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Welcome to Chinatown, Hawaii Over 300 unique businesses and restaurants!



In olden times, the area around present-day Honolulu Harbor was named Kou and the harbor was called Mamala Bay. Fresh water from nearby Nuuanu stream created favorable conditions for taro farming and human settlements. As foreign explorers and adventurers made their way to Hawaii's shores, Honolulu's sheltered bay and deep water landing led

to a bustling global trading economy. Large schooners could berth just at the bottom of Nuuanu Street and unload wares from around the world as well as ferry precious cargo from the islands (sandalwood, tallow and blubber) to foreign shores. Businesses sprang up near the port to distribute these wares and a city began to grow. In China, Hawaii was known for the fragrant sandalwood which grew in the upland forests. In fact, one of the Chinese names for Honolulu was Tanxiangshan or sandalwood mountain. Granite ballast blocks used to stabilize trading ships on their return from China are still visible today as sidewalk pavers in parts of Chinatown.

Chinese first arrived in Hawaii as crewmen on trading ships in the late 1700s. Later, contract laborers were brought in to work on sugar plantations. As their five year contracts expired, laborers turned to business and set up shops in the growing port of Honolulu. Immigrants often came from the same villages in China and formed local societies around family and village affiliations. The societies served as credit unions, bankers, mail depots, as well as social, cultural and political associations for the burgeoning immigrant population.

Two-story wooden buildings (often with merchants living above their shops) wide sidewalks and awnings to protect people from the elements, and back alleyways were also characteristics of old Chinatown. Courtyards behind the buildings housed cooking sheds and latrines. Awnings, alleyways and courtyards continue to be features of today's Chinatown as well. Lei sellers, who were traditional vendors near the docks from earliest times, continue to have a significant presence in modern day Chinatown.

In 1886, a fire broke out in a restaurant at the corner of Smith and N. Hotel Streets. The fire spread quickly among the wooden buildings and burned for over three days razing eight blocks. Undaunted, residents rebuilt their homes and businesses only to have most of Chinatown destroyed in another conflagration in 1900 (when deliberate burns to eradicate bubonic plague raged out of control). Most buildings one sees today date from after 1900.

Throughout the 20th century, Hawaii played a strategic role during wars in the Pacific region. Military and naval personnel flocked to Chinatown where movie theaters, bars and regulated prostitution proliferated. Following the war years and the develop-

ment of suburban shopping malls and multi-plexes, much of greater Chinatown was transformed by urban renewal projects.

In 1973, Chinatown became a National Historic District. Since that time, many people have invested considerable time and effort to revitalize the area. From lei stands to herbalists and calligraphers to collectibles, there is much to discover in Honolulu's Chinatown. We hope that you will enjoy your journey!















Points of Interest

- 1 Historic granite ballast blocks from China These blocks were used to stabilize trading ships on their return voyage from China to Hawaii in the 1700 - 1800s.
- 2 Flashpoint of the fire of 1886.
- Wing Wo Tai Building 1887 - 1916 The first victim of the bubonic plague of 1900 worked here.
- 4 Site of Honolulu's Iron Works and the original City Mill
- 5 Where trading ships docked.
- 6 Original site of
 Kaumakapili Church
 This church burned in the
 fire of 1900 and was later
 rebuilt on King Street in
 Kalihi.
- 7 Wo Fat Restaurant
 At one time, this was
 Honolulu's oldest restaurant.
 Established in 1882 and
 subsequently rebuilt. The
 neon sign is also a signature
 piece of Chinatown's history.
 The site is now a market.
- 8 Oahu Market, 1904 Honolulu's oldest openair market.
- 9 Smith Unions Smittys This building survived the fire of 1900 and now houses the oldest continuously operating bar in Honolulu.
- 10 Foster Botanical Garden Originally planted by the famous botanist William Hillebrand, Mary Foster willed the garden to the City in 1930.
- Site of Ancient Fishpond Dating to 890 A.D.

