

MAUI

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The best places to eat, sleep and play
in Maui this spring and summer

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INTRODUCTION



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PACKING TIPS

1. "Bring plastic **suction-cup hooks** to use in the shower to hang swimsuits to dry."—TripAdvisor Member, Kansas City
2. Pack "a mini pair of **binoculars**, mini **first-aid kit**, spray gel **sunscreen that has insect repellent built in** and **protein bars** for hikes."—TripAdvisor Member, San Clemente, Calif.
3. Take along "a **soft-sided cooler**. Throw some frozen bottled water in and pack your lunch. Then fill it with souvenirs on the way home."—TripAdvisor Member, California
4. "**Less is more**. You don't need much in Hawaii."—TripAdvisor Member

Inside MAUI

Maui may be named after a demigod with a reputation as a prankster, but you won't be fooled by this island retreat. What you see is really what you get. The second-largest Hawaiian Island, Maui has everything you'd want in paradise: Vibrant emerald fields to black lava shores, spectacular reefs (Hawaii's natural aquarium) to a grove of California redwood trees, rainforests overflowing with waterfalls to beaches that enjoy year-round sunshine, a 10,000-foot mountain where you can witness life-affirming sunrises to a 52-mile-long road that winds around 600 death-defying curves.

In the traditional Hawaiian greeting, a lei of fragrant and colorful flowers is placed around your neck, often followed by a kiss. The hope is that when the blossoms fade, the aloha spirit will continue to live on in you.

Top VIEWS



MAUI'S BEST VIEWS

Hana Highway is more than a way to get to the small town of Hana—it's a destination. Snaking through the tropical rainforest, you'll see waterfalls and the ocean and cross dozens of narrow bridges. Pull over at turnouts to snap pictures or take a hike. A popular stopping point beyond Hana is Ohe'o Gulch, also known as the Seven Sacred Pools.

Hana Highway, Route 36

"The view from the summit of **Haleakala Crater** is spectacular at 10,000 feet. But the most incredible thing is the peace and tranquility. I just felt so refreshed in the clean cold air, watching the sunrise. It was good for the soul."—TripAdvisor Member, San Antonio, Texas

Haleakala Crater, Haleakala National Park, 808 572 4400

At **Iao Valley State Park**, "you will find the natural wonder the Iao Needle, a gargantuan peak that points to the heavens. This place is quite stunning, and the lush greenery makes it feel all the more peaceful and relaxing."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.

Iao Valley State Park, end of Iao Valley Road, Highway 32, Wailuku

Where to PLAY

TOP 10 Attractions

1. Haleakala Crater, Haleakala National Park, 808 572 4400
2. Ka'anapali Beach, Highway 30, 808 661 3271
3. Honolua Bay, North of Lahaina
4. Little Beach, Makena State Park, Wailea
5. Mount Haleakala
6. Wai'anapanapa State Park, Hana Hwy., Hana, 808 984 8109
7. Hana Highway, Route 36, Hana
8. Molokini Crater
9. Maui Stables, 177 Hana Hwy., Hana, 808 248 7799
10. Maui Hiking Safaris, 2731 Leolani Pl. Pukalani, Maui, 808 573 0168



FAMILIES

Maui Ocean Center is a "veritable treasure chest of the beauties of the Islands where one can observe the undersea wonders in undisturbed tranquility."—TripAdvisor Member, Magalia, Calif.

Maui Ocean Center, 192 Ma'alaea Road, Ma'alaea, 808 270 7000

"**Kama'ole III** is a great beach for the kids, with some decent snorkeling," as well as a playground.—TripAdvisor Member, Calgary, Alberta

Kama'ole III, South Kihei Road

"The Haleakala zip tour with **Skyline Eco-Adventures** was the highlight of our teenage daughters' Maui vacation! Great staff and quite a thrill."—TripAdvisor Member, Canada

Skyline Eco-Adventures, Ka'anapali and Haleakala, 808 878 8400

"...veritable treasure chest of the beauties of the Islands"



ROMANCE

Makena Beach is "so beautiful, we named our daughter after it."—TripAdvisor Member, British Columbia

Makena Beach, South of Wailea

Lana'i, a small and quiet island, a short ferry ride from Maui, "offers a slower pace for those who want to 'get away from it all.'"—TripAdvisor Member, Kentucky

Lana'i Ferry, Lahaina Harbor, 808 661 3756

Enjoy a "horseback ride at **Maui Stables** with breathtaking views only available by horse."—TripAdvisor Member, Wichita, Kan.

