



KEA HO'S
HONOLULU

Kea Ho, daughter of Hawaii's favorite son, Don Ho, doesn't take her childhood paradise for granted. The model/singer/actress shares her favorite island places.

– Lisa Arcella

BEST PLACE FOR

A romantic view

Ho loves steep hikes up to 760-foot **Diamond Head** volcanic crater where she takes in the breathtaking views. "I grew up running along the lookouts and on those beaches below. It's really the most amazingly beautiful place in the world."

Diamond Head Road at 18th Avenue, Waikiki, hawaii.stateparks.org

BEST PLACE TO

Get a tan

Ho, 26, who now lives in New York City, says her family had a house near **Lanikai Beach** northeast of Honolulu, where "the scent of the flowers and sweet ocean breezes can still take my breath away." She remembers taking long walks there with her dad. "It has the softest sand and has been voted one of the top 10 beaches in the world. It's idyllic."

Mokulua Drive, Kailua, aloha-hawaii.com



BEST PLACE TO

Shop

The **Ala Moana Center** has everything, "from small mom-and-pop shops like Sera's Surf 'N Shore, to Chanel and Dior. My favorite store is Neiman Marcus for the dress department and all my favorite beauty items. Then I head to my favorite restaurant, Mariposa, for a post-shopping lunch."

1450 Ala Moana Blvd., alamoanacenter.com



BEST PLACE TO

Get fresh fish

Everyone on Oahu knows **Dukes**, a Waikiki Beach mainstay. Its namesake, Duke Kahanamoku, was an Olympic gold medalist, father of international surfing and longtime friend of Ho's dad. "The fish is so good, and they probably have the best burgers on the island, too. After you spend a day at Canoes Beach, you can hang out here to watch the sun set over the water."

2335 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 116, dukeswaikiki.com



BEST PLACE TO

Grab a drink

Kahala Hotel's Seaside Grill overlooking the beach is Ho's go-to spot for reconnecting with old friends. "There are terrific specialty drinks here. My favorite is the Koko Head that's served in a coconut shell."

5000 Kahala Ave., 808-739-8888, kahalaresort.com

BEST PLACE TO

Get off the beaten path

"I love riding ATVs at the **Kualoa Ranch** because you get to explore parts of Honolulu that you don't normally see. There are beautiful landscapes with the Koolau mountains and the ocean beyond. It's a spectacular backdrop."

49-560 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe, kualoa.com

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