

## Reviews as of Jan 2017

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Jan 24, 2017 ... Kiri A. said...

*Perfect Aloha Stay!!*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Dec 28, 2016**

Our group of 15 (plus a baby) had an incredible stay on the Big Island. The home is set up perfect for groups of families with three bedrooms (with adequate space for a whole family to stay in), a large family living room, beautiful dining room and perfectly stocked kitchen. We rented the Ohana studio also for our family with the baby and it was great for them to have their own space for the baby, but still be within 'shouting' distance if needed. The pool and hot tub were the perfect size for our group. The kitchen was well stocked with everything you could need (coffee maker, rice cooker, coolers, glasses for everybody, pots / pans / utensils...there was nothing missing from the supply). All the bathrooms were not only convenient but needed for the number of people we had. There is not one negative thing I can think of to say about this property. It is beautiful, large, provides everything you need and has an unbeatable view. We watched the whales breaching out of the water while sipping coffee and planning our days, were surrounded by fire works from all sides on New Years Eve, and enjoyed the breeze coming the screened windows and doors each evening. Beautiful. Wishing I was there now!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

### **Lako Response:**

Mahalo Kiri ... WoW ! We are so very happy to hear that you folks loved Lako House. And, that's a common theme when it comes to large groups / families at Lako ... It's a great place to chill, cook, dine, play with baby, bath, swim, relax, view, sip, drink, eat, live and enjoy life ! Thank you for sharing your time at Lako House with all of us !! Aloha, bill

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Jan 24, 2017 ... MARCY S. said...

*Great place for a group*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Nov 19, 2016**

We had five families on this stay and this house was great for us. We had plenty of space. Most of our at-home time was spent out on the patio. Having access to a pool/hot tub is a must -- keeps the kids entertained. The view from the pool area is amazing! Very short drive to town, restaurants, coffee, store, etc.

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Marcy for your group's stay at Lako House and kind review. We of course love the opportunity of hosting groups such as yours because it clearly showcases and leverages Lako House's big-group capabilities and why it's not just a place to 'stay' but also to 'live and relax'. Please do come back again someday. Aloha, bill

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Apr 6, 2016 ... Erin said...

***Perfect for Our Student Group Spending a Week on the Big Island***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Jan 4, 2016**

Our university group stayed at the Lako house to accommodate our group of 21 while we were studying geography on the Big Island. The location was great -- not too far from the local shopping where we bought groceries, etc. Our students loved the house -- it gave them a chance to bond while the professors stayed in the ohana suite. We are already working on our reservation for next year. Great staff, beautiful home, and a few minutes from the ocean.

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Mahalo Erin for your Lako House review ! We look forward to seeing your group return again in Jan 2017 ... (and by the way, you folks will see some nice remodeling updates by then as well !). Aloha, bill

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May 16, 2016 ... Marilyn D. said...

***Excellent View***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Aug 16, 2015**

We had a large family trying to find a reasonable house to accommodate us and found this treasure. They were very helpful and took care of everything for us. Would like to return again.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Marilyn for your comments. We look forward to your group returning to Lako House in the future. Cheers, bill

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Aug 25, 2014 ... Sarah S. said...

***Lako House a place to stay with large families!***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Jul 28, 2014**

It took us about a year of planning with a large family, we rented three home and Lako management Bill was able to accommodate us all. Lako Main, Ohana and House Next Door (HND) for the dates. Bill was very attentive to my needs and our families safety. He was there in every step. Bill helped us make wonderful memories at Kona. I would highly recommend this place for large family!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Sarah for sharing your feedback. It's great fun to host a big family such as yours and with three units, that's when Lako House can really show its value, etc. Please do come back and visit again someday in the future. Aloha, bill ...

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Aug 9, 2014 ... Grandma Miller said...

