**Lava, Waves, and Rain**

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Hawaii is an exotic, beautiful chain of islands with so many amazing features to see. Each feature is just like a play of its own. You are going to learn all about volcanos, islands, and rain forests of the one and only Hawaii.

The first and most likely best known feature of Hawaii is its rigorous, lava-spewing volcanos. The volcanos are like a classic play that everybody’s seen, yet it’s still so riveting. Hawaii has a national park just for its volcanos. Volcanoes are places where ash, gases, and molten rock come from deep in the earth and erupt onto the surface. In Hawaii, when lava reaches the surface, it can be 7 to 12 times hotter than boiling water. Kileauea a volcano in the national park sits on the eastern slope of Mauna Loa, the other volcano in the park.

A second and again pretty well known feature of Hawaii is the Hawaiian Islands. These islands are like a play with many concepts because a lot of little parts come together to make something. They are made up of volcano tips. Hawaii consists of 132 islands although many aren’t known well. The eight main islands of Hawaii are Big Island, Maui, Kahoolawe, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu, Kaui, and Niihau.

As well as volcanos and islands, rain forests are also a feature of Hawaii. Hawaiian rain forests are like a new play because not many people know about them yet. The rain forests of Hawaii are tropical moist ecoregions. They cover an area of 2600 mi 2. In Hawaiian rain forests tremendous trees are draped wth vigorous vines, outstanding orchids, fasinating ferns, and magnificent mosses.

Remember three of the many breath-taking features of Hawaii are volcanos, islands, and rain forests. Each feature is just like a play of it’s own. They are all different, but special in their own way.