

HAWAII, BEFORE & AFTER

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Introduction

I think that it is really cool how Hawaii has changed so much. Like, before when the Hawaiian government was a monarchy, to now that it is a part of the United States who's president is from Hawaii. Also, I think that it is cool that a lot of Hawaii hasn't changed at all; the volcanoes didn't pop out of the ground 10 years ago, or that it looks like it hasn't changed at all. The more vegetated parts of Hawaii look like they have been there for 100's of years and hasn't changed one tiny bit.

The Hawaiian Monarchy ruled Hawaii until it was overthrown in 1893 a while after the Christian Missionaries started to settle in 1820. But before it was overthrown, King Kamehameha (the first) united the Hawaiian Islands together and even before that, In 1778 Captain James Cook was the first European to discover the Hawaiian Islands. He later died in battle when a native who was trying to steal a ship stabbed him. Another interesting part of Hawaii is, it's religion. Hawaii's native religion consists of 5 major Gods and Goddesses. These Gods were believed to have a scarced power called mana by the natives. They also had Kapu or preists in their religion. Lastly, they had Taboo or laws; anyone who broke taboo were killed and offered as a sacrificed to the gods.



These Photos are of King Kameamahea. He was the one who united all of the Hawaiian islands together to make one big nation.

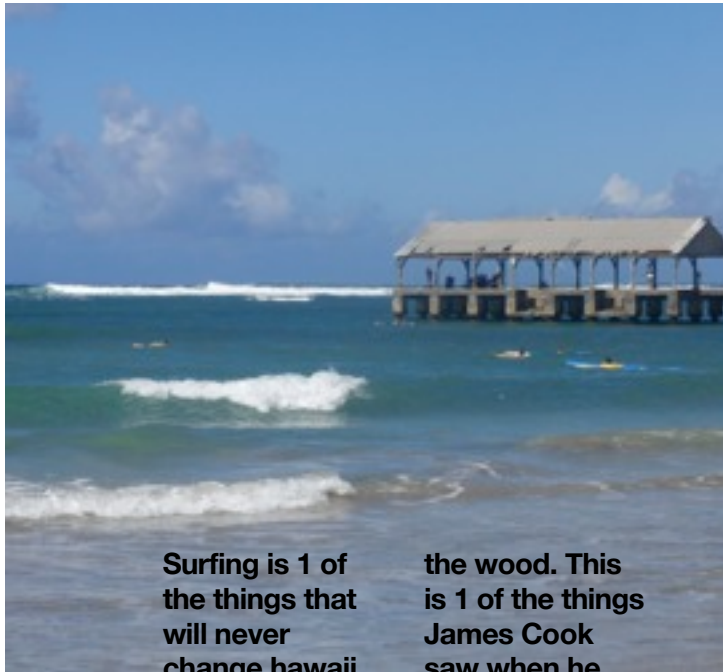


The Hawaiians still honor him to this day for uniting the hawaiian islands together even though he was over thrown by the natives. Because they didn't want the monarchy ruling Hawaii any more.

This part of Hawaii looks like it has changed very little but it actually has changed more than you think. The arch of rock was made of lava that cooled over time and made an arch over the water. this is called simply what it is, a lava arch. these structures are made over many year. the lava would cool over the water and the water would erode the rock untill it made an arch.

