.

With an early Saturday start, we began the day with a workout at the resort's gym before going to the Hyatt's spa - one of the most relaxing, unforgettable experiences. Of the dozens of services Na Ho'ola Spa offers, we chose a Hibiscus Sugar Scrub and Hydrafacial that left us feeling hydrated and glowing in pair with their meditation room and sauna. It was truly the kind of reset you need while on vacation.

## SPIRIT OF ALOHA

We spent the day in the sunshine at Hyatt's rooftop pool overlooking panoramic ocean views while eating lunch at their neighboring restaurant, SWIM, for mid-afternoon bites and cocktails. With so much to do within walking distance, the evening was dedicated to walking around the city including getting coffee at one of our favorite spots, Island Vintage, browsing local surf shops, sharing poke and acai bowls, and watching surfers ride the notable turquoise waves of Waikiki.

Between extremely welcoming staff, having everything within walking distance, delicious meals, and gorgeous views from our balcony including sunsets, rainbows, and ocean for miles - it was the perfect way to spend a staycation on the island of Oahu and one I will never forget!

