Aloha Tower

**Identification**

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<td>Alternative Name</td>
<td>Tower at Pier 9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction Type</td>
<td>observation tower</td>
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<td>Current Status</td>
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**Location**

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<th>Continent Name</th>
<th>North America</th>
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<td>Postcode</td>
<td>96813</td>
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<td>State Name</td>
<td>Hawaii</td>
<td>Address (as text)</td>
<td>1 Aloha Tower Drive, foot of Fort Street in the Aloha Tower Marketplace</td>
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<td>Metro Area Name</td>
<td>Honolulu Metro Area</td>
<td>Main Address</td>
<td>1 Aloha Tower Drive</td>
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City Name  Honolulu

Description

Architectural style  Art Deco

Spatial dimensions

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<tr>
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<th>Floors (overground)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Height (structural)</td>
<td>184.2 ft</td>
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<td>Height (tip)</td>
<td>224.2 ft</td>
<td>Elevators</td>
<td>2</td>
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Years and costs

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<tr>
<td>Year (construction start)</td>
<td>1924</td>
<td>Year (last renovation)</td>
<td>1999</td>
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<td>Year (construction end)</td>
<td>1926</td>
<td>Building costs</td>
<td>$ 190,000</td>
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Clock(s) displayed on the outside

Facts

- Opened with special dedication ceremonies on September 11, 1926.
- Stands at exactly 184 feet 2 inches with a 40-foot "mast" topped by a time ball, symbolically intended to welcome mariners to Honolulu Harbor.
- The beacon on top can be seen 20 miles out at sea.
- The tower has a 12-foot diameter, 7-ton bronze clock on each of its four sides.
- When the clock strikes 4, shopping, food and drink specials signal "Happy Hour at the Tower."
- The tower clock, one of the largest in the United States, occupies the missing floor between the 9th floor office and the 10th floor observation deck.
- Only 24 visitors permitted on the observation deck at any one time.
- State Harbors Division has offices on the 9th floor.

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• As a welcome, between each clock face and balcony the word "Aloha" is etched in large letters.
• Aloha, structurally, is a slender, square-shaped, masonry building topped by a domed cupola with balconied openings on all four sides.
• Architecturally, the tower is a mix of Art Deco elements applied to traditional Gothic Revival.
• The Aloha Tower was the center of controversy in the Territorial Legislature, even during its construction, and a 7-story compromise was suggested to those who wanted no tower at all.
• Tallest tower in Hawaii for over 30 years until the opening of the Ala Moana Center in 1960.
• During WWII the tower was painted in camouflage, which was not sandblasted off until 1947.
• Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and Hawaii Historic Landmarks in 1981.
• The tower re-opened in April 1999 following two years of extensive renovations.

Involved companies

Architect

Arthur Reynolds

Additional company data available for this building

Facade Consultant

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