

# While in Hawai‘i

Do as the locals do: relax. Kīlauea Volcano has been active, but that won't keep you from enjoying the island of Hawai‘i.

## How is the air?

With increased volcanic activity comes more vog, laze, SO<sub>2</sub>, and ash than usual on the island. (More on that below.) Air quality is continuously being tracked and information about possible health impacts can be found here:

[bit.ly/vogeffects](http://bit.ly/vogeffects)

So, what does that mean?

### Ash

Generated by steam and/or gas-induced eruptions when magma levels drop and interact with water.

### Laze

Forms when lava and ocean meet, and it doesn't spread in the air.

### SO<sub>2</sub>

Concentrated fumes (known as sulfur dioxide) that arise near active lava flows.

### Vog

Volcanic smog that spreads by wind.

## What's open for business?

### The airports

All flights are operating to and from Kona and Hilo International Airports

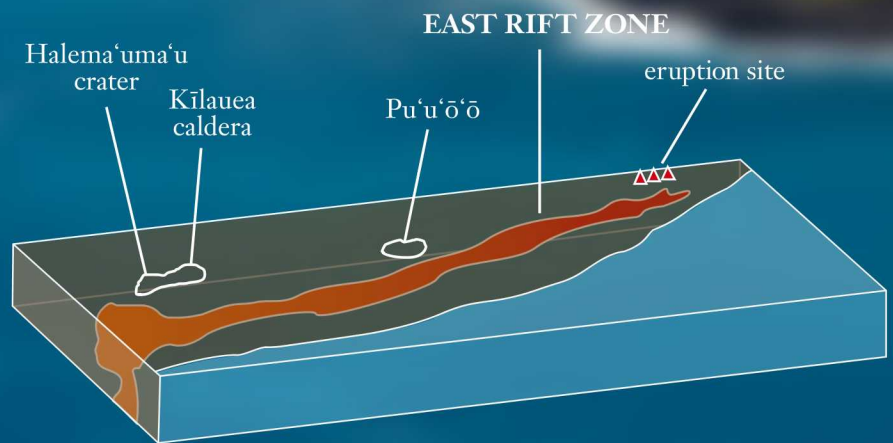
### Local businesses

With the exception of 2/3 of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and Volcano House, all shops, hotels, restaurants, and more are open – including in Pāhoa town, where you may see the glow at night.

### And yes, you can look at the lava

From permitted boats to helicopters and planes, you can take in stunning sights of Kīlauea in an unforgettable way. Until further notice, ground tours to the immediate area are not available.

## How does the lava travel underground?



## But where exactly is the eruption?

Kīlauea by the numbers

**#1** most continuously active shield volcano in the world

**35** years of volcanic activity

**10** square miles have been impacted by Kīlauea's lava (out of 4,028 on the island)



**For more information and updates  
on Kīlauea Volcano:**

Call Hawai'i Tourism United States  
**1-800-464-2924**

**Or visit:**

*Eruption map and Volcano updates*  
[bit.ly/volcanoupdates](http://bit.ly/volcanoupdates)

*Interagency Vog Information Dashboard*  
[bit.ly/voginfo](http://bit.ly/voginfo)

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