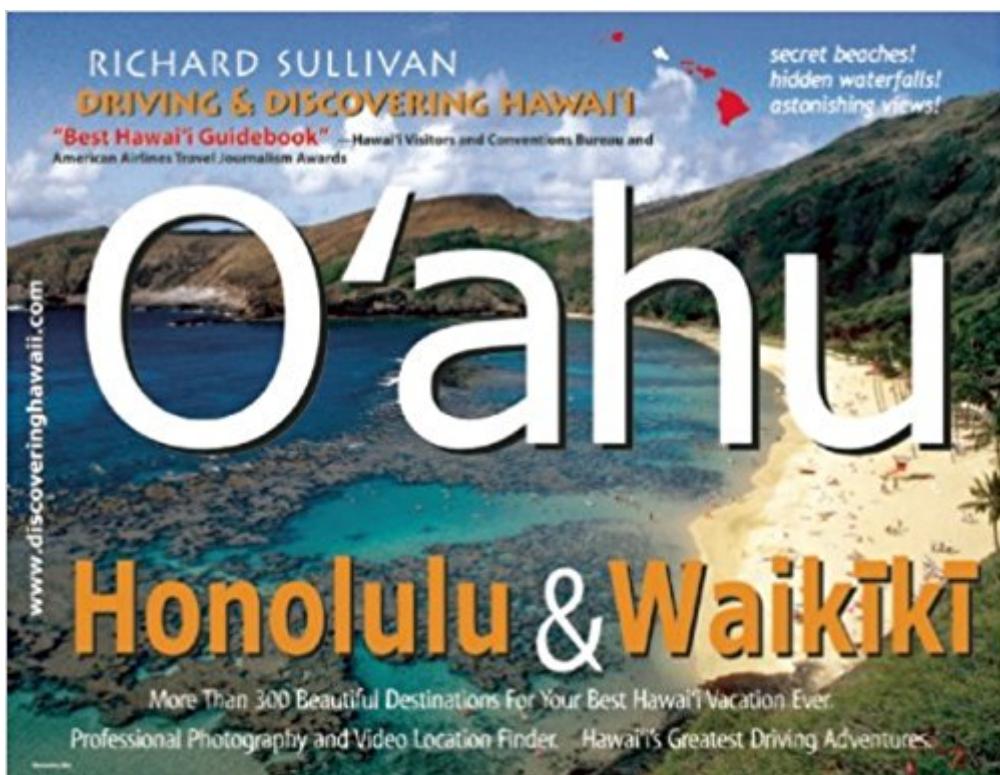


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# Driving And Discovering Hawaii: Oahu, Honolulu, And Waikiki



## **Synopsis**

Winner of American Airlines' and The Hawaii Visitors and Conventions Bureau Travel Journalism Award for "Best Hawaii Guidebook", Driving & Discovering Oahu's stunning photography is a testament to Eastman Kodak's rare sponsorship of such a project. Wishing to expand beyond the boundaries set by others in this field, Richard Sullivan designed a guidebook placing Oahu's spectacular scenics at the core, both to illustrate the island's singular beauty in a way that words simply cannot, and as a prequel for those who find themselves contemplating Oahu for its potential as the most beautiful adventure of their lives. World-renowned Waikiki and Honolulu are merely the welcoming arms on the exquisite entity that is all of Oahu Island, which despite its smaller size, boasts more idyllic sandy beaches than any other in the Hawaiian archipelago. Driving & Discovering Oahu reveals a necklace of lovely deserted islands offshore of Oahu's Windward side which await lovers and modern day Captain Jack Sparrows, their secluded postcard-perfect beaches usually deserted on weekdays. Hidden waterfalls and hiking trails that wind through dazzling vistas are pictured within the book's pages with pin-point locations provided via clear maps and written directions. Honolulu's dazzling array of internationally celebrated restaurants, hotels, spas and nightspots wait enticingly at day's end to rejuvenate the weary from theirÂ unforgettable adventures. Driving & Discovering Oahu contains no endless, quickly outdated lists of restaurant and hotel ratings, since websites like Travelocity.com provide up-to-the-minute information on these that no printed guidebook can compete with. What Driving & Discovering Oahu uniquely delivers is something no other Hawaii guidebook does: splendid inspiration and monumental adventure, utilizing text and photography entwined from the same mind, with flawless directions leading visitors directly to it all.

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Jeremy Harris, Mayor Of Honolulu: "Driving & Discovering Oahu" captures the timeless essence of our island, from its sheer cliffs, to its secluded valleys, to its cascading waterfalls. The images and text in this guide capture both the spirit and beauty of our land so effectively that it is used by the City of Honolulu's Film office to portray our island's beauty to [film and TV] production companies worldwide." Chicago Sun Times: "The best [Hawaii] guidebook on the market." Los Angeles Times: "I'd be surprised if there is a hidden byway or corner of beach or town that Sullivan has not revealed here --even on the leeward side of the island, which remains relatively unknown to visitors."

