

# Big Island Fast Facts

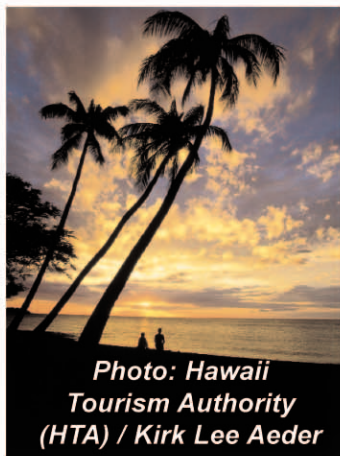
**Land Mass:** 4,028 square miles -- twice the combined size of the other islands (10,473 square km)

**Population:** 175,784 (2008, U.S. Census)

**Geography:** Hawai'i's Big Island is the youngest and largest of the Hawaiian Islands with 4,028 square miles and it's still growing as long as lava continues to pour out of Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. It has 266 miles (428 km) of coastline.

Hawai'i's Big Island stretches from sea level to the volcanic peaks of Maunakea, 13,796 feet (4,205 m), and Maunaloa, 13,677 feet (4,169 m). Hawai'i's Big Island has the islands' highest lake, Lake Waiau, at 13,020 feet (3,969 m) above sea level; the state's longest sheer drop waterfall, 'Akaka Falls, 442 feet (135 m); the southernmost tip of the United States, Ka Lae (South Point) and the tallest mountain measured from the ocean floor, Maunakea.

Of all the islands, Hawai'i's Big Island is the most ecologically diverse, with natural environments ranging from the desert plains of Ka'u to the rain forests above Hilo, to sometimes-snowcapped Maunakea.



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# Feng Shui

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Travel is the theme of this month's issue. There are simple things you can do around your home to enhance your traveling energy!

Your house has a travel area. To locate this, stand in front of your house, facing your front door. To the right of your front door is your Feng Shui travel zone. By placing an angel in this location, you will supercharge your gallivanting energy. When I placed an angel in my travel sector, more globetrotting trips came my way. Angels placed on the right side of your home will also aid in bringing helpful people into your life.

Feng Shui can benefit your life in so many ways. Any part of your life you wish to change or enhance can be accomplished by simple Feng Shui cures. A Feng Shui cure moves the stagnant energy in your home and starts to bring in the opportunities you wish to invite into your life.

I have enjoyed the comments and questions I have received from our readers. Please feel free to e-mail me at [sunita@sunitasitara.com](mailto:sunita@sunitasitara.com), I would be happy to answer your questions or address your concerns. Happy travels over the summer months!

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