

## Volcano

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Tucked into a lush rain forest near the 4,091-foot summit of Kilauea volcano, this little village is a great place to dine, shop for art gifts, or stock up on picnic goodies while visiting nearby Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The village's excellent inns and vacation cottages can also serve as a secluded home base for day trips to funky, friendly Hilo and Puna'u'u's black sand beach.



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**DO** Nearly everyone who visits Volcano comes to explore Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HVNPI). A rolling lava lake glows and steams in Halema'uma'u, the summit crater. The park also has miles of trails through native rain forest and across dramatic lava plains. Displays at the visitor center and a museum at the crater's edge vividly explain the area's rich natural history. Entrance off Highway 11 between mileposts 28 and 29. (808) 985-6000; [nps.gov/have](http://nps.gov/have). In the village, the **Volcano Art Center** has a short nature trail where visitors can take a free guided tour. 19-4074 Old Volcano Road. (808) 967-8222; [volcanoartcenter.org](http://volcanoartcenter.org).

**SHOP** Along HVNPI's Crater Rim Drive, the **Visitors Center** and **Jagger Museum** sell books, art, and other souvenirs. Proceeds support the park. **Volcano Art Center's** gallery location is just west of the visitors center. (808) 967-7565. Its Ono, a native New Yorker, sells his art and works by other artists in his gallery, **Volcano Garden Arts**, which also has a café with a changing vegetarian menu of savory sandwiches, salads, soups, and desserts. 19-3824 Old Volcano Road. (808) 985-8979; [volcanogardenarts.com](http://volcanogardenarts.com). Quilters will enjoy **Kilauea Creations** and its homey, Hawai'i-style arts and crafts. 19-3972 Volcano Road. (808) 967-8090; [kilaueacreations.com](http://kilaueacreations.com).

**EAT** **Kilauea Lodge and Restaurant** offers fine Continental dining and game dishes from German chef Albert Jeyts. A 1938 building built as a YMCA camp also has 12 rooms. 19-3948 Old Volcano Road. (808) 967-7366; [kilauealodge.com](http://kilauealodge.com). For spicy Thai food, the **Tuk-Tuk Thai Food Truck** serves these on the go. Varying locations, call ahead. (808) 747-3041; [tuk-tukthaifood.com](http://tuk-tukthaifood.com). **Thai Thai** also offers notable pork chops. 19-4084 Old Volcano Road. (808) 967-7969; [lavulodge.com/thai-thai-restaurant.html](http://lavulodge.com/thai-thai-restaurant.html). **Lava Rock Café** specializes in hearty breakfasts and local-style dishes. 19-3972 Volcano Road. (808) 967-8526; [volcanoslavarockcafe.com](http://volcanoslavarockcafe.com). ■

Call to confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit.  
Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink at an event where alcohol is served.