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The finest guidebook ever written for the Big Island. Now you can plan your best vacation ever. This all new eighth edition is a candid, humorous guide to everything there is to see and do on the Big Island. Best-selling author and longtime Hawai i resident, Andrew Doughty, unlocks the secrets of an island so vast and diverse that many visitors never realize all that it has to offer. Explore with him as he reveals breathtaking trails, secluded beaches, pristine reefs, delicious places to dine, relaxing resorts, an active volcano and so much more. Every restaurant, activity provider, business and resort is reviewed personally and anonymously. This book and a rental car are all you need to discover what makes the Big Island so exciting."

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Jamie says

This is an outstanding travel book. A great overview, nuanced reviews of places and beaches and adventures. I didn't pay much attention to the restaurant reviews (because of food allergies), but I appreciated the pragmatic travel logistics the book documented (Costco, here we come). I dogeared many pages and will return to this book all the way through our epic, once in a lifetime trip to The Big Island.

Nan says

Great guide book to read as I get ready for an upcoming trip.

Marlene M Penner says

I have this booked marked with many sticky notes. I'm heading to Hawaii to celebrate my mom-in-laws 75th birthday later this year. I'm very much looking forward to this trip. It looks like it could be my new "most beautiful place on earth" (overtaking Vancouver, B.C.). I have to remember that this trip is not what I can get out of it, but an opportunity to experience Hawaii with my in-laws. I think we'll be able to find some great activities to do. This book does a great job of outlining areas and activities. Very helpful.

Ashley says

Of course you want an accurate and concise guide about wherever you're traveling. But throw in some humor and searing honesty and you've got an awesome guidebook. This is the book recommended by people who actually live on the Big Island, so you know it's good.

Amy says

First off, a copy/paste from my previous review on THE ULTIMATE KAUAI GUIDEBOOK by the same author, just replace "THE ULTIMATE KAUAI GUIDEBOOK" with "HAWAII THE BIG ISLAND REVEALED":

This book is clearly geared towards tourists who rely on guidebooks to tell them what to do on their vacation in order to get the most bang for their buck. It certainly beats the other guidebooks of the area, like Lonely Planet or Fodor's, as THE ULTIMATE KAUAI GUIDEBOOK does provide a comprehensive and rather honest list of activities, beaches, hotels, tour companies, and restaurants. What sets THE ULTIMATE KAUAI GUIDEBOOK a step above those guidebooks is that its website, <http://www.hawaiirevealed.com/hawaii-...>,

keeps a constant list of updates and changes to the current edition released. I highly recommend that you check the website before you go as it's got the most up-to-date information.

So for our vacation we visited both Kauai and Big Island and while I've discussed the Kauai guidebook, here are my thoughts about the guidebook for Big Island. If you plan to drive up to Mauna Kea yourself (which we didn't, but we passed it on our way to Hilo over the Saddle Road), I think you should take this book with you. It's definitely got the most description I've found in print or web on whether your rental car can make it up there. Outside of that, the book is "nice-to-have" as it is a comprehensive list of activities that you can do on the island. If you plan to do a whole bunch of activities, be prepared to do a lot of driving (it's Big Island for a reason, after all) and keep this guidebook with you as it has some great driving directions. However, if you plan to keep close to a resort and rely on tour companies, then you really don't need this guidebook.

Spynonu says

This is a good guidebook for helping you find your way around the Big Island. Hawaii has few signs showing the way to beaches, monuments, parks, etc. which is nice as it keeps the views uncorrupted BUT it does make it a challenge to know what there is to see. A guidebook is really a must to get the most out of your time on the island. I used this book to find places to eat, out of the way beaches, shopping, and other activities.

While there is some mile by mile listing of what is available -I do wish this book was laid out more like the Milepost with EVERYTHING listed when you'd encounter it on the various island roadways. I felt I missed a lot of good things on my drives because they were listed elsewhere in the book under different headings. Unfortunately, when I saw them later I had no opportunity to go back to that area to explore.

This book does not have everything that is available but I would definitely suggest it's purchase to anyone traveling to the Big Island for the first time.

As a post note- I bought the Kindle version of this book but it was inconvenient so I grabbed a paperback copy. Much better!

Ashley Clark says

We used this guidebook every single day that we were on the Big Island. I felt like this book really helped us to find spots off the beaten path. The maps in it are great, and I highly recommend it if you're planning to visit Hawaii.

Carol says

I had be been pushed to this as the go to guide and while I found thing here that I probably wound not have otherwise I did find it not complete - but then again it cannot be everything to everyone. From the stories as well as this book I was expecting the roads to be horrible and that it would take hours to get anywhere

whereas to the contrary i found the highway around the island quite smooth and the 4WD pretty much unnecessary. (I am not much of a beach person and I did not go all the way to the top of Mauna Kea) I did find some little known options and it gave me a general feel of the island but the app probably might have been a better option - I did find it annoying that they were separate purchases. I probably would not have bought the book if I had known.

Paul says

Well really... what other book series are you going to use for Hawaii? Best guidebooks.

Beth Cato says

Travel books can sometimes be a tedious read, but there is a reason why this book is the top-rated book on the Big Island on Amazon. Reading this feels like talking with a friend. The tone is personable, with jokes and asides, plus lots of practical knowledge you don't see elsewhere--like when the winds pick up, what side of the plane to sit on when flying into Kona and Hilo, where to eat, how to access remote black beaches, etc. As an author, I need these kinds of details for the novel outline I'm working on--and for the research trip I'm planning as well. Plus, their website offers a wealth of supplemental material. I'll be buying their book on Oahu next!

Kelly Heflin says

Best guidebook that I know of!

Worth every penny. The authors know first hand what they are writing about. They take the time & have the passion for what they are writing about & providing for every reader.

Karen says

Just left the big island and this book proved to be a awesome guidebook. I'm not a fan of how it's laid out, it's by activity and not by area but the content is spot on. The directions, vibe, timing of your visit, and leaving local hangouts for locals on the weekend was all good info. I'll use this book and others in the series!

Joseph Bradley says

Awesome Big Island travel guide

Debra Waites says

Great book! Used it the entire time we were on the Island. Accurate.

Kyla says

We haven't made the trip yet but the book seems like a nice planning tool.