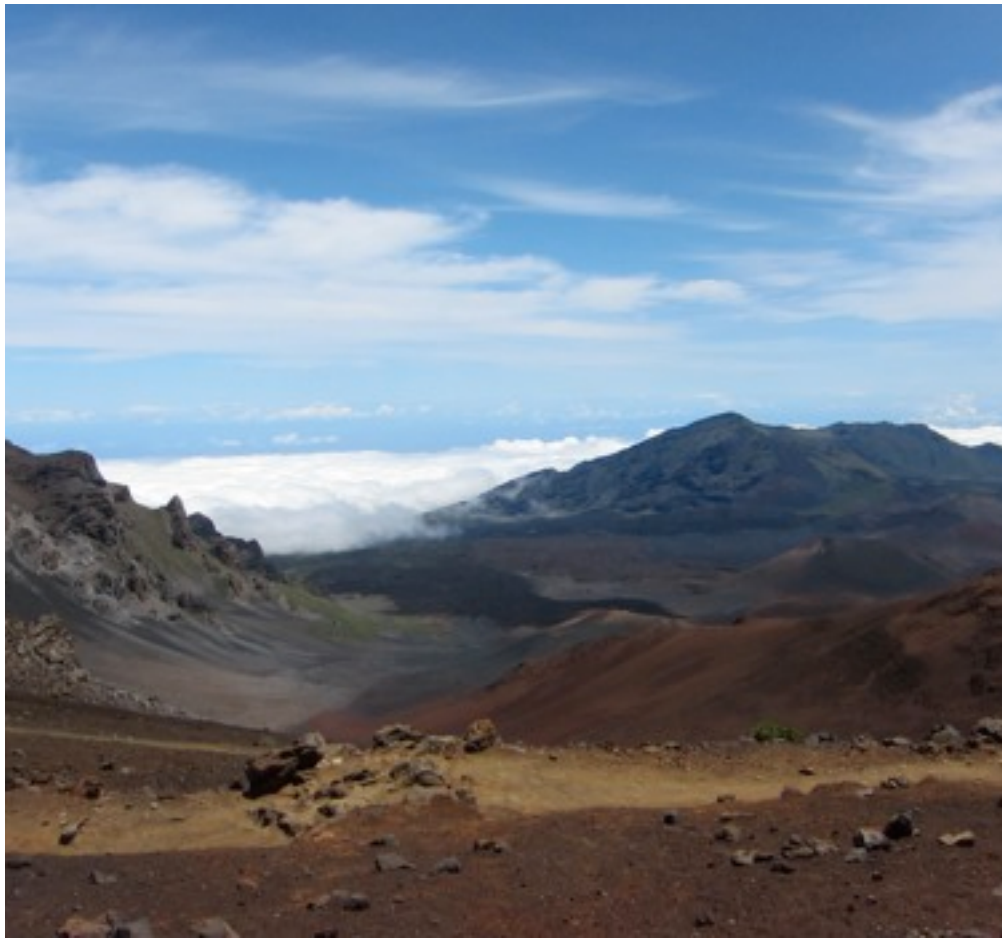


The black sand in this photo is not actually true sand it is volcanic rock. Sometimes there would be a lava arch there because the volcanic rock means that lava would normaly come in that direction and make a lava arch. (Top Photo)



Surfing is 1 of the things that will never change hawaii. Surfing was invented by the Hawaiians when they used huge pieces of wood to float and use he tides to move

the wood. This is 1 of the things James Cook saw when he discovered Hawaii. Now many people in hawaii surf for pleasure like the Hawaiians did.



When you hike in this volcano crater you won't believe what you are seeing. The scenes look almost computer generated, that's how unbelievably they are. When you hike in the trail is pretty straight forward, there isn't any splits in the trail so it is easy going in the volcano but is insanely hard coming back up. You get altitude sickness and you can get weaker from that and of course it is usually much easier going down than up. But the hike is definitely worth it, the scenes are like I said before, look almost computer generated.



What you are looking at is 1 of the 7 sacred pools of Hawaii. These pools were thought to have a special connection to their gods and the Hawaiians honored the pools just like they did for their gods. These pools are now in a protected park in Maui. You can swim in the pools now. The scenes here look amazing next to the ocean.



This part of Hawaii is definitely the most changed part of Hawaii. Before this part was more of a dense jungle of plants and animals. Now it's a dense city full of people and buildings. Honolulu is also the capital of Hawaii. This is also where most people in Hawaii live now. So if you like the city more than anything just not a lot like New York, Honolulu is the place for you.

Hawaii has been one of the most interesting places I have ever been or seen. Hawaii is the last state to join the U.S. so that means it has had the most time away from the U.S. The reason that James Cook set out to find Hawaii was not to claim its land for Europe but for these scientists to see a space “activity”. But I think that the coolest part of Hawaii is that some of it has changed and some of it has not changed and some of it looks like it has changed. The things that I think have changed the most are probably Hawaii joining the U.S., the religion, at first they all worshipped 5 major gods and now a lot of Hawaiians have more of a variety of different religions but some still carry out the old Hawaiian traditions, the city of Honolulu being built, and now the president of the United States being from Hawaii and maybe the government completely changing from a monarchy. But with all of the things that changed it seems like there isn't a lot that hasn't changed but these are the most important things that I think have changed- Some of the traditions are still done like the haka, this is done not only for a war dance but the football team in Hawaii (not professional) The Rainbow Warriors do the haka.

Hawaii's Collage Football team the Rainbow Warriors are doing the haka, they do the haka to get excited for their game and also to intimidate their opponents.



This photo is of the Hawaiian gods. The hawaiian native religion is still in hawaii but more people have converted since the christian missionaries came to Hawaii.