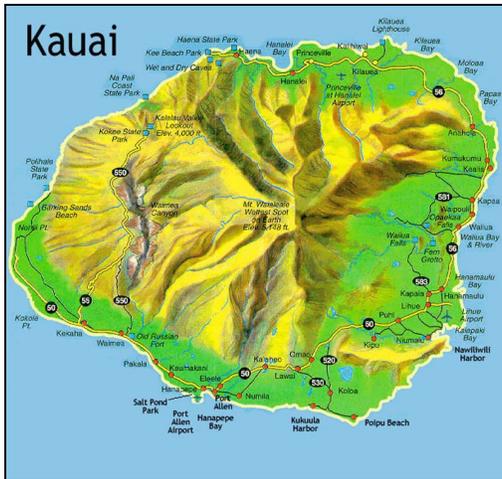


KAUAI: THE GARDEN ISLE



Kauai is Hawaii's fourth largest island and is sometimes called the "Garden Isle," which is an entirely accurate description. The oldest and northernmost island in the Hawaiian chain is draped in emerald valleys, sharp mountain spires and jagged cliffs, aged by time and the elements. Centuries of growth have formed tropical rainforests, forking rivers and cascading waterfalls. Some parts of Kauai are only accessible by sea or air, revealing views beyond your imagination.

Beyond Kauai's dramatic beauty, the island is home to a variety of outdoor activities. Kayak the Wailua River. Snorkel on Poipu Beach. Hike the trails of Kokee State Park. Even go ziplining above Kauai's lush valleys. But it is the island's laid-back atmosphere and rich culture found in its small towns and along its one-lane bridges that make it truly timeless. Make your escape to Kauai and discover the undeniable allure of Kauai.

YOUR RETURN TRIP TO KAUAI

Lose yourself to the gentle trade winds. Take in the lush greenery. Inhale the fresh floral environment around you. Each Island has its own distinctive charm, and Kauai is the tropical centerpiece of Hawaii, full of outdoor activities, attractions and culture.

Once you've settled in, break out your sunscreen and head outdoors. Explore Kauai's beautiful beaches where you can sunbathe, snorkel or learn how to surf. Then visit Kauai's humbling natural wonders, from Waimea Canyon to the Napali Coast. Take a break in Kauai's small towns like Hanapepe, Hanalei and Old Koloa Town to get a taste of local food and art, as well as learn about the island's fascinating history and culture. After a long day, watch the sunset from the comforts of your resort and recharge for another day of discovery on Kauai.

LIHUE AREA



Lihue is the government and commercial center of the island as well as a cultural and historical area. This may be the most traveled town on Kauai since its home to Kauai's main airport (the Lihue Airport) and Nawiliwili Harbor, the island's major commercial shipping center and cruise ship port.

Lihue has a variety of beaches and natural wonders to explore. Kalapaki Beach is the home of the Marriott Kauai's Beach Club and the Kauai Lagoons Golf Club. Bodysurfing, windsurfing and swimming make Kalapaki a popular destination. Ninini Beach is home to an automated lighthouse, operating since 1897. And just north of Lihue, don't forget to stop at the Wailua Falls lookout for an amazing waterfall view.

The Lihue area also has numerous historical spots including Alekoko (Menehune Fishpond), a roughly 1000-year old aquaculture reservoir; Kilohana, a historic plantation estate; and both the historic Kauai Museum and Grove Farm Homestead Museum. Lihue is your gateway to adventure on Kauai.

KAUAI MUSEUM, KAUAI

Located in a lava rock structure in Lihue, the Kauai Museum features amazing collections from the artisans of Kauai and Niihau (a small eastern island part of Kauai county). Visitors can learn about the geological formation of the Hawaiian Islands, early Native Hawaiian life, Captain Cook's arrival on Kauai's shores in Waimea and the Hawaiian Monarchy. Plus, visitors can view galleries showcasing the work of multi-cultural artists, sculptors and craftsmen. Guided tours are available (upon request).



