

FREE GUIDE · 2026–2027

The Big Island *wedding venue guide.*

26 Hawai‘i Island venues with capacity, rules, minimums and published pricing, plus beach permit rules and the questions to ask before you sign. From The BTS Dulhan, Big Island wedding content creators.

START HERE

Before you *fall in love with a venue.*

West side = sunsets

The Kona and Kohala coast faces west and is the dry side (Kona airport averages about 13 in of rain a year; Hilo about 130). Upcountry Waimea and Hōlualoa are cooler and greener.

Read the minimums

Resorts often add food & beverage minimums, room-night minimums and a 22–25% service charge. Budget for all three, not just the package.

Check the music curfew

Many venues end music at 9:30–10 PM. Want a late night? Plan an after-party or an indoor space.

Ask about vendor rules

Some venues require their own planner or caterer. Rental venues let you bring your own. Confirm your photographer and content creator are allowed.

Have a rain & wind plan

Ask exactly which space is held as your backup. Pin veils and weigh down florals: trade winds are real.

Time it to the sun

Start your ceremony about 1 hr 45 min before sunset plus your ceremony length. Use the free timeline builder at thebtsdulhan.com/timeline.

Questions to ask *on every venue tour*

- What's included in the site fee, and what's the food & beverage minimum?
- Is there a service charge and tax on top?
- Room-night or buyout minimums?
- Which space is our rain backup, and when do we decide?
- What time must music end and guests leave?
- Can we bring our own planner, caterer, photographer and content creator?
- How many weddings do you host per day?
- Parking and shuttle rules?

AT A GLANCE

All 26 venues

VENUE	AREA	GUESTS	STAY	SUNSET
Four Seasons Resort Hualālai	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to ~300 outdoors	Yes	☀
Kona Village, A Rosewood Resort	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to ~200–300 outdoors	Yes	☀
Mauna Kea Beach Hotel	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to ~300 outdoors	Yes	☀
The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to ~650 outdoors	Yes	☀
Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection	Kohala Coast resorts	Ceremony lawns 160–430	Yes	☀
Fairmont Orchid	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to ~900 outdoors	Yes	☀
Hilton Waikoloa Village	Kohala Coast resorts	Very large	Yes	☀
Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa	Kohala Coast resorts	Up to 1,000 outdoors	Yes	☀
Kona Salt Farm	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	Up to ~200 seated outdoors	–	☀
Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	10–600	Yes	☀
Royal Kona Resort	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	Up to ~150–350 depending on space	Yes	☀
Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	Up to 750 outdoors	Yes	☀
Papa Kona Events	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	110 seated	–	☀
Hulihe‘e Palace	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	Up to 350	–	☀
Kona Beach Houses	Kailua-Kona & Keauhou	We've captured a beachfront wedding of about 75–100 guests here	Yes	☀
Holualoa Inn	Upcountry, Waimea & North Kohala	2–120	Yes	☀
Anna Ranch Heritage Center	Upcountry, Waimea & North Kohala	Up to 300 on the front lawn	–	–
Parker Ranch – Pu‘u‘ōpelu	Upcountry, Waimea & North Kohala	Not published	–	–
Kahua Ranch	Upcountry, Waimea & North Kohala	Ceremony up to 500	–	–
Puakea Ranch	Upcountry, Waimea & North Kohala	Up to 125 (larger by custom package)	Yes	–
Hale Kukui	Hāmākua, Hilo & Volcano	Up to 30	Yes	–
Pu‘uwai Gardens	Hāmākua, Hilo & Volcano	Up to 50 under the pavilion (bring a tent for more)	–	–
Botanical World Adventures	Hāmākua, Hilo & Volcano	Up to 300+ depending on site	–	–
Nani Mau Gardens	Hāmākua, Hilo & Volcano	Up to 240 indoors	–	–

Four Seasons Resort Hualālai

KA‘ŪPŪLEHU, NORTH KONA · ~10 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Luxury resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

Half a mile of oceanfront, manicured lawns, a bluff and an amphitheater carved from lava. The sunset ceremony flows straight into cocktails by the water.

