



HAWAII

TRANSCRIPT

Hawaii is an American State located in Oceania and the only one composed entirely of islands.

It became a part of the United States of America on August 21, 1959. It is the 50th and most recent state.

The eight main islands that compose Hawaii are: : Ni‘ihau, Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Kaho‘olawe, Maui, and the Island of Hawai‘i.

The last one is the largest island in the group; it is often called the "Big Island" or "Hawai‘i Island"

Hawaii is the only U.S. state located outside North America.

Its capital is Honolulu on the island of O‘ahu.

The word *Hawaii* means “place of the gods” or “homeland.”

In Hawaii, there is a mixture of different races living together: *Haoles* or Caucasians (33%), Japanese(33%), Filipino-Americans(16%), and Chinese-Americans(5%).

SOME HISTORY FACTS

The islands of Hawaii were created by under-sea volcanoes millions of years ago.

Before being a state of the USA, Hawaii was first a kingdom (from 1810 to 1893) and then an independent republic (from 1894 to 1898) when it officially became a territory of the United States.

In 1941, the Japanese fleet attacked Pearl Harbour, bringing the United States into World War II.

Hawaii has two official languages, Hawaiian and English.

There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.

Aloha is the most Hawaiian word. In the Hawaiian language, it can mean “hello” or “goodbye”. It also means love and affection. Aloha is a Hawaiian symbol.

In Hawaii, you hear aloha all the time and you are treated with aloha everywhere. This is called the spirit of Aloha.

There are currently three active volcanoes in Hawaii: Hualalai, Mauna Loa, and Kilauea.

Traditional food in Hawaii includes laulau, kalua pork and fruit like pineapple and lilikoi.

The ukulele is also a symbol of Hawaii. The ukulele originated in the 19th century as a Hawaiian adaptation of the Portuguese machete.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN HAWAII

Tourism is an important part of the Hawaiian economy. In Hawaii you can do a lot of things such as:

- Go on a volcano tour to see lava
- Visit beaches like Kaanapali Beach or Waikiki Beach
- Attend a Hawaiian Luau (a Hawaiian party) to experience their culture
- Swim with dolphins
- Learn how to surf
- Go snorkeling
- Visit cultural attractions like Pearl Harbour Memorial
- Go hiking
- Dance hula
- Watch whales