

119 WINNERS
READERS' CHOICES
AND EDITORS' PICKS

Best of Honolulu

Our annual guide to living better in Honolulu with 119 picks by readers and editors.

Best of HONOLULU 2008

IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH GREAT stuff Honolulu has to offer—an ever-evolving entertainment scene, shopping for every taste and budget, top-notch experts who make our everyday lives easier and, of course, killer restaurants. But how's a busy guy or gal like yourself supposed to figure out which retail, service, food and nightlife options are the best? You don't have to, because we've done the work for you.

In our annual quest to find you the best the city has to offer, we once again asked readers for their opinions. The result is our biggest "Best of Honolulu" ever, with 119 winners. Curious to know which bar has the best happy hour? Wondering who to call to cater your daughter's grad party (or coordinate her wedding)? Maybe all you want is the freshest, tastiest poke on the island. We've got what you're looking for.

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Want to know how to get your hands on this red velvet cupcake? Find out who we picked for Best Cupcakes on page 77.

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Your directory to this year's Best of HONOLULU winners.
Print out three copies—for the fridge, the glove compartment and a friend.

Shopping

Best Aloha Shirts

REYN'S
Multiple locations,
www.reyns.com

Best Antique Store

MILLS GALLERY
1030 Kapahulu Ave.,
739-5771

Best Baby Gifts

CUPCAKE BOUTIQUE
At Ward Centre until
March 15 then moving
to Ward Warehouse,
597-8305,
www.cupcake-boutique.com

Best Bags

MACY'S
Multiple locations,
www.macys.com

Best Consignment Shop

P'ZAZZ
3057 Wai'ālae Ave.,
732-5900

Best Fashion Eyewear

LENSCRAFTERS
Multiple locations,
www.lenscrafters.com

Best Frame Shop

FRAME ARTS HAWAII'
627 South St.,
525-5212

Best Garden Supply

HOME DEPOT
Multiple locations
www.homedepot.com

Best Golf Shop

ROGER DUNN GOLF SHOPS
1500 Kapi'olani Blvd.
942-7741;
1000 Kamehameha Highway,
Pearl City, 456-5401,
www.worldwidegolfshops.com

Best Hobby Shop

BEN FRANKLIN STORES
Multiple locations,
www.benfranklinstores.com

Best Home Accessories

PIER 1 IMPORTS
Multiple locations,
www.pierone.com

Best Kitchen Supplies

WILLIAMS-SONOMA
Ala Moana Center,
951-5006,
www.williams-sonoma.com

Best Lei Shop

CINDY'S LEI SHOPPE
1034 Maunakea St., 536-2169,
www.cindysleishoppe.com

Best Local Bookstore

BOOKENDS
Kailua Shopping Center
600 Kailua Road, 261-1996

Best Maternity Wear

MOTHERHOOD MATERNITY
Pearlridge Center, 'Aiea,
484-2116; Waikēle Premium
Outlets, 94-792 Lumiaina St.,
Waipahu, 678-3326,
www.motherhood.com

Best Men's Suits

MACY'S
Multiple locations,
www.macys.com

Best Musical Instruments

HARRY'S MUSIC
3457 Wai'ālae Ave.,
735-2866

Best New Store

ALLIWAY
Ward Warehouse
589-1141,
www.alliway.com

Best Outdoor Sports Wear

SPORTS AUTHORITY
333 Ward Ave., 596-0166;
Waikēle Shopping Center,
94-809 Lumiaina St.,
Waipahu, 677-9933,
www.sportsauthority.com

Best Pet Supply Store

PET'S DISCOUNT
Multiple locations,
petsdiscount.biz

Best Plant Nursery

KO'OLAU FARMERS
45-580 Kamehameha Highway,
Kāne'ohe, 247-3911

Best Sensible Shoes

UYEDA SHOE STORE
2615 S. King St., 941-1331

Best Swimwear (for Kids)

LITTLE HONEY'S
Multiple locations,
www.honeygirlwaterwear.com

Best Swimwear (for Men)

XCEL
Ward Centre, 596-7441;
66-590 Kamehameha Highway,
Hale'iwa, 637-3248
www.xcelwetsuits.com

Best Swimwear (for Women)

PUALANI HAWAII'
New Otani Kaimana Beach
Hotel, 2863 Kalākaua Ave.,
923-0753,
www.pualanihawaii.com

Best Traditional Furniture

C.S. WO
702 S. Beretania St.,
543-5388, www.cswo.com

Best Trendy Furniture

INSPIRATION
Honolulu Design Center,
1250 Kapi'olani Blvd., 3rd Floor,
956-1260; Pearlridge Center,
'Aiea, 484-0245
www.inspirationinteriors.com