GUESTS
Up to ~300 outdoors; 600 resort max

CEREMONY
Palm Grove (oceanfront lawn), the “Wedding Tree” on the bluff (up to 30), Beach Tree Lawn (300), Hoku Amphitheater (300), Garden Lawn (150)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Catering and bar are in-house
- Couples typically book 6–9 months out

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 249 rooms & suites

RECEPTION
6,175 sq ft ballroom (divisible), plus the oceanfront lawns

PRICING
Published packages: The Romance of Hualālai from $12,500 (up to 20 guests); Waters of Hualālai from $18,500. Directories list different figures, so confirm with the resort. · www.fourseasons.com

MY NOTES

Kona Village, A Rosewood Resort

KAHUWAI BAY, KA‘ŪPŪLEHU · ~10–15 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Luxury resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

Thatched-roof hale on a black-sand bay with lava rock and turquoise water. Feels like a private village; great for elopements and buyouts alike.

GUESTS
Up to ~200–300 outdoors; 50 indoors

CEREMONY
Kīpuka Nanea (tiered lawn), Kīpuka Hoaka (secluded oceanfront lawn; book the nearby hale for exclusive use), Shipwreck Pool & Beach

GOOD TO KNOW
- At least 50% of the wedding party must stay 3 nights on property
- Catering and bar in-house; 24% service charge

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 150 standalone hale (bungalows)

RECEPTION
Hale Hoʻokipa lūʻau & event grounds (250, stage + imu pit), Moana Pool Deck (200, sunset spot), private dining rooms Ulu (12) and Niu (16)

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide, Dec 2025): site fee from $10,000; elopements up to 10 guests $10,000–14,000; 40–60 guests $15,000–20,000; 75+ guests requires a full buyout ($150,000+). Meals about $250–300 per person. · www.rosewoodhotels.com

MY NOTES

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel

KAUNAʻOA BAY, KOHALA COAST · ~35 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Luxury resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

The classic Kohala Coast icon on one of the island's prettiest white-sand bays, with ceremony sites on the golf course above the ocean.

GUESTS
Up to ~300 outdoors

CEREMONY
New Third Tee (the most popular, for sunset), Original Third Tee, North Pointe Lawn (lava-stone stage), Manta Ray Lookout, South Pointe Lawn, Vista Decks

GOOD TO KNOW
- Minimum 10 room nights
- 50+ guests requires at least a month-of planner
- Luau Grounds unavailable Tuesdays & Fridays (resort lūʻau nights)
- Indoor backup space reserved with every package
- $9,500 non-refundable deposit; book ~9 months out

STAY ON SITE
Yes, about 252 rooms

RECEPTION
Kaunaʻoa Ballroom (floor-to-ceiling bay views), Luau Grounds, lawns

PRICING
2025 packages: $10,000 / $12,500 / $15,000. Food & beverage minimum $15,000 (Mon–Thu) or $20,000 (Fri–Sun), plus 25% service charge. · maunakearesort.com

MY NOTES

The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort

HĀPUNA BEACH, KOHALA COAST · ~35 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

Mauna Kea's sister resort above Hāpuna, one of the island's best beaches. Same romance team, slightly lower minimums.

GUESTS
Up to ~650 outdoors; ballroom up to 900

CEREMONY
Turtle Point (grassy lava bluff, sunset over the Pacific, ~75 seated), The Courtyard, Breezeway (covered)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Minimum 10 room nights
- 50+ guests requires at least a month-of planner
- Indoor backup space reserved with every package
- $9,500 deposit; book ~9 months out

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 249 rooms

RECEPTION
Ocean Lawn, poolside, Hapuna Ballroom

PRICING
2026 packages: $9,000 / $11,500 / $14,000. Food & beverage minimum $10,000 (Mon–Thu) or $15,000 (Fri–Sun). · maunakearesort.com

MY NOTES

Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection

KOHALA COAST · ~30 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Luxury resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

Auberge luxury with a long list of named oceanfront lawns and beaches, including one literally called the Sunset Lawn. Hawaiian ring-blessing ceremonies available.