Maui Stables, Between mile markers 40 and 41 on Highway 37, Hana, 808 248 7799

Where to PLAY



BUDGET

Iao Valley State Park “is quite stunning and the lush greenery makes it feel all the more peaceful and relaxing.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.

Iao Valley State Park, End of Iao Valley Road, Highway 32, Wailuku

Hana Highway, a 52-mile-long road, “winds around 600 curves and 50 one-way bridges. This side of the island gets more rainfall, so the forests are lush and green. There are many scenic stops along the way.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.

Hana Highway, Route 36

Catch a sunrise from **Haleakala Crater**, a dormant volcano and Maui’s highest point. “With the carpet of clouds below, we felt like gods. It’s tough to beat as sunrises go.”—TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario

Haleakala Crater, Haleakala National Park, 808 572 4400

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ADVENTURE

Whether you’re a beginner diver or an expert, **Makena Coast Dive Charters** offers a “great diving experience.”—TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.

Makena Coast Dive Charters, Kihei Boat Launch, Kihei, 808 874 1273

“...Jurassic Park and King Kong scenery”

Skyview Soaring was “by far the most scenic gliding experience I have ever had. We ventured out over the sea and climbed to 11,000 feet through amazing cloud formations. We rolled in over the top of the Maui volcano and circled the massive crater. This is Jurassic Park and King Kong scenery—beautiful and ancient.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sydney, Australia

Skyview Soaring, Hana Airport, Hana, 808 248 7070

Hike Maui offers “a tantalizing glimpse at the true nature and beauty of Maui. We were able to see, experience and even taste island treasures that few ever get to. Our guide had us swimming in beautiful waterfalls and traveling through lush foliage.”—TripAdvisor Member, San Diego, Calif.

Hike Maui, 285 Hukilike St., # B104, Kahului, 808 879 5270



EDUCATIONAL/HISTORICAL

Whalers Village Museum “is free and very educational. Learned a lot about the whaling industry.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.

Whalers Village Museum, 2435 Ka’anapali Pkwy., Lahaina, 808 661 5992

The **Maui Pineapple Plantation Tour** “is extremely interesting. The pineapple industry is an integral part of the history of the island. And there is nothing cuter than those baby pineapples!”—TripAdvisor Member, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Maui Pineapple Plantation Tour, 2000 Village Road, Kapalua, 808 665 5491

“Before we jumped into the water, Mel sat the kids down and taught them how to identify the sea turtles. We did indeed swim with sea turtles and all kinds of fish. We all learned so much at the **Ocean Project!**”—TripAdvisor Member, California

Ocean Project, 843 Wainee #551, Lahaina, 808 667 6706



RELAXATION

Spa Moana “is by far the best spa you can go to. They have a to-die-for facility. You feel like royalty when you are there. After your massage you get to sit in this room that is open and you see just the ocean. It was just the best!”—TripAdvisor Member, Gilroy, Calif.

Spa Moana, Hyatt Regency, 200 Nohea Kai Dr., Lahaina, 808 661 1234

Ali’i Kula Lavender, a farm and arboretum, offers “beautiful landscaping and a lovely walk through some very pretty grounds.”—TripAdvisor Member, New York

Ali’i Kula Lavender, 1100 Waipoli Road, Kula, 808 878 3004

“You feel like royalty when you are there.”

Considered by many to be the number one golf resort in Hawaii, the **Kapalua Golf Resort** consists of two courses, The Plantation and The Bay. “The Plantation is the most fun course I’ve ever played. Every fun shot you can imagine, plus views that blew us away.”—TripAdvisor Member, Salisbury, N.C.

The Kapalua Golf Resort, Kapalua, 877 527 2582

What's the **TOUR** How to Get Around



Pacific Whale Foundation offers eco-tours and trips. "Very enjoyable trip and well worth the money."—TripAdvisor Member, Madison, Wis.

Pacific Whale Foundation, 300 Maalaea Road, Suite 211, Wailuku 808 249 8811

Blue Hawaiian Helicopters is "the Rolls Royce of helicopter tours."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Gatos, Calif.