Best Used Cars

SERVCO USED CAR CENTER
2780 Waiwai Loop, 564-2727
www.servcousedcarcenter.com

Best Women's Boutique

CALISTA
Ward Warehouse, 593-9495;
Kāhala Mall, 735-6830

Best Women's Shoes

NORDSTROM
Ala Moana Center,
www.nordstrom.com

Weddings

Best Local Honeymoon

LODGE AT KŌ'ELE
1 Keōmoku Highway, Lāna'i
City, 808-565-4000,
www.fourseasons.com/koele

Best Tux Rental

PHIL'S TUX
250 Ward Ave., Shop 110,
596-9872,
www.philstux.com

Best Wedding Photographer

STEFANIE RIEDEL
779-1895,
www.absolutelyloved.com

Best Wedding Planner

BETH HARBOTTLE
341-8708,
www.socialbutterfly.info

Best Wedding Venue (Money No Object)

HALEKŪLANI
2199 Kālia Road,
923-2311,
www.halekulani.com

Best Wedding Venue (on a Budget)

BEACH

Food

Best Açai Bowl

LANIKAI JUICE
Kailua Shopping Center,
600 Kailua Road,
262-2383,
www.lanikaijuice.com

Best Bento

ZIPPY'S
Multiple locations,
www.zippys.com

Best Caterer (Family Style)

HIGHWAY INN

Best Caterer (Upscale)

KĀHALA CATERERS
3458 Wai'ālae Ave., 735-7775,
www.kahalacaterers.com

Best Chicken Katsu

L&L DRIVE INN
Multiple locations,
www.hawaiianbarbecue.com

Best Cupcakes

CAKE COUTURE
'Aina Haina Shopping Center
820 West Hind Drive, #112,
373-9750,
www.cakecouture.com

Best Custom Cookies

HOKULANI BAKE SHOP
Restaurant Row,
500 Ala Moana Blvd.,
587-7098,
www.hokulanibakeshop.com

Best Dim Sum

MEI SUM
65 N. Pauahi St., 531-3268

Best Farmers' Market

KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4303 Diamond Head Road;
Saturdays, 7:30-11 a.m.
www.hfbf.org

Best Hamburger

KUAAINA SANDWICH SHOP
Ward Centre, 591-9133;
66-160 Kamehameha High-
way, Hale'iwa, 637-6067
www.kua-aina.com

Best Health Food Store

DOWN TO EARTH
Multiple locations,
www.downtoearth.org

Best Kalua Pig

HIGHWAY INN
94-226 Leoku St., Waipahu,
677-4345,
www.myhighwayinn.com

Best Late-Night Eats

MAC 24/7
Hilton Waikiki Prince Kūhiō
2500 Kūhiō Ave., 921-5564,
www.mac247hawaii.com

Best Lauau

HIGHWAY INN

Best Local Coffee House

COFFEE TALK
3601 Wai'ala'e Ave., 737-7444

Best Locally Made Cookies

BIG ISLAND CANDIES
585 Hinano St., Hilo,
800-935-5510,
www.bigislandcandies.com

Best Loco Moco

L&L DRIVE INN
Multiple locations,
www.hawaiianbarbecue.com

Best Lunchwagon

YOU HUNGRY
Corner of Halekauwila and
South streets, 429-0070;
corner of Alakea and
Beretania streets

Best Malassadas

LEONARD'S BAKERY
933 Kapahulu Ave., 737-5591;
Waimalu Shopping Center,
98-042 Kamehameha High-
way, 'Aiea, 484-1545,
www.leonardshawaii.com

Best Milkshake

FARRELL'S
Pearlridge Shopping Center
'Aiea, 488-9339; Windward
Mall, Kāne'ohe, 247-3788
www.farrellshawaii.com

Best Okazu-ya

GULICK DELICATESSEN
1512 Gulick Ave., 847-1461;
1936 S. King St., 941-2835

Best Pancakes

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE
1221 Kapi'olani Blvd., 596-
8213; 1414 Dillingham Blvd.,
847-1496,
www.originalpancakehouse.com

Best Pho

HALE VIETNAM
1140 12th Ave., 735-7581

Best Vegetarian Pho

VIETNAM CAFÉ PHO SAIGON
52 N. Hotel St., 536-8462

Best Pies

ANNA MILLER'S
98-115 Kaonohi St., 'Aiea,
487-2421,
www.annamillersrestaurant.com

Best Poke

TANIOKA'S
94-903 Farrington Highway,
Waipahu, 671-3779,
www.taniokas.com

Best Portuguese Sausage

REDONDO'S
Available at most supermar-
kets, www.redondos.com

Best Reason to Blow Your Diet

HANK'S HAUTE DOGS
324 Coral St.,
532-HANK,
www.hankshautedogs.com

Best Saimin

ZIPPY'S
Multiple locations,
www.zippys.com

Best Shave ice

MATSUMOTO'S SHAVE ICE
66-087 Kamehameha High-
way, Hale'iwa,
637-4827,
www.matsumotoshaveice.com