GUESTS
Ceremony lawns 160–430; receptions up to 600

CEREMONY
Milo Tree Lawn (160), Kilohana Beach (168), Papakōnane Sunset Lawn (160), Ocean Point Lawn (196), Kekaha Lawn (432), Zen Garden

GOOD TO KNOW
- Intimate (up to 30) and Bespoke (30–200) packages
- In-house weddings team works alongside your planner
- Resort buyouts available

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 333 rooms, suites & residences

RECEPTION
CanoeHouse Lawn (450), Hale Hoaloha Pavilion (400; lawn 600), Kilohana Beach (600), Hoku Lawn (180)

PRICING
Not published. Inquire for a proposal. · auberge.com

MY NOTES

Fairmont Orchid

PAUOA BAY, KOHALA COAST · ~30 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A big, polished beachfront resort with 14 venues, from a sandy coconut grove to grand ballrooms. A favorite for large and multi-day Indian weddings.

GUESTS
Up to ~900 outdoors; ballroom 1,278

CEREMONY
Coconut Grove (above Pauoa Bay), Turtle Pointe (oceanfront lawn), Plantation Estate (raised natural stage), Croquet Lawn

GOOD TO KNOW
- Outdoor events end at 10 PM; indoor parties can go to 1 AM
- 3-night minimum stay for weddings
- 25% service charge
- Books up to 15 months out

STAY ON SITE
Yes, about 540 rooms

RECEPTION
Kilohana (indoor/outdoor, sunset, built-in dance floor, up to 80), Grande Ballroom (1,278), Plaza Ballroom (240), Promenade Ballroom (220), Wailana Garden (100)

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide, 2026): elopement $4,500 (no F&B minimum); packages $5,000–15,000; F&B minimum $8,500 (Mon–Thu) or $15,000 (Fri–Sun). · www.fairmont.com

MY NOTES

Hilton Waikoloa Village

WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT · ~25 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A huge resort of lagoons, gardens, waterfalls and a tram. Lots of options for big guest counts and budgets.

GUESTS
Very large; up to 1,000+

CEREMONY
Approved ocean-view or waterfront sites (one-hour ceremony window), historically including Hale Aloha Chapel and Palace Garden (sunset over Waiulua Bay)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Music ends at 10 PM (travel-agency listing)
- Fees for outside catering and corkage
- Valet about $55 per car

STAY ON SITE
Yes, very large resort

RECEPTION
Ballrooms, lanais and oceanfront lawns

PRICING
Travel-agency brochure (2024, unconfirmed): packages from about $3,795 (up to 35 guests); F&B minimum about $3,000–5,000++. Confirm current pricing with Hilton. · www.hilton.com

MY NOTES

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

ʻANAEHOʻOMALU BAY, WAIKOLOA · ~25 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A relaxed beachfront resort on ʻAnaehoʻomalu Bay next to ancient Hawaiian fishponds, with sunset ceremonies over the bay.

GUESTS
Up to 1,000 outdoors

CEREMONY
King's Knoll (75, sunset over the bay), Lindsey Beach (private sandy beach on the fishpond, 2–80)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Blush Weddings Hawaii is the resort's exclusive wedding planner
- Amplified music indoors only (directory)
- Packages include day-of coordination

STAY ON SITE
Yes, about 297 rooms

RECEPTION
Coconut Grove (1,000), Lūʻau Grounds (650), Pool Terrace (500), Naupaka Lawn (500), Paniolo Ocean Terrace (250), Naupaka Ballroom (880)

PRICING
Official packages are “inquire for pricing.” Directory: from about $125 per person, meals from $135 per person, 22% service charge. · www.marriott.com

MY NOTES

Kona Salt Farm

KEĀHOLE POINT, KAILUA-KONA · ~10 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Oceanfront rental venue · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

The island's working sea-salt farm on 7 oceanfront acres with a west-facing lawn. A blank canvas: you bring your own caterer and team.

