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**Title:** How Small Explorers Can Discover Hawai‘i, the Big Island. Follow this family-friendly itinerary on Hawai‘i Island to leave a big impact on little travelers.

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This is NOT the full article but only the end of it.



Panewa Zoo and Gardens. Photo: Laura Dornbush

#### **Day 4: Hilo**

The sleepy bayside town of Hilo is worth a stop. Spend a morning meeting the animals of Pana‘ewa Zoo and Gardens. Visit the white tiger and friendly monkeys and admire the creative collection of

animal-shaped benches. And don't miss the impressive playground on-site that rivals the one at the Honolulu Zoo. And did I mention that it's FREE?

Fuel up at Café Pesto, a bayfront institution in Hilo, serving up pizza, pasta and kid-friendly favorites. If your keiki have behaved themselves, treat them with a stop at Sugar Coast Candy, located on the next block over. It's an old-fashioned confection shop oozing with charm.



**Making Baumstriezel at Baumkuchen Farm. Photo: Laura Dornbush**

For a truly unique experience, continue up the coast to Baumkuchen Farm, a family-run farm and bakery highlighting the traditional German tree cake. Here you can tour its vanilla and cacao crops, taste the delicate cakes packed with island flavors, and bake your own baumstriezel over an open fire. Tip: Eat it right away, warm and dipped in the farm's homemade chocolate sauce!