**Lako House Date of Stay: Jul 10, 2014**

The Lako House was very easy to find. There is good access to main roads and all sorts of shopping and site seeing. We used Costco for supplies and gas. Also discovered the Ross store which was very reasonable for the younger ones to pick up extra clothing etc. The house is very spacious and nicely decorated. Loved, loved, loved the openness of the windows that wrapped around the living space, the lanai and pool area where we all lived when not exploring the rest of the island. The grounds were very well kept. Thank you for the use of your wonderful house to relax, play and do some serious bonding with our extended family! Would recommend Lake House to friends and family. As a matter of fact I'm missing Hawaii very much as I write this message. Mahalo nui loa

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Sharon for your feedback !! ... We'd love to have your big group join us again ... Aloha, bill

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Dec 6, 2013 ... Kads said...

***Lako House for families***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Nov 27, 2013**

**Helpful votes: 6**

Lako house is home away from home and more! We were a group of 12 people including kids ranging from 1 year to 7 years, adults up to 70 years old and they all loved staying here! The major PROS : 1. Location, location, location: Between Ali'i drive and highway giving us easy access to everything, Safeway Kona town, beach 2. Short drive to my fav snorkeling beach. 3. Pool and jacuzzi 4. Very equipped kitchen 5. Spacious!! Every bedroom had multiple beds for kids to sleep. 6. Wifi (Very imp for the techies from silicon valley) 7. 180 degree of breathtaking views!! Cons: 1. I could only have vacation for 5 days :( Bill was VERY responsive and answered all our questions right away. A property I would recommend in a heartbeat.

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Kadambari for your feedback ! We look forward to hosting your family & friends someday at Lako House again in the future ... Aloha, bill

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Sep 26, 2014 ... Junya K. said...

***Spent wonderful vacation at Lako House***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Sep 26, 2013**

We came and visited Big Island from Tokyo Japan, and we all had wonderful time there.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Hello Junya ! Thank you very much for the kind comments !! ... We are very happy to hear that your friends & family enjoyed your time at Lako House. We hope you can come and stay at Lako House some day again in the future ... 宜しくお願い致します。 Aloha, bill

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Jul 30, 2013 ... Alyssa said...

***Family Vacation 2013***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Jul 19, 2013**

**Helpful votes: 3**

We spent a week in Hawaii where the weather and water was wonderful but the house was perfect! Plenty of room for our group of 11. Everyone had their own space and didn't feel like we were on top of everyone. The kitchen was fully stocked with cookware, utensils and plates; the only thing we had to buy was the food, spices were also fully stocked. The pool

was the perfect size and the openness of the house was refreshing but most of all the view was breathtaking! Fantastic house we hope to return again in the future.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Hello Alyssa and Mahalo for your feedback ! Yes the view ... especially in the morning, the ocean view is so blue, so amazing !! (and of course feel free to revisit our website again to see the view via the pictures & video, etc. ... Thank you again for choosing Lako House ... We look forward in hosting your group again in the near future ... Aloha, bill

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**May 9, 2013 ... Class of 2013 said...**

***Trip Leader***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Apr 23, 2013**

**Helpful votes: 1**

The house was beautiful, fit our space needs very well, and Bill was very accommodating, always available, and made the entire operation as easy as could be imagined. We loved our stay all around!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Jeremy for the comments ... We believe Lako House is well set-up for large group accommodations and we in fact host 2-3 school groups every year. Given a 19,000 sq ft property lot, large room sizes, and the great number of beds available at Lako House (not to mention when a group also rents other/neighboring houses), Lako House is ideal for large (25-30 person) group/family gatherings, etc. ... Perhaps we'll see your school again next year (?) ... :- ) Thanks again for staying at Lako House !! ... Aloha, bill

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**Apr 6, 2013 ... Greta said...**

***Lako House on The Big Island***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Mar 22, 2013**

**Helpful votes: 3**

Wow! Wow! What a near-perfect setting for a large family gathering for a very special occasion! We departed Lako House a week ago this morning and seeing the VRBO photo makes me want to be right back there. There were twelve of us ~ eight adults and four "tweens". The very large kitchen is well-equipped with every conceivable appliance, pot and pan, dish and glass that could be needed. The two outdoor barbecues make cooking outdoors