GUESTS
Up to ~200 seated outdoors

CEREMONY
Oceanfront Grounds (west-facing lawn)

GOOD TO KNOW
- 9-hour rental packages (oceanfront package 1–10 PM)
- Any licensed caterer, food trucks welcome; bar packages or BYO with corkage
- Event insurance required
- Amplified music allowed with some restrictions

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Upper Salt Deck (50 × 190 ft, can be tented), covered Breezeway, Moku Nui Room (24), A/C dressing suites

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide): rental from $1,200, packages from $2,995. Official site quotes custom. · konaseasalt.com

MY NOTES

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

KAILUA-KONA VILLAGE · ~15 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Hotel · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

Right in Kailua-Kona at the start of Ali'i Drive, on calm Kamakahonu Bay next to Ahu'ena Heiau. Walkable to town, great for guests.

GUESTS
10–600

CEREMONY
Kamakahonu Beach (up to 50), Honu's Lawn (200), Ahu'ena Point (350), Imu Gardens (80)

GOOD TO KNOW
- In-house catering; wine corkage $35/bottle, other drinks from the hotel
- Valet $45; event self-parking $10

STAY ON SITE
Yes, hotel rooms with wedding rates

RECEPTION
Kamakahonu Ballroom (350), Luau Grounds (600), gardens

PRICING
Directory (Zola): ceremony packages $3,800 / $4,500 / $6,500; Imu Gardens room fee $2,500. · www.marriott.com

MY NOTES

Royal Kona Resort

ALI‘I DRIVE, KAILUA-KONA · ~20 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Hotel · ☀ Ocean sunset

An oceanfront resort built on lava rock with a private saltwater lagoon and a thatched oceanfront gazebo. A budget-friendly Kona classic.

GUESTS
Up to ~150–350 depending on space

CEREMONY
Private Lagoon, Nohea Point lanai (up to 40)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Catering and bar in-house
- Music ends by 10 PM
- Liability insurance required; no rice, birdseed or confetti

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 436 rooms

RECEPTION
Ali‘i Surf Room, Sunset Cove, lagoon

PRICING
Directory (Wedding Spot): packages from about $3,500. · royalkona.com

MY NOTES

Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa

KEAUHOU BAY · ~30 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Resort · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A large oceanfront resort on the lava shoreline at Keauhou Bay with its own bayside chapel, famous for nighttime manta ray viewing.

GUESTS
Up to 750 outdoors; 540 indoors

CEREMONY
Bayside Chapel (40), Bayside Lawn (200), Heli‘i Photo Garden (200), Pa‘akai Point (150)

GOOD TO KNOW
- In-house catering; 24% service charge
- A licensed planner is required (included in the ceremony fee per directory)

STAY ON SITE
Yes

RECEPTION
Hawaii Lawn (750), Bayview Grounds (500), Kaleiopapa Convention Center (540), Keauhou rooms (150/250)

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide, 2026): ceremony $2,500–5,000; receptions from $3,000; meals from about $200 per person. · www.outrigger.com

MY NOTES

Papa Kona Events

WATERFRONT ROW, ALI‘I DRIVE, KAILUA-KONA · ~15 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Oceanview event space · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

An oceanview event space upstairs at Waterfront Row in historic Kailua-Kona, directly above Papa Kona Restaurant & Bar, with in-house catering and sunset over Kailua Bay.

GUESTS
110 seated; 150 ceremony; 200 cocktail

CEREMONY
Oceanview lanai

GOOD TO KNOW
- In-house catering (it's also a catering company)
- No on-site parking: plan shuttles or nearby town parking

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Second-floor event space with ocean views

PRICING
Directories (no year): packages from about $3,500 (4-hour, up to 25 guests) to $8,500 (“Magic Til Midnight,” up to 150 guests); Here Comes the Guide lists $4,000–7,200. · www.herecomestheguide.com

MY NOTES

Hulihe‘e Palace

ALI‘I DRIVE, HISTORIC KAILUA-KONA · ~15 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Historic royal palace · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A former royal summer palace on Kailua Bay, now a museum run by the Daughters of Hawai‘i. Oceanfront lawns under old trees, right in the heart of Kona town.

