



**BRIDGET MARQUARDT**

The California native felt right at home in the 50th state. "I'm going back to Hawaii," Bridget, here in Kona, tells OK!. "There's so much to do!"

**HULA TIME**

The blonde bombshell gets her groove on with Miss Hawaii USA, Aureana Tseu, on the Big Island. "Doing the hula is easier than I thought," jokes Bridget.



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Hawaii just got hotter: OK! joins the Travel Channel's **Bridget Marquardt** (you know her from *The Girls Next Door*) as she visits the islands' seductive spots

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### UP, UP AND AWAY

The TV host took to the skies for a tour and saw the Big Island's active volcano, Kilauea. "The lava tube flows right into the ocean," explains Bridget.



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### HANGING TOUGH

"The pilot handed me the controls, and I got totally nervous," the thrill seeker says of her powered hang-gliding flight over Oahu's North Shore. "It goes 70 miles per hour!"

**G**oodbye, Playboy Mansion, hello, world! **Bridget Marquardt**, 35, spent seven years as one of **Hugh Hefner's** (three!) lady loves and starred on *The Girls Next Door*. Now, she's got a new man, director **Nick Carpenter**, 29, and a new gig hosting the Travel Channel's *Bridget's Sexiest Beaches*, premiering March 12 at 10 p.m. Here, she dishes to *OK!* about the show's adventures, love, and life without Hef.

#### What's been your favorite location?

Hawaii was amazing, but we had the most fun in Jamaica and Australia. Both **Kendra [Wilkinson]** and **Holly [Madison]**, Bridget's *Girls Next Door* co-stars] make guest appearances on our Southern California episode.

#### Any sadness after leaving the mansion?

It hasn't hit me yet that I'm not living there anymore. Hef keeps reiterating how he supports me, and says to come back whenever I want.

#### How's Holly handling her split with Criss Angel?

She's upset; it ended abruptly. I told her to take some time for herself.

#### You're in Kendra's June wedding to football player Hank Baskett.

We just went shopping for bridesmaids dresses. She's changed a lot, and is totally a homebody now!

#### Tell us about Nick.

It was crush at first sight. Our typical date night involves a bottle of wine, burritos and playing [the board game] *Life*. **OK!**

—Jacqueline Gifford

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