Best Soups

COVENANT BOOKS AND COFFEE
142 12th Ave., 732-4600,
www.covenantbooksand
coffee.com

Best Sushi

GENKI SUSHI
Multiple locations,
www.genkisushiusa.com

Best Tacos

MI CASA
3046 Monsarrat Ave.,
737-1562

*Services***Best Auto Detailer**

CAPONE'S ULTIMATE DETAIL
844 Queen St., 593-7784,
www.caponesultimatedetail.com

Best Automotive Repair

BURT'S UNION
1340 N. School St., 841-6711

Best Custom Woodworker

MARTIN & MACARTHUR
Ala Moana Center, 941-0074;
Hyatt Regency Waikiki,
2424 Kalākaua Ave, #112,
923-5333,
www.martinandmacarthur.com

Best Dry Cleaner

CLEAN LIVING HAKUYOSHA
Multiple locations,
www.hakuyosha.com

Best Fumigator

TERMINIX
Multiple locations,
www.terminix.com

Best General Contractor

3 BUILDERS INC.
637-7532,
www.3buildersinc.com

Best Interior Designer

SHARI SAIKI
Shari Saiki Design Studio,
851 Pohukaina St., Suite C4,
593-2564,
www.sharisaiki.com

Best Landscaper

STEVE'S GARDENING SERVICE
676-9166,
www.stevesgardening.com

Best Manicure/ Pedicure

AVEDA LIFESTYLE SALON & SPA
Ala Moana Center, 947-6141

Best Pet Groomer

THE GROOMING WAGON
225-3641

Best Plumber

DIAMOND HEAD PLUMBING
1039 11th Ave.,
734-4344

Best Salon

PAUL BROWN
Multiple locations,
www.paulbrownhawaii.com

Best Shoe Repair

JOE PACIFIC
126 Queen St., #110,
524-7463

Best Spa (Splurge)

IHILANI
Ko Olina, 92-1001 Olani St.,
Kapolei, 679-3321,
www.ihilani.com

Best Spa (Steal)

HEAVEN ON EARTH
1050 Alakea St., 589-4100;
1177 Queen St., 589-4100
www.heavenonearthhawaii.com.

Best Tailor

ANDY MOHAN
700 Bishop St.,
531-1816,
www.andymohantailor.com

*Arts & Leisure***Best Downtown Art Gallery**

LOUIS POHL GALLERY
1111 Nu'uuanu Ave., 521-1812,
www.louispohlgallery.com

Best Guilty Pleasure

LAMBORGHINI GALLARDO
Ferrari/Maserati/
Lamborghini/Lotus,
1069 S. Beretania St.,
585-6627

Best Gym

24 HOUR FITNESS
Multiple locations,
www.24hourfitness.com

Best Happy Hour

MAI TAI BAR
Ala Moana Center,
947-2900,
www.maitaibar.com

Best Karaoke (Open Room)

SANSEI SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR
Waikiki Beach Marriott,
2552 Kalākaua Ave.,
931-6286,
www.sanseihawaii.com

Best Karaoke (Private Room)

TIE KARAOKE HUT & CRAZY KARAOKE
Karaoke Hut & Lounge,
909 Kapahulu Ave.,
734-7771; Crazy Karaoke
1308 Young St., 591-8843,
Pearl Kai Shopping Center,
98-199 Kamehameha Highway,
'Aiea, 484-0269

**Best Live Hawaiian Music**

CHAI'S ISLAND BISTRO
Aloha Tower Marketplace,
1 Aloha Tower Drive,
585-0011,
www.chaisislandbistro.com

Best Live Jazz

JAZZ MINDS ART & CAFE
1661 Kapi'olani Blvd.,
945-0800,
www.honolulu jazzclub.com

Best Nightclub

PEARL
Ala Moana Center,
944-8000,
www.pearlhawaii.com

Best Paddling Club to Watch

LANIKAI CANOE CLUB
www.lanikaicanoeclub.org

Best Resort for Kama'aina

FOUR SEASONS-HUALĀLAI
72-100 Ka'upūlehu Drive,
Kailua-Kona,
808-325-8000,
www.fourseasons.com/
hualalai

Best Surf Lessons

FAITH RIDING CO. SURF SCHOOL
Waikiki Beach Marriott
Resort & Spa,
2552 Kalākaua Ave.,
931-6262

Best SweetTart for Adults

LING HING MUI MARGARITA AT CASSIS
66 Queen St.,
545-8100,
www.cassishonolulu.com

Best Yoga Studio

OPEN SPACE YOGA
1111 Nu'uuanu Ave., # 211,
232-8851,
www.yogaopenspace.com