Honolulu Advertiser: "Driving & Discovering Oahu pin-points the entire island, area by area, map by map. Parts of Oahu neglected in other guidebooks are not neglected here. ...keep a copy of Driving & Discovering Oahu under the front seat..." Honolulu Star-Bulletin: "Because so many of us tend to take our island for granted, it has taken an L.A.-based author and photographer to paint a flattering portrait of an Oahu locals rarely see as we drive to and from work. The book focuses on natural wonders -- beach parks, camping sites and hiking trails --but you need not be an outdoors type to appreciate the wonders and accessibility of Waimanalo plant nurseries and the barely populated beaches from Mokuleia to Kaena Point. Either way, exploring by eyes or on foot doesn't cost much and we are certainly in need of cheap entertainment these days. You may be surprised that you live in such a beautiful place." San Diego Union-Tribune: "Visitors contemplating a driving trip around Oahu will greatly enhance the journey by packing along a guidebook, Driving & Discovering Oahu by Richard Sullivan... The text is fresh and insightful and the photo tips are of tremendous value to anyone wondering where to stop for the best views in unfamiliar territory." Orange County Register(CA): "A must read is Richard Sullivan's Driving & Discovering Oahu, the best guidebook on the market." "...this book provides no-brainer directions to myriad secret spots. The book's coolest feature is its "Photo Finder": Each photo, taken by the author at the spot identified in the text, is numbered, with its location indicated on a corresponding map." San Jose Mercury (CA) "The best Hawaii guidebook available." Oregonian(OR): "Now, all of Hawaii is available to visitors -- the deserted beaches, the hidden waterfalls, the sights and sounds of the real Hawaii. And Richard Sullivan has just made it easier to know where to go to see all this." --Reviews

Born in 1949, Richard Sullivan began a career in photography at age 15, developing and printing

baby pictures in his uncle's darkroom. He went on to major in Fine Art at the State University of New York at Buffalo. His professional credits include an impressive array of major magazines from TIME to Architectural Digest to the LA Times Sunday Magazine. Since 1973 Sullivan has been wandering the Hawaiian Islands dead-end roads and overgrown hiking paths in search of secret beaches, hidden waterfalls and heart-poundingly beautiful scenic vistas.

I purchased this book in anticipation of my upcoming trip. I am impressed with the information -- though some feels a bit outdated. I like the comparisons of the photos from the 1940's and today. I also like the maps at the end of the book with different trips around the island. I bought this specifically because we are renting a car to drive around the island and I am appreciative of the information contained regarding driving directions and specifically what I will see at each point. Combined with a few other books, I'm sure this will enhance my experience. And update will follow.

This is a gorgeous and highly informative book on Oahu. We are planning our first family trip to the island of Oahu, and this book is a real treasure trove of information. I have done extensive research via online travel sites and using other guide books, but there are things in this book that I have not come across anywhere else. I highly recommend anyone interested in learning more about Oahu - either those planning a visit or even those who live on the island - to check out this beautiful book. I especially loved the photos from years past: old photographs of Waikiki in 1909 - 1950's, rare autochrome portraits of two Hawaiian women from 1909. Just beautiful, and interesting! The book has lots of helpful information within it, all organized in a way to make it feel easily accessible and not overwhelming like many other guidebooks often leave me feeling. There are wonderful driving maps, detailed explanations of all the different areas along driving routes, parking info, best times to visit certain parts of the island, hidden and secret beaches, local attitudes among the different neighborhoods, budget-friendly eats, safe and not-so-safe swimming places, even information on how to treat common medical issues that visitors to the island might face, such as how to treat coral cuts or skin injuries due to jellyfish and Portuguese Man-of-War stings and other injuries and illnesses. I had been very curious about the Haiku stairs, but was having problems finding more information about them. This book has awesome photos of the staircase plus gives links to websites so that I can discover even more. So awesome. My kids were excited to discover the President Obama Hometown Drive section as well as the O'ahu Movie Locations Drive pages. Now we can drive by Elvis Presley's old Hawaii hangout and play on the same beaches and parks that the President takes his family to when the first family is staying at the "Winter White House". I highly

recommend this book!

Great guide if you are going to Oahu! My husband and I used this thoroughly for our trip there this past month and it really helped us find things we would have never known about. Plus now we have notes down in the book of where we went on what days so we will always remember!

Please when you vist the islands ,do not go with out this book. It is amazing .... The information was accurate and the road maps with the inserts on what part of the Island were so helpfull. I ordered two weeks before going read most of it and to be honest it was a little over welming on trying to remember all this information. It did help plan out our trip on what we wanted to see . The best idea we had was just keeping the book with us in the car and used it for a quick reference as we whent on daily visits' to different parts of the island . The road maps were very helpful . For you photography nuts, he even has two pages on how to take the best pictures with your camera. Best money I spent on a book in a long time . PS : You may also want to sign up for Tripadvisor before you go. My hat is off to the author Richaerd Sullivan. GREAT JOB ..

Purchased this based on other reviews. Turned out to be as good as advertised. Not only provides informative history of Oahu and beautiful photographs, but gives really helpful and accurate descriptions of locations and sites. The various maps and recommendations outlining different types of sightseeing adventures really sets this apart from other guides. I showed it to the concierge at my hotel and he was so impressed, he's purchasing copies for his guests! This was my "bible" during our stay and helped make the trip wonderful.

This is a great collection of interesting drives on Oahu. We have gone numerous times to the island and we really enjoyed discovering 'out-of-the-way' places that we had not visited previously. The descriptions/directions were clear. The photographs were exceptional. The size and shape of the book seemed a little awkward when packing, but I'm not sure another side/shape would work. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who likes to get off the 'beaten tourist path' and discover incredible little known places on the island of Oahu!

Great guidebook - very clear directions and pictures.....

I bought this book along with "Oahu Revealed" to use as a planning and driving guide for our

vacation. As far as this book goes, it has beautiful photos. But so will you when you take your own. Save the money, just get "Oahu Revealed" it is perfectly suited for planning, mapping, and knowing just about all you need to while driving the island. The rest you will find on your own, while discovering what the book has told you about.

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