GUESTS
Up to 350

CEREMONY
Oceanfront palace grounds on Kailua Bay

GOOD TO KNOW
- Rental window 9 AM–10 PM; everyone off the grounds by 10 PM
- Contract at least 60 days before, with a $600 non-refundable deposit
- No fires or open flames on the grounds
- 150+ guests: bring portable restrooms (directory)

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Palace grounds and lawns (tented)

PRICING
Official: rental from $1,000 (varies by guest count and event type; larger parties quoted on request; member discount). · daughtersofhawaii.org

MY NOTES

Kona Beach Houses

ALI‘I DRIVE, KAILUA-KONA · ~20 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Beachfront vacation homes | ☀ Ocean sunset | ♥ We've worked here

Beachfront vacation homes on Ali‘i Drive where the couple, wedding party and ceremony can all be in one place, with a beachfront ceremony at golden hour.

GUESTS

We've captured a beachfront wedding of about 75–100 guests here

CEREMONY

Beachfront

GOOD TO KNOW

- Limited parking: one couple shuttled guests from Kona Commons shopping center
- Bring in a planner, rentals, caterer and bar; plan your own rain backup
- Confirm event permission and guest limits with the property before you book

STAY ON SITE

Yes, the wedding party can stay and get ready on site

RECEPTION

On-property lawn and grounds with rentals and your own caterer

PRICING

Not published. Inquire with the property.

MY NOTES

Holualoa Inn

HŌLUALOA, UPCOUNTRY KONA (~1,300 FT) · ~25–30 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Boutique inn & estate · ☀ Ocean sunset · ♥ We've worked here

A boutique estate surrounded by Kona coffee farm and gardens, looking down over the coast. Cooler, greener and very romantic.

GUESTS
2–120

CEREMONY
Great Lawn (under a monkeypod tree), Sculpture Garden, Lanihau Amphitheatre, Blue Jade Garden, Rooftop Gazebo

GOOD TO KNOW
- Bring your own licensed caterer and alcohol
- Daytime package 9 AM–8 PM; buyout 9 AM–10 PM
- No fireworks; parking for about 35 cars, so plan a shuttle

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 6 suites + 2 cottages (16–20 guests)

RECEPTION
Malulani Pavilion (covered dining & dancing), lawns

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide, 2026 price sheet): daytime package $6,500; elopements from $2,500; full estate buyout $38,300 (2–3 night minimum). · holualoainn.com

MY NOTES

Anna Ranch Heritage Center

WAIMEA (KAMUELA) · ~45–50 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Historic ranch · ♥ We've worked here

A historic family cattle-ranch estate in the Kohala hills with a stream, gardens and paniolo (Hawaiian cowboy) history. Now a nonprofit heritage center.

GUESTS
Up to 300 on the front lawn

CEREMONY
Waiʻauʻia Stream (100+), Orange Tree Grove (100+), Front Lawn (300, can be tented)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Rental hours 8 AM–10 PM; music ends 9:30 PM
- Ceremony-only or reception-only rentals capped at 6 hours
- Bookings handled by Naupaka Events & Weddings

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Anna's Hall (60–70 seated, full kitchen), Vintage Barn (25 seated)

PRICING
Directory (Wedding Spot): about $1,800–2,200 plus a $1,000 refundable deposit. · annaranch.org

MY NOTES

Parker Ranch – Pu‘u‘ōpelu

WAIMEA · ~45–50 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Historic ranch estate

The historic Parker Ranch headquarters with an Elizabethan-style tea garden and views of the Kohala Mountains and Maunakea. Waimea weather changes during the day.