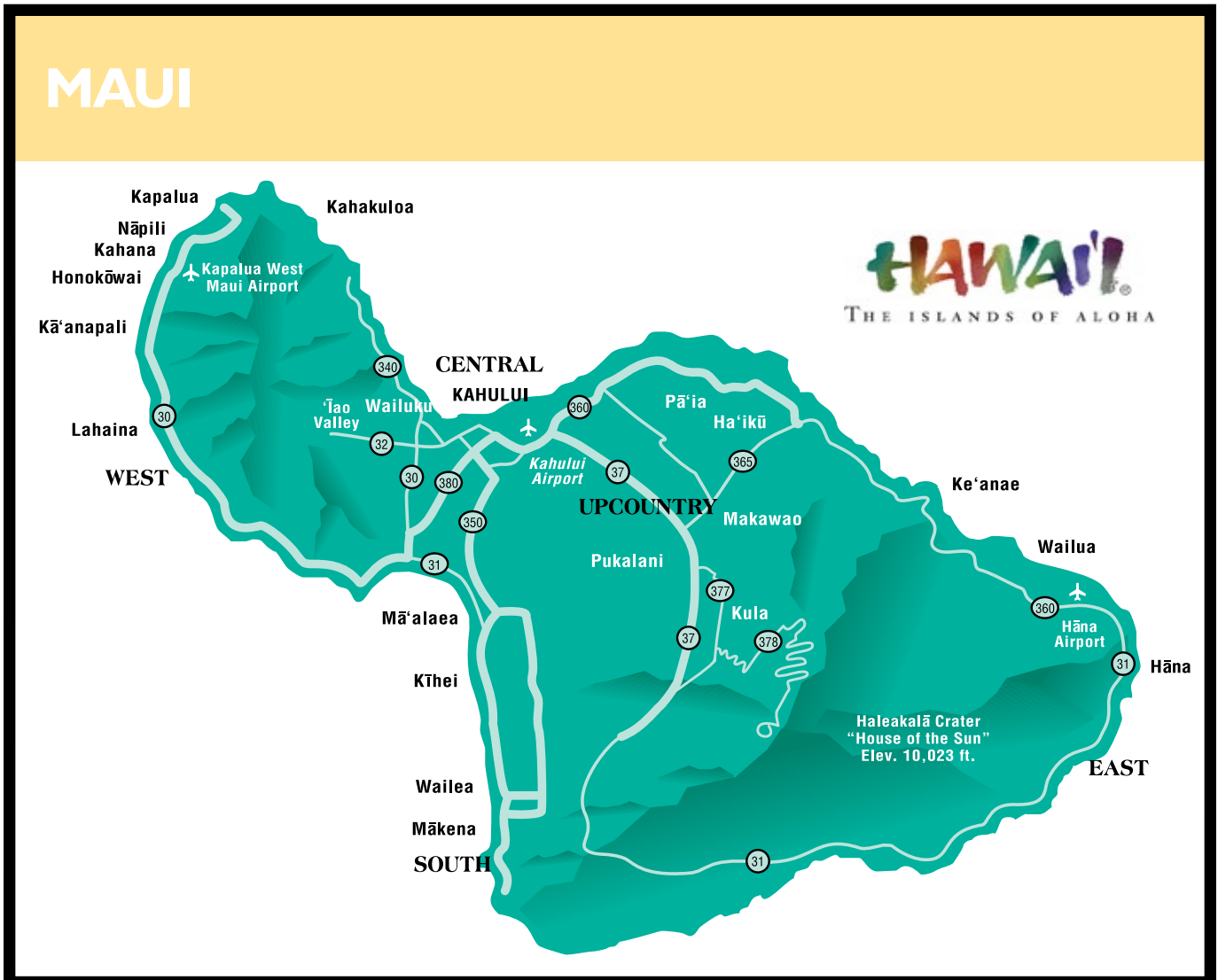
Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, 1 Kahului Airport Road, #105, Kahului, 808 871 8844

Air Maui Helicopter Tours is "first-rate."—TripAdvisor Member, Cape Cod, Mass.

Air Maui Helicopter Tours, 1 Kahului Airport Road, Hangar 110, Kahului, 808 877 7005

Trilogy, offering a range of sailing tours (and excellent cinnamon buns), is the "best excursion on Maui!"—TripAdvisor Member, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Trilogy Excursions, 808 874 5649





WHERE to eat



FAMILIES

Visit **Haliimaile General Store** for contemporary Hawaiian cuisine and a casual environment. “No facade here, just good folks and good food.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.