- 12) Kuan Yin Temple, c. 1880 Honolulu's oldest Chinese temple
- (13) Historical & Modern
 Courtyards
 In olden times, many buildings
 had courtyards behind their
 facades. They typically housed
 cooking sheds and latrines.
- 14 Izumo Taisha, c. 1923
 This Shinto Shrine was built without the use of a single nail. It was confiscated during WWII and a petition of 10,000 signatures led to the return of the site in 1962.
- 15 Hawaii Theatre
 Built in 1922. Beautiful
 paintings and gilt work on
 the interior. Dubbed the
 "Pride of the Pacific".
- 21 Ah Leong Building, 1909 Ah Leong, an immigrant from China, started a vast retail, wholesale and real estate empire from this store.
- Ba Le Restaurant and
 Bakery
 Like many small businesses
 which started in Chinatown,
 this is the original site of a
 business that now has 25
 locations state-wide.
- 23) Winston Building, c. 1903
 This building and the one next door is built with a dense lava rock called blue rock. It is extremely hard to cut and is often dynamited. The blocks were quarried and cut by hand.
- One of the sites in Honolulu where Sun Yat-sen met with others to plan the Chinese revolution of 1911. Sun Yat-sen is honored by both the Republic of China and the People's Republic as the founder of modern China.



Foster Botanical Garden

Public Sculpture & Commemorations

- A gift from the City of Hiroshima to the City of Honolulu to honor their sister city relationship.
- (17) Sun Yat-sen Statue
 Celebrating the founder of modern China. The octagonal base with writings by Dr. Sun was a later gift of the Sun Yat-sen Foundation.
- (18) T'sung Statue, 1971
 Cast stone abstract work
 by Edward Brownlee. Includes
 the proverb "all men within
 the four seas are brothers".
- Dr. Jose P. Rizal Statue Dr. Rizal, a writer and poet, became a national hero of

- the Philippines after being executed by the Spaniards.
- 20 Confucious & Kuan Yin Two statues in the Maunakea Marketplace courtyard.
- 24 Pair of Dragon Gates Western gateway to Chinatown. Sign says: For those who came to live and work in Chinatown.
- (26) Sun Yat-sen Statue Showing Sun Yat-sen as a school boy in Hawaii.
- 27 Pair of Stone Lions
 A gift from the City of
 Kaohsiung in 1989 to celebrate the
 200th anniversary of the first
 Chinese to arrive in Hawaii.

INFORMATION:

HOURS:

Marketplaces: usually open 7 days per week.

Specialty Foods: some open early and close by noon.

DIRECTIONS

Chinatown is located mid point between Honolulu International Airport and Waikiki. There is plenty of off-street parking in both municipal lots and private lots. Most of the streets in the area are one way only and Hotel Street is reserved for buses only.



BUS SERVICE

Service operates from 5:30 a.m. To 10:00 p.m.

Disembark at the Chinatown Bus Stops.

From Waikiki ~ Take TheBus 19, 20, or 42 to the Chinatown Beretania Street Stops.

From Honolulu International Airport ~ Take TheBus 19 or 20 to the Chinatown King Street Stops.

From the North Shore \sim Take TheBus 52 to the Chinatown King Street Stops. For more information contact TheBus at (808) 848-5555 or www.thebus.org.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION:

The Waikiki Trolley, Aloha Bus and Honolulu City Tour buses also have stops in the Chinatown area.

STREET ADDRESSES:

Nuuanu Avenue marks the division between North and South addresses for streets which run parallel to the shoreline. East of Nuuanu Avenue, addresses are for South King Street (and S. Beretania, S. Pauahi, S. Hotel). West of Nuuanu Avenue, addresses are for North King Street (N. Beretania, N. Pauahi and N. Hotel). The smaller the address number (1 N King Street or 2 South King Street) the closer the location is to Nuuanu Avenue.











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