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**ROMANCE UNDER THE SUN:
BEST PLACES TO KISS – AND BE KISSED – IN WAIKIKI**

HONOLULU, Hawaii – Sandy beaches, tropical breezes and magnificent sunsets – all make for the perfect setting of a romantic rendezvous. These are some of the reasons that Hawaii is, indeed, one of the best places to kiss and be kissed, especially in Waikiki. For several associates of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, they're keen on suggesting the best romantic spots:

Romantic Room With A View

The first step in setting up a passionate Hawaiian vacation is finding the perfect location. The Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa makes it easy, offering a "Romance" Waikiki Beach Vacation package. Guests will enjoy a corner deluxe, ocean view room for two, where they can sit on the lanai and gaze out at the deep blue Pacific Ocean. Sip on champagne or sparkling cider, slip into a plush bathrobe and comfy slippers, and eat chocolate-covered strawberries, all part of the "Romance" package at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.

Romantic Relaxation

Another romantic spot at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa is the outdoor whirlpool. Located on the third floor of the Paoakalani Tower near one of two existing freshwater swimming pools, the hot tub seats up 10 people comfortably. Its warm swirling waters make for a soothing place to unwind. At the resort's Kealohilani Tower pool deck, sunbathers can lay out in the new cabanas and chaise lounges.

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Couples can also pamper themselves at Paul Brown's Spa Olakino * Salon, located on the second floor of the Kealohilani Tower at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa. The spa offers couples services, specifically designed for the pair to enjoy massages and body treatments together. Plus, the spa's unique "couple's room" has the privacy of its own steam shower with a window overlooking Waikiki Beach.

Romantic Beaches

The beaches of Hawaii are famous for being the site of romance, including proposals and weddings. And one of the most famous movie love scenes was filmed at a small beach about 30 minutes outside of Waikiki. The iconic kiss on the sand between Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr in "From Here to Eternity" draws movie lovers to Hanauma Bay on Oahu's southeast coast.

For a romantic stroll, resort associates recommend the stretch of Kuhio Beach directly across of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at sunset. As the sun goes down, enjoy the stunning Waikiki skyline illuminated by the moonlight and the glow of the tiki torches.

Romantic Adventure

For the couple that enjoys the outdoors, a hike up Diamond Head is a must-do. The trek up the 760-foot summit of Waikiki's most famous landmark is ideal for those who are energetic and in good shape. Hikers will encounter two sets of stairs – one that has 99 steps and another with 76 steps – along with a 225-foot unlit tunnel. Once on top, the payoff is well worth the 1-¾ mile journey for the fantastic, unobstructed views of Waikiki and the Pacific Ocean. Finishing the hike with a kiss on top of Diamond Head is the perfect setting for a daring duo.

Closer to the ground, one can still appreciate the breathtaking ocean views from Diamond Head without going for a hike. Resort associates suggest visiting the Diamond Head lookout to watch surfers and windsurfers. It's also a great place to take photos, the perfect reminder of a romantic visit to paradise.

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*Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa boasts the best stretch of Waikiki Beach. The resort hotel is located across from exciting, and newly restored, Kuhio Beach and is in the pulse of Waikiki. The hotel offers 1,310 refurbished guest rooms and suites with a private lanai providing a spectacular view of world-famous Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach; Kuhio Beach Grill, featuring the best in Pacific Rim cuisine; Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar and d.k Steak House; Arancino di Mare Italian Restaurant; Restaurant Run, contemporary sushi bar; Moana Terrace, offering live Hawaiian entertainment nightly; Seattle's Best Coffee; Paul Brown's Spa Olakino * Salon; Faith Riding Company Surf School; two freshwater, heated, swimming pools; 10-person whirlpool; 24-hour fitness facility; business center with 24-hour Internet access; high-speed and wireless Internet access throughout the resort's guest rooms and public spaces; shops and boutiques; and Hawaiian cultural activities.*

The hotel is located within walking distance from the International Marketplace, Waikiki Aquarium, Honolulu Zoo, Diamond Head, Kapiolani Park and Kuhio Beach, which was recently re-nourished and rejuvenated with 10,000 cubic yards of sand pumped from waters off Waikiki.

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