GUESTS
Not published

CEREMONY
Tea garden, pine-shaded front lawn, jacaranda square garden, rose garden

GOOD TO KNOW
- Events between 9 AM and 9:45 PM
- No formal indoor backup; canopy tents highly recommended
- Licensed outside caterers; books up to 18 months out

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Lawns and carriage house (tent recommended)

PRICING
Not published. Custom packages. · www.parkerranch.com

MY NOTES

Kahua Ranch

KOHALA MOUNTAIN ROAD, BETWEEN WAIMEA AND HĀWĪ · ~60 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Working ranch ♥ We've worked here

An 8,500-acre working ranch on Kohala Mountain with an ocean-view lawn, a historic ranch chapel and a rustic barn.

GUESTS
Ceremony up to 500; reception up to 160 (directory)

CEREMONY
Ocean-view lawn, historic ranch chapel

GOOD TO KNOW
- A wedding coordinator is required
- Approved outside caterers; licensed bartender required
- Music ends by midnight (directory)

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Barn and open-air deck

PRICING
Directory (Wedding Spot): site fee about $1,000–1,500.

MY NOTES

Puakea Ranch

HĀWĪ, NORTH KOHALA · ~60–70 MIN FROM KONA AIRPORT

Historic ranch & cottages · ♥ We've worked here

A restored historic ranch on 33 acres with ocean-view lawns, old-growth trees, pools and fire pits. Ceremonies happen under a monkeypod tree.

GUESTS
Up to 125 (larger by custom package)

CEREMONY
Ocean-view lawns and the monkeypod tree

GOOD TO KNOW
- Preferred caterer list or bring your own; BYO alcohol
- Estate events require a 3-night buyout of all cottages

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 4 restored cottages (2–6 each)

RECEPTION
Lawns; Party Barn for rehearsal dinners and small events

PRICING
Directory (Here Comes the Guide, 2026): estate event (16–125 guests) $3,250 plus 3-night cottage buyout; Party Barn from $1,500; elopement $500. · puakearanch.com

MY NOTES

Hale Kukui

KUKUIHAELE, HONOKA‘A (HĀMĀKUA COAST) · ~1.5 HR FROM KONA AIRPORT

Clifftop orchard & cottages · ♥ We've worked here

A clifftop orchard about 650 ft above Waipi‘o Valley with valley and ocean views. Made for intimate weddings and micro-weddings.

GUESTS
Up to 30

CEREMONY
Ceremony lawn overlooking Waipi‘o Valley

GOOD TO KNOW
- Preferred vendors list provided
- Keep a tent on standby: the Hāmākua side is much wetter than Kona

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 3 cottages

RECEPTION
Not published (some couples hold the reception nearby, e.g. at Pu‘uwai Gardens)

PRICING
Not published. Inquire with the venue. · halekukui.com

MY NOTES

Pu‘uwai Gardens

HONOKA‘A–WAIPI‘O RD, HĀMĀKUA · ~1.5 HR FROM KONA AIRPORT; ~1 HR FROM HILO AIRPORT

Farm & garden · ♥ We've worked here

A pastoral family homestead farm near Waipi‘o with an orchard, sheep and cattle. Relaxed, green and very personal.

GUESTS
Up to 50 under the pavilion (bring a tent for more)

CEREMONY
Lawn, Plateau Lawn (add-on)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Guests on site 10 AM–10 PM; music off by 9 PM
- Outside catering and bar allowed; special-event insurance required
- 15–20 parking stalls, so shuttles are recommended
- Vendors can set up the day before and break down the day after

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Covered pavilion, covered bar station, rentable commercial kitchen

PRICING
Official 2026 rates: full package (pavilion + lawn) $3,500; Plateau Lawn +$500; kitchen +$500; $500 security deposit; 10% curating fee. Includes tables and chairs for 50 and string lights. · www.puuwaigardens.com

MY NOTES

Botanical World Adventures

HAKALAU, HĀMĀKUA COAST · ~25 MIN FROM HILO AIRPORT

Botanical garden

A large botanical garden on the Hāmākua Coast with waterfall overlooks, a native Hawaiian garden and an avocado grove.