convenient. The lanai tables and chairs, which rest on a deck above the pool, make for superb ocean vistas when eating meals outdoors. The swimming pool and hot tub are very well cared for. Eating indoors in the dining room, there are seats for 13, when including stools on the dining room side of the open kitchen. The living room area and entryway are most spacious. The setting is positively beautiful and unique for a home in a residential neighborhood, in that it is entirely private, with absolutely nothing obstructing the 180-degree magnificent views of the ocean. It is beautifully landscaped. We used Ohana, also, so that each of our families-within-the-larger-family could have their own bedroom. Bill is a most cooperative owner who made accommodations to our special requests. The only small liability of the property is the lack of an attached bathroom to the second-largest bedroom. The occupants of that bedroom need to step across the hall to a lovely powder room with toilet and basin, or step around the corner into the laundry room to use that basin and shower. Then there's always the extra bathroom within the master suite (which contains two very large bathrooms), that can be put to use for those second-bedroom guests, too. So, it's doable, just a bit inconvenient. This property is clearly an older house, but is extremely well-maintained, and expertly-equipped. Prospective guests need have not single worry about renting it!

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you very much Gwen for your thorough review. Lako House in fact was the first home of the architect and general contractor who constructed both the Komohana & Kilohana subdivision homes in the neighborhood. And so ... Since Lako House was to be his 'pad', he made it the ONLY house constructed with a sole driveway connecting to Lako Street, featuring probably one of the most massive rock wall structures in Kona prominently overlooking the neighborhood giving unobstructed ocean views from some 30-40 feet high, etc. Another feature of the original home was an indoor garden ... Yes, in fact the 'Big' room as we call it (536 sq ft), was more of a study / relaxation area in that it had many indoor tropical plants, indoor water fall, etc. (and thus no attached bathroom).

The next owner of Lako House (professional baseball player) however decided they wanted more bedrooms / beds for guests and so the conversion took place to what we see today ... A very large room with 7 beds, access to a small patio area overlooking the front yard, shower & basin area just outside the room to the right & W/C down the hall.

There's additional Lako House history regarding the Ohana studio unit as well ... The original architect / owner was an avid fisherman and so built a massive, 3 door, two-car + one boat garage. However the third owner wanted to run his business in an area separated from the main house and thus, the Ohana unit was born by converting the large boat + 1 car garage area into a very large studio area (990 sq ft) including separate sleeping bath, hot/cold water, mini-kitchen/dining facilities.

And so, 16+ years and 3 remodels later, Lako House is still a place for groups ranging from small to very large ... Even some groups rent out additional homes next door / nearby making Lako House the central home to enjoy the pool, meet & congregate.



In closing, we wish to say 'MAHALO!' Gwen & Jim for choosing Lako House as your Winter place to stay for your large family ! We look forward to having you folks visit us again in the future and wish you all the best of this year's coming Spring, Summer and Fall !! Aloha, bill

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**Mar 20, 2013 ... Deano said...**

***Great Find!***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Mar 8, 2013**

Very nice property with a spectacular view! Great neighborhood--very private property. I stayed in the Ohana which was plenty big and comfortable. Proximal to main "downtown" area--a short drive or a nice long walk. Access to pool and hot tub are a nice touch. I watched the sunset from the roomy deck--awesome.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Dean ... Thank you very much for staying with us at Lako House ... We look forward to perhaps hosting you folks sometime again !! All the best .. bill

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**Mar 6, 2013 ... Irishfan said...**

***Great place to stay***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Feb 8, 2013**

This was a great place to stay. I found the location to be perfect everything you needed was there. I needed a place to rest and relax and enjoy Kona. Great communication by the owners. I will be back to see more of the island. I recommend Lako house!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Frances for your review ... We hope to see you folks again at Lako House someday in the near future ! bill

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**Feb 28, 2013 ... Frances said...**

***Ohana Studio Unit stay ... 7 nights / 2 persons***

**Lako House Date of Stay: Feb 8, 2013**

Phone voice message left on 19 Feb 2013:

"Hello Bill, this is Frances ... Just stayed at the Ohana house and wanted to thank you again for the opportunity to be there ... Really enjoyed the place and the location, everything was really great ... Appreciate you working with us to getting some things that we needed ... so I just want to check in and make sure everything was right .. Thank you so much .. Bye-Bye"

Feb 21, 2013 ... Lori said...

