

Pove. Whether you're forever in love, newly in love, or still figuring it all out, Hawai'i's largest island has a heart for romantics as big as its 4,028-square-mile acreage. Find your state of amour and fall for the island of Hawai'i. With one inspiring spot after another, the memories of your special occasion will make you fall in love over and over again.

Imagining your wedding or vow renewal in a verdant tropical botanical garden, or, perhaps, oceanside overlooking sweeping coastlines at sunset? The island of Hawai'i can fulfill both of these popular outdoor ceremony requests. But, say, you're dreaming of an upland event, on the rolling hills of a working ranch or cool slopes of a coffee farm, both with views of the Pacific. Or maybe a riverside estate with its very own waterfall as backdrop and soundtrack. Your entire wedding party zip lining into the ceremony and reception? There are so many ways to say "I do" and the island of Hawai'i can make all of these come true.

According to island tradition, lei are worn by both the bride and groom - some prefer lei of flowers or a woven lei *po'o* or head lei for her and a strand of fragrant *maile* for him. What type of lei is your personal preference - there are no customary male or female lei - as the significance of a lei is not necessarily the type but rather the aloha with which it is given or received. Lei can also be worn by the bridal party and guests. A celebratory reception - pā'ina or lū'au - can be arranged.

Liliʻuokalani Park and Gardens Hilo, Hawaiʻi

-

#islandofHawaii

## the ISLAND of 1

## MARRIAGE. Island of Hawai'i Style.

劉憲

You don't need to be a Hawai'i resident or a U.S. citizen to be married in the islands. There's no waiting period and blood tests are not required. However, you must complete a marriage license application and appear together before an official marriage license agent. A marriage license currently costs \$65\*. It is recommended that couples complete the State of Hawai'i online application with payment by credit card <u>before</u> meeting with an agent. Visit marriage.ehawaii.gov for more information.