GUESTS
Up to 300+ depending on site

CEREMONY
Kamaee Falls Overlook (100), Hanapueo Falls Trail (20), Hawaiian Native Garden (100 seated)

GOOD TO KNOW
- Historically a site-only rental: couples bring tent, music, food and restrooms (confirm current terms)

STAY ON SITE
Not published

RECEPTION
Hale Mala Pua (60–80 seated), Avocado Grove (up to 300), Arboretum (300+)

PRICING
Current pricing not published. · botanicalworld.com

MY NOTES

Nani Mau Gardens

HILO · ~10 MIN FROM HILO AIRPORT

Tropical garden

Twenty acres of tropical gardens with an orchid garden, rare palms and fruit orchards. Lots of covered and indoor options for rainy Hilo.

GUESTS
Up to 240 indoors

CEREMONY
Gazebo (40), Peacock Lawn, Grand Lawn

GOOD TO KNOW
- Base rental is 4 hours; extra hours 25% of the venue fee each
- 20% service fee; $500 deposit
- Outdoor setup fee $300–1,000 depending on guest count

STAY ON SITE
No

RECEPTION
Lehua Banquet Hall (240), Ohia Lanai (150, covered), Pikake Room (100, A/C), Orchid Lanai (70, covered)

PRICING
Venue fees are shared on request. · www.nanimaugardens.com

MY NOTES

Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo

BANYAN DRIVE, HILO · ~10 MIN FROM HILO AIRPORT

Hotel

A DoubleTree by Hilton on Hilo Bay with a gazebo overlooking the water and Maunakea on clear days.

GUESTS
Up to 365

CEREMONY
Gazebo overlooking Hilo Bay

GOOD TO KNOW
- Rules and pricing shared on inquiry

STAY ON SITE
Yes, hotel

RECEPTION
Crown Room (365), Hoʻomalimali Room (75 banquet, lawn access), Palm Room (45), Sandalwood Rooms

PRICING
Not published. · grandnaniloahilo.com

MY NOTES

Kīlauea Lodge

VOLCANO VILLAGE · ~45 MIN FROM HILO AIRPORT

Historic lodge

A historic lodge in cool, misty Volcano Village near Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park, with a tropical garden and gazebo. Perfect for small, cozy weddings.

GUESTS
Small; private room seats 24

CEREMONY
Garden gazebo

GOOD TO KNOW
- Volcano sits near 4,000 ft: it's cool (highs in the 60s–70s °F) and often rainy, so plan wraps for guests

STAY ON SITE
Yes, 12 rooms

RECEPTION
Kīpuka Room (up to 24)

PRICING
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MY NOTES

Getting married *on the sand?*

On the sand: DLNR "Wiki Permit"

All beaches are public, including in front of resorts. About 10¢ per sq ft ($20 min), 2 hours max, up to 30 people including vendors, $1M liability insurance. No arches, chairs (except for elderly or disabled guests), tents, tables, signs, amplified sound or alcohol; no exclusive use.

State parks: Hāpuna & Kua Bay

DLNR State Parks Special Use Permit at least 45 days ahead (90 if commercial); 26+ people need a group-use permit. No alcohol or excessive noise.

County beach parks

Pavilion and special-use permits from County of Hawai'i Parks & Recreation, at least 45 days ahead. The sand is State land, so a Wiki Permit still applies.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Special use permit, $150 application fee. Approved spots include Kīlauea Overlook, Kūpina'i Pali, Hilina Pali and the end of Chain of Craters Road. No drones.

Members-only clubs

Kohanaiki, Kūki'o, Nanea and Hokuli'a are private. Weddings are for members and their families, or need a member to sponsor the event.

Researched November 2026 from venue websites, wedding directories, Hawai'i DLNR, County of Hawai'i and the National Park Service. Prices, rules and drive times are approximate and change often: always confirm directly with the venue.

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