THE PIPELINE
Surfing icon Gerry Lopez cultivated his elegant style at the waves at Pipeline on ‘Ehukai Beach, which reach heights of more than 25 feet during the winter. The steepness of winter waves at Pipeline, 100 yards left of ‘Ehukai Beach Park, causes the crest of the wave to fall forward and create a near-perfect tube. Shooting the tube, or surfing inside a tube, is a prized challenge for experienced surfers, who descend on the North Shore to compete. During the winter, surfers and surf fans blanket the beaches in hopes of watching a surfer catch the perfect wave. Strong winter waves make surfing competitions popular— and celebrated— at The Pipeline and its westerly neighbor, Banzai Beach.

SUNSET BEACH
Sunset Beach, also referred to as Big Sunset, is known around the world for its huge surf. With waves reaching 15-20 feet from September to April, swimming is only safe during the summer months. Regardless of the time of year, Sunset Beach— which is Jack Johnson’s youthful stomping grounds— attracts local surfers, sunbathers and visitors.

HALEIWA BEACH PARK
The waters of Haleiwa Beach Park, which is north of Haleiwa off Kamehameha Highway, are schizophrenic: During the summer, the wind direction turns the waves to the South Shore and creates a placid surface perfect for swimming. During the winter, however, big waves hit the coast and only top-ranked surfers brave the break. Year-round, the lawns are perfect for picnics and games. Strong Current Surf Shop owner John Moore— a nearly legendary fixture of Haleiwa— cites it as one of his favorite places in Oahu.

BEYOND THE NORTH SHORE
Over the past decade, the North Shore has become the new Mecca of the sport about 10 years ago. Combining a true surfing paradise with the lifestyle of surfing, North Shore beaches invite surfers, sunbathers, and playful vacationers to enjoy the world's greatest surf. As one of Hawaii's premier destinations, North Shore attracts millions of visitors each year who come to ride the waves, eat, sleep, and hang out.

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While riders were busy perfecting the art of surfing in the late 20th century, an art movement began developing in the wake of the sport about 10 years ago.

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Every one of Hawaii’s islands abounds with miles upon miles of beaches. Whether you’re looking for a secluded hideaway or windsurfing adventure, fill your summer with a Hawaiian beach for any mood that strikes you.

**WAIKIKI BEACH**
If your sojourn begins in Honolulu, Waikiki Beach is a great place to get your first taste of Hawaii’s tropical splendor. One of the most famous beaches in the world, Waikiki consists of a two-mile stretch of white sand right next to hotels and tourist facilities. Whether you want to work on the tan you’ve lost while hibernating indoors or try your hand at surfing, boogie-boarding, or snorkeling, Waikiki is the ticket.

**HIDEAWAY BEACH**
Maybe quiet seclusion on a remote, idyllic beach is what you have in mind. If so, Hideaway Beach is one of Hawaii’s best-kept secrets. Located on Kauai’s lush north shore, it’s possible to have this hidden gem all to yourself, save for the occasional passing turtle. Getting to Hideaway Beach takes some doing, but no one said paradise is easy. Find the Princeville Hotel in the town of Princeville, and look for the trail head at the far corner of the hotel’s public parking lot. After taking in the unforgettable view, carefully descend the trail where turquoise water, coral reefs, and nary another living soul await you.

**HAWAII’S BIG ISLAND**
If snorkeling is your bag, think big- as in Hawaii’s Big Island, home to some of Hawaii’s most breathtaking underwater treasures. Discover what lies beneath, including coral reefs, dolphins, an eye-popping assortment of colorful fish, and even manta rays. Kahaluu Beach Park, located in the middle of Kona, is easily accessible and ideal for first-time snorkelers and small children. Experts say the crown jewel, however, is Captain Cook Monument of Kealakeku Bay, which is accessible only by rented kayak or commercial catamaran tour.

**HOOKIPA BEACH**
Hookipa Beach, on Maui’s North Shore, lays claim to the title of windsurfing capital of the world. Too dangerous for beginners, waves at Hookipa can reach 30 feet from top to bottom, making it a great place for outrageous aerial maneuvers, as well as second-to-none spectating.

**POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER**
Last but not least, what would a visit to the Islands be without donning a lei and shaking your hips in a Hawaiian luau? If it’s authenticity you’re after, the Luau at the Polynesian Cultural Center is considered a cut above the rest. Situated on Oahu near Waikiki, the luau site comes complete with a 15-foot-high waterfall leading into a tropical lagoon, as well as an “imu” (Hawaiian word for underground oven) for the traditional pig roast. These are but a few of the Polynesian pleasures at your beck and call in Hawaii. Treat yourself to the opportunity to discover more.