Haliimaile General Store, 900 Hali’imaile Road, Makawao. 808 572 2666

Dishing up American favorites, **Kula Sandalwoods Restaurant** is “just like being at a friend’s home.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sonoma, Calif.

Kula Sandalwoods Restaurant, 15427 Haleakala Hwy., Kula, 808 878 3523

“**Dollie’s** pizza is darned good, with a very tasty crust. Go ahead and order large: It’s good reheated if you’ve got a kitchen.”—TripAdvisor Member, Omaha, Neb.

Dollie’s Pub & Café, 4310 Lower Honoapiilani Hwy., Lahaina, 808 669 0266

“No facade here, just good folks and good food.”

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TOP 10 Restaurants

1. Ululani’s Hawaiian Shave Ice, 819 Front St., Lahaina, 360 609 5678
2. Cuatro Restaurant, 1881 S. Kihei Road, Kihei, 808 879 1110
3. Lahaina Grill, 127 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, 808 667 5117
4. Mama’s Fish House, 799 Poho Place, Paia, 808 579 9248
5. 808 Bistro, 2511 S. Kihei Road, Kihei, 808 879 8008

6. Max World Bistro, 810 Kokomo Road, Haiku, 808 575 2629
7. Gazebo Restaurant at Napili Shores, 5315 Lower Honoapiilani Road, Lahaina, 808 669 5621
8. Paia Fish Market, 100 Hana Hwy., Paia, 808 579 8030
9. Flatbread Company, 89 Hana Hwy., Paia, 808 579 8989
10. Koiso Sushi Bar, 2395 S. Kihei Road, Ste. 113, Kihei, 808 875 8258



ROMANCE

Ferraro’s, at the Four Seasons Resort, is “the best. Had a wonderful sunset and the dinner was outstanding.”—TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver, British Columbia

Ferraro’s Bar e Ristorante, Four Seasons Resort, 3900 Wailea Alanui Dr., Kihei, 808 874 8000

“It is no surprise that the locals call **Gerard’s** the most romantic place on the island. When we left we felt high from the food and the love in the air.”—TripAdvisor Member, Dubuque, Iowa

Gerard’s, 174 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, 808 661 8939

“We made a sunset reservation at **Spago** and were not disappointed. The view was simply amazing. It’s an awesome photo opportunity.”—TripAdvisor Member, Frisco, Texas

Spago, The Four Seasons Resort Maui, 3900 Wailea Alanui, 808 879 2999



BUDGET

Milagros Food Co. was “the food highlight of our vacation. The food remains incredible, fresh, innovative, generous portions and just downright TASTY.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sacramento, Calif.

Milagros Food Co., 3 Baldwin Ave., Paia, 808 579 8755

“I hate to call **A.K.’s Cafe** cheap, but our family of four ate for \$60. On Maui, this is awesome. Oh yeah, and the food is great too!”—TripAdvisor Member, St. Louis, Mo.

A.K.’s Cafe, 1237 Lower Main St., Wailuku, 808 244 8774

“The food at **Da Kitchen** is as advertised; it’s local authentic cuisine. Try the Kalua pork or the teriyaki. It’s one of the most reasonably-priced restaurants in Kihei. The food was great and the portions were large. This was probably my favorite eat on Maui.”—TripAdvisor Member, Utah

Da Kitchen, 2439 S. Kihei Road, Suite 107A, Kihei, 808 875 7782

“...the food highlight of our vacation”

WHERE to eat



HEALTH-CONSCIOUS

I'O Restaurant serves Pacific Rim cuisine. Split an entrée and splurge on appetizers. “My wife is a former chef, so we can be picky! It surpassed our expectations.”—TripAdvisor Member, Annapolis, Md.

I'O Restaurant, 505 Front St., Lahaina, 808 661 8422

“The deli in this natural foods store is great. Good selection, very tasty and probably the least expensive hot food in town. **Mana's** selection of organic, earth-friendly products and local produce is worth the trip.”—TripAdvisor Member, Alaska

Mana Foods, 49 Baldwin Ave., Paia, 808 579 8078

Cafe Mambo, with vegetarian options, “was by far one of the best restaurants, with an eclectic menu including Spanish, Moroccan, Mexican and Pacific dishes.”—TripAdvisor Member, Springfield, Ill.

