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Key for Restaurants (Average price of entree)

\$ = under \$10 \$\$ = \$10-\$20 \$\$\$ = \$20-\$30 \$\$\$\$ = over \$30

ALAN WONG'S \$\$\$\$

Location: 1857 S. King St., 3rd floor, Honolulu

Phone Number: 808-949-2526

Website: <http://www.alanwongs.com>

Chef Wong's friends thought him crazy in 1995 to open a high-end restaurant in the viewless third floor of a parking-deficient Honolulu office building. He immediately proved them wrong, earning a James Beard nomination his first year in business. This master of Hawai'i Regional Cuisine is still going strong, delighting such notables as President Obama. The five-course tasting menu is highly recommended. If you prefer à la carte, try the POTUS's preferred entrée, the twice-cooked soy-braised short ribs.

CHEF CHAI \$\$\$

Location: Pacifica Honolulu Tower, 1009 Kapi'olani Blvd., Honolulu

Phone Number: 808-585-0011

Website: <http://chefchai.com/>

After moving to a swanky new space a bit closer to Waikiki in early 2013, this LGBT-beloved romantic restaurant (fka as Chai's Island Bistro) is doing better than ever. Chef Chai Chaowasaree, who's also Hawaiian Airlines' executive chef, blends Hawai'i Regional and international recipes, emphasizing local ingredients. The two-person combo appetizer platter includes Alaskan king crab cake, gravlax roulade, macadamia-encrusted jumbo prawns, roasted butternut squash, and lobster bisque shooters. There's live entertainment many nights.

DIAMOND HEAD MARKET & GRILL \$\$

Location: 3158 Monsarrat Ave., Honolulu

Phone Number: 808-732-0077

Website: <http://www.diamondheadmarket.com>

A lovely option for breakfast or lunch before a hike or a beach ramble, this conveniently located market and bakery near Diamond Head Crater serves fluffy banana pancakes, bounteous salads, and tasty cakes and scones. Later in the day, it's a good bet for mushroom burgers, shrimp plates, grilled ahi salads, and teriyaki chicken. The lemon crunch pie, with bits of toffee brittle in it, makes a fine ending to any meal.

RAINBOW DRIVE-IN \$

Location: 3308 Kanaina Ave., Honolulu Get

Phone Number: 808-737-0177

Website: <http://www.rainbowdrivein.com>

Since 1961, this open-air restaurant with a happily garish rainbow sign has been doling out short-order Hawaiian classics, from saimin noodles to loco moco (a burger, eggs, and gravy over rice). It's famous for the "plate lunch," a hearty but inexpensive meal consisting of a main dish (fried chicken, ahi katsu, etc.), two scoops of rice, and either slaw or macaroni salad. Tip: Snag dessert nearby at Waiola Shave Ice.



HULA'S BAR & LEI STAND

Location: Waikiki Grand Hotel, 134 Kapahulu Ave., 2nd floor, Honolulu Get Directions

Phone Number: 808-923-0669

Website: <http://hulas.com/>

One of Hawaii's longest-running gay bars, Hula's remains a vibrant mainstay in the community. The friendly, fun, and smart staff here have worked hard and successfully to keep this open-air club near the famed gay beach at Queen's Surf popular with both locals and visitors. The attractive space is fun for dancing, listening to live bands on Saturdays, or simply grabbing a seat on the balcony and mingling with friends (or making new ones). In fall 2012, Hula's completely revamped its kitchen menu, which now serves delicious Asian and Hawaiian inspired tapas, including Kalua pork sliders, Szechuan ribs, five-spice duck with raspberry-chipotle sauce – there's also a popular weekend brunch. The good times continue to roll on Waikiki Bay with Hula's popular Saturday-afternoon gay catamaran cruise.

CROUCHING LION

Location: 51-666 Kamehameha Hwy., Ka'a'awa

Phone Number: 808-237-8981

An atmospheric pit stop during any road trip around the North Shore, this convivial, gay-owned restaurant and bar serves up hearty Island-style victuals (try the sweet-chili shrimp) and pretty cocktails, but the real draw is the to-die-for ocean view from the patio. There's a pool table in the side bar.

FUSION WAIKIKI

Location: 2260 Kuhio Ave., 2nd floor, Honolulu

Phone Number: 808-924-2422

Website: <http://www.fusionwaikiki.com/>

This mostly male dance club pulses till 4 a.m., drawing especially sizable crowds on weekends, when strip-



DIAMOND HEAD LIGHTHOUSE BEACH

Location: Diamond Head Rd. at Beach Rd., Honolulu

Website: <http://gaytravel.about.com/od/gaydestinationgalleries/ig/Photos-of-Gay-Honolulu/Diamond-Head-Beach.htm>

Gays have long congregated on this narrow, rocky shelf of sand beneath the cliffs that form the southern rim of iconic Diamond Head volcano. It's less of a scene and much more secluded than Queen's Surf Beach. You'll find limited parking on Diamond Head Road, but it's just a 10-minute cab ride or 30-minute walk from central Waikīkī. Although nudity isn't permitted, you may see a few bathers in the buff.

QUEEN'S SURF BEACH

Location: Kalākaua Ave. at Monsarrat Ave., Kapi'olani Park, Honolulu

Website: <http://gaytravel.about.com/od/gaydestinationgalleries/ig/Photos-of-Gay-Honolulu/Queen-s-Surf-Beach.htm>

Despite its current role as Hawai'i's gayest beach, Queen's Surf actually picked up its catchy name from Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani, who had a beach house here. These days it's Honolulu queer oceanfront central—not exclusively LGBT, since its gorgeous setting and handy location near Kapi'olani Park make it irresistible to everyone—but the gays are a major presence. Amenities include a snack bar, shaded area, restrooms, and showers.