## *2 Wonderful Weeks at the Lako House in Kailua-Kona*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Jan 18, 2013**

**Helpful votes: 3**

We just got back from a 2-week girls trip at the Lako House in Kailua-Kona. What a great house, it worked out perfectly for us. Our numbers fluctuated a bit because several of our group couldn't stay the whole 2 weeks, but there were 7 to 10 of us at any time. The first bedroom had a king bed, 2 twins and 2 day beds (with trundles we didn't use); the 2nd room had 2 twin beds; and the 3rd room had a king bed, a futon bed and a daybed (with trundle). It was great that we could all have our own beds. There are 2 big bathrooms in the 'master bedroom', 1 with a shower only and one with shower/tub. Both have large closets. The room with the 2 twin beds also has a full bathroom with tub/shower. Then there is a 1/2 bath just off the main entry. And behind the kitchen is a small laundry room with another shower and a sink. It was really easy to share the different spaces and we never felt like we had to wait in line for bathroom access. Though the wall to wall (and ceiling) mirrors in the 1/2 bath caused a lot of laughing and comments about keeping the lights turned off. With 10 women there was a lot of laundry being washed too. We liked using the 2 drying racks which we set up in the side yard. We only rented the main house, but it was great. It was clean, the kitchen was very well stocked with dishes, etc. and even a few different kinds of coolers we could borrow when we went to the beach. We usually had breakfast and dinner at home, so we used the kitchen a lot. Bill even got us a 2nd coffee pot which let us make 2 kinds of coffee (dark roast & medium roast) each morning so there was no arguing about coffee :-). The pool deck is the crowning glory of the house. What a wonderful space. The upper section is tiled, and has lots of chairs and 3 outdoor tables. We ate breakfast and dinner outside almost every day. The view out across the pool to the ocean was wonderful. We saw quite a few whales while sitting on the deck. The BBQ area is great with an easy to use the propane grill. And the hot tub is a big plus. What a great space to warm up after snorkeling with the dolphins or body surfing at Hapuna. Bill can also set up the wi-fi. We've rented houses frequently these last 10 years and usually we have trouble hooking up to the wi-fi, but no one had trouble at the Lako House. We all had smart phones, and there were a couple of laptops and a iPad. So there was a lot of e-mail checking and Facebook posting going on.



**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Dear Lori ... Thank so very much for such an in-depth review of your group's stay at Lako House. We hope that someday we will get a chance to host you folks again. All the best !! bill / Lako House

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**Feb 7, 2013 ... HK said...**

*Great house*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Nov 25, 2012**

We stayed at the Lako House for 10 days right after Thanksgiving and there were 11 of us. The house is big enough to fit everyone. It is even better than the pictures on the website. The house is clean, bed sheets were clean and kitchen is well stocked with all the utensils. The backyard is awesome, kids loved swimming. The location is very good. The house is near a public beach and all the stores in case you need to go buy food. My whole family was very happy with the stay. I would definitely recommend this house for a large party.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Aloha Harinder, Thank you so very much for the kind review & feedback of your stay at Lako House. We look forward to perhaps hosting you folks again someday. All the best, bill Lako House

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**Oct 17, 2012 ... Marc said...**

*Great place!*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Aug 15, 2012**

Awesome place! We stayed at the Lako House for a week and it was wonderful. Perfect location and amazing view. I would come back in a heartbeat.

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Marc for your review / feedback. We look forward to seeing you folks again someday at Lako House ! Aloha, bill

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**Jan 4, 2012 ... Rainbow Miller said...**

*The great place in Kona with an amazing ocean view!!*

**Lako House Date of Stay: Oct 24, 2011**

We have stayed at Lako House 4 times already and we always enjoy staying...looking at the sunset over the sea is too beautiful for words! Good neighbors here are also important for our children too. The owner is very friendly and flexible to help you so that you have nothing to worry to stay this gorgeous big house!!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers.

**Lako Response:**

Thank you Shizuka for your friendly feedback and visiting Lako House year after year with your school kids. We look forward in seeing you all again. All the best, bill / Lako House