Cafe Mambo, 30 Baldwin Ave., Paia, 808 579 8021



HIDDEN GEMS

For “funky atmosphere, great food and service,” try **Moana Bakery & Café**, and sample international cuisine for breakfast, lunch or dinner.”—TripAdvisor Member, Windsor, Colo.

Moana Bakery & Café, 71 Baldwin Ave., Paia, 808 579 9999

Serving breakfast and brunch, **Gazebo Restaurant** is a “gem. GREAT white chocolate macadamia nut pancakes. REAL whipped cream, huge portions. Reasonable prices. Simple charming gazebo overlooking the tide pools at Napili Bay. Try the coconut syrup on your pancakes.”—TripAdvisor Member, New York

Gazebo Restaurant at Napili Shores, 5315 Lower Honoapiilani Road, Napili Shores, 808 669 5621

A Hawaiian specialty, “guri guri is somewhere between sorbet and gelato—super creamy yet light!” It's “worth the stop at the Maui Mall on the way to the airport to try this inexpensive treat” at **Tasaka Guri Guri**.—TripAdvisor Member, Tacoma, Wash.

Tasaka Guri Guri, Maui Mall, 70 E. Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, 808 871 4513

SPECIAL EVENTS



For almost three decades, the **Kapalua Wine & Food Festival** has been showcasing the best and brightest in the business of taste bud stimulation. Every year, chefs, winemakers and sommeliers from all over the world gather in Maui to discuss, taste and share the latest culinary trends with each other and the public. (June 9 – 12)

Kapalua Wine & Food Festival, Various venues, 808 665 9160, <http://www.kapalua.com>

Head to Wailea to look on as 700 tough competitors swim out into the ocean as part of the inaugural **South Maui Triathlon**. Why participate in such a grueling event? In the words of the organizers, “It's the beautiful island of Maui, need we say more?” (June 12)

South Maui Triathlon, Wailea, <http://www.southmauitriathlon.com>

The **Maui Film Festival** celebrates creativity, camaraderie and community every year, with a series of outdoor screenings, film premieres, gala parties and celebrity appearances. The socially conscious organizers have included a “Best Green Cinema” award to the list of laurels given out each year. (June 15 – 19)

Maui Film Festival at Wailea, Maui Arts & Cultural Center, One Cameron Way, Kahului, 808 579 9244, <http://www.mauifilmfestival.com>

Enjoy the sounds of some of Hawaii's most talented musicians at the **Ki Ho'alu Slack Key Guitar Festival**. Along with a star-studded lineup, the festival also features artisans from across Hawaii and catering by many of Maui's best restaurants. (June 26)

Ki Ho'alu Slack Key Guitar Festival, Maui Arts & Cultural Center Amphitheater & Pavillion, 808 661 3475, <http://www.mauiarts.org>

In the 19th century, Makawao was the home of the paniolo, or Hawaiian cowboy. Things are a lot less rough and tumble in Maui's upcountry these days, but you can still get a sense of the way things used to be at the **Makawao Rodeo**, where the modern paniolos test their skills at roping, barrel racing, and bareback bronco riding. (July 3 – 4)

Makawao Rodeo and Parade, Makawao, 808 572 8102

Where to STAY



FAMILIES

"We had the best time at the **Ka'anapali Beach Hotel**. The atmosphere was friendly and fun, like being a guest in your friend's home. The kids loved it, too! We attended as many of the classes as we could, and the kids filled up their Passports and got the special prize."—TripAdvisor Member, California

Ka'anapali Beach Hotel, 2525 Kaanapali Pkwy., Lahaina, 808 661 0011

Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas, an all-villa resort on North Ka'anapali Beach, is a "gorgeous property for everyone, with amenities galore. The staff bends over backwards for you. Ask for anything, and there's a knock on your door freakishly soon, like they're lurking outside your door, knowing exactly what you'll need."—TripAdvisor Member, Long Island, N.Y.

Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas, 6 Ka'i Ala Dr., Lahaina, 808 667 3200

The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui "is a great destination for families with plenty of room for the kids to run. The rooms have been remodeled and are very comfortable. The pools are perfect for kids and adults alike."—TripAdvisor Member, San Jose, Calif.

The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui, 4100 Wailea Alanui Dr., Wailea, 808 875 4100

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ROMANCE

"Picture yourself driving up to your own island getaway." **Ho'oiilo House** "is the perfect spot for couples of any age. Huge flowers, a great pool, garden ponds and palm leaves chattering in the wind make for a serene ambiance."—TripAdvisor Member, Troy, N.Y.

Ho'oiilo House, 138 Awaiku St., Lahaina, 808 667 6669

"A beautiful, palm tree-lined driveway leads to **Huelo Point Lookout**, the most peaceful place you could ever want to stay. From stargazing through the sky lights above your bed to your very own hot tub and outdoor shower, the whole experience here is romantic and relaxing."—TripAdvisor Member, Wisconsin

Huelo Point Lookout, 222 Door of Faith Road, Paia, 808 573 0914

"I almost hate to tell people how great **Wild Ginger Falls** is because it's going to make it harder for us to get back to! Private, secluded, tropical, comfortable - just sweet, beautiful luxury."—TripAdvisor Member, Ocean Shores, Wash.

Wild Ginger Falls B&B, 355 Kaluanui Road, Makawao, 808 573 1173



BUDGET

"At first, we were suspicious when we saw so low a price for such a good location. But everything was just perfect at the **Ocean Breeze Hideaway!**"—TripAdvisor Member, Bethesda, Md.

Ocean Breeze Hideaway, 435 Kalalau Place, Kihei, 808 879 0657

"We got served the most fantastic breakfasts, and it was a very warm and pleasant stay. Out of our three different stays in Maui, **What a Wonderful World** was the best. And the cheapest!"—TripAdvisor Member, Norway

What a Wonderful World Bed and Breakfast, 2828 Umalu Place, Kihei, 800 943 5804

"The **Pioneer Inn** is right in the heart of old Lahaina. It was so centrally located, we could walk everywhere. The balcony was huge and great for setting out dive gear. And you can't beat the price!"—TripAdvisor Member, Erie, Colo.

Best Western Pioneer Inn, 658 Wharf St., Lahaina 808 661 3636



LUXURY

Situated on 15 oceanfront acres, "the **Four Seasons Resort Maui** means luxury. No complaints and I do not see where they can improve."—TripAdvisor Member, New York

Four Seasons Resort Maui, 3900 Wailea Alanui Dr., Kihei, 808 874 8000

Hotel Hana-Maui, an exclusive resort located on 66 acres (and part of the 4,700-acre Hana Ranch) is "heaven on earth. My husband and I stayed in one of the sea cottages, and it was absolutely beautiful! The staff was incredible! Their spa is by far the best one I have ever been to. This is the best place to stay in Maui if you want to escape from everyday life."—TripAdvisor Member, South Carolina

Hotel Hana-Maui and Honua Spa, 5031 Hana Hwy., Hana, 808 248 8211

"**Kaanapali Alii** is heaven! Warm and friendly staff that remember your name, manicured lawns and gardens, right on the beach, walking distance to shopping and resorts - everything was perfect!"—TripAdvisor Member, Aldergrove, B.C.

Kaanapali Alii, 50 Nohea Kai Drive, Lahaina, 808 667 1400

"...heaven on earth."

Where to **STAY**



HIDDEN GEMS

The **Aloha Pualani Hotel Boutique**, a 2008 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice double award winner, is a "hidden gem of Maui. Wow! To say this place is magical is a major understatement. The property is small, elegant, quiet and subdued. The suites are very clean, cozy and comfortable."—TripAdvisor Member, Denver, Colo.

Aloha Pualani Hotel Boutique, 15 Wailana Place, Kihei, 808 875 6990

Wai Ola Vacation Paradise on Maui is located in the foothills of the West Maui Mountains, just two blocks from the ocean. "Its out-of-the-way location keeps it quiet, so you can actually relax. Go figure!"—TripAdvisor Member, Poughquag, N.Y.

Wai Ola Vacation Paradise, 1565 Kuuipo St., Lahaina, 808 661 7901

Ekena offers "elegant isolation. Buy a bottle of fine cabernet or some high-quality Japanese tea while you're driving through Pai'a because that's what you'll want to drink when you arrive at Ekena! The feel is open, uplifting and serene."—TripAdvisor Member, Menlo Park, Calif.

Ekena, Off Hana Highway, Hana, 808 248 7047

"elegant isolation"

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