ALEKOKO, MENEHUNE FISHPOND

Built nearly 1,000 years ago, the Alekoko Menehune Fishpond, minutes from Lihue, has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973. Ingenious ponds like this were built to catch fish, and the Menehune Fishpond is one of the finest examples of this type of ancient Hawaiian aquaculture.



The legend that surrounds the fishpond is based on the mythical Menehune, Hawaii's mischievous little people who performed legendary engineering feats. The Menehune lived in the forest and hid from humans. According to Hawaiian legends, the Menehune built this entire fishpond in one night. They managed this amazing task by lining up from the village of Makaweli for 25 miles, passing stones hand-to-hand to build the pond. Though Menehune legends abound, some say the word may have derived from the Tahitian word manahune meaning commoner, or small in social standing, not in physical size.

The Alekoko Fishpond is located near the Huleia National Wildlife Refuge, about a half-mile inland from Nawiliwili Harbor and can be viewed from an overlook on Hulemalu Road. The wall dividing the pond from Huleia Stream is 900 feet long, five feet high and meticulously assembled with lava rock. Perhaps the work of the magical Menehune?

KILOHANA ESTATE

Past Lihue and headed toward the Kauai Community College campus is Kilohana, a restored plantation estate that provides a glimpse of life in the 1930s. The site of a 16,000 square-foot Tudor mansion that was home to one of the island's most prominent families, Kilohana is now a picturesque venue for tours, gatherings and a theatrical luau.



Manicured green lawns surround the estate, which now features 22 North and a number of unique shops like the Koloa Rum Company. Once the center of a 27,000-acre sugar plantation and the hub of Kauai business, cultural and social life, the 35-acre estate now features tropical gardens and an old plantation village. Classic Kauai Plantation Railway gives you a tour of Kilohana's working farm, and the festive Luau Kalamaku is held regularly. Banquet facilities also make this a perfect venue for weddings, receptions and special events.

WAILUA FALLS, KAUAI

Wailua Falls, just north of Lihue, is a step off the beaten path. Located at the south end of the Wailua River, it cascades into two streams, dropping 80-feet below. Some even say the distance is more accurately described as 200 feet.



Like other spectacular spots on Kauai used as film locations, Wailua Falls is most recognized in the opening credits of the long-running television show "Fantasy Island." Easily accessible, Wailua Falls can be seen from the roadside, so you can leave your hiking boots behind. To get there, head north from Lihue and follow Maalo Road in Hanamaulu. Travel uphill for about three miles. If you visit in the mornings, you may be treated to a rainbow, making for an amazing photo of Wailua Falls.

GROVE FARM HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

A visit to the Grove Farm Homestead in Lihue provides visitors with a fascinating look into the island's past. Hawaii's booming sugar plantation industry in the late 1800's had its origins on Kauai. Grove Farm, one of the earliest sugar plantations and the former home of George N. Wilcox and his descendents, was founded in 1864. Today, this 100-acre, historic site showcases life during Kauai's plantation era more than a century ago. By appointment, a tour takes visitors throughout the property, which includes the gracious old Wilcox home and the cottage of the plantation housekeeper situated amidst tropical gardens, orchards and rolling lawns. Make a reservation and learn more about how sugar plantations influenced the history of the islands.



EAST SIDE (COCONUT COAST)



Kauai's East Side is sometimes referred to as the Coconut Coast for the groves of coconut palms that grow in its resort areas. The most populated district on the island, about 16,000 of the island's 62,000 residents reside in the Wailua/Kapa'a area. Amongst the clusters of coconut trees you'll find historic places, amazing beaches and memorable attractions.

In Wailua, you'll find a variety of sightseeing opportunities and outdoor activities. Kayak the Wailua River in Wailua River State Park, take a boat ride to the Fern Grotto, or take photos at Opaekaa Falls. Don't forget to try and spot the Sleeping Giant in the Nounou Mountains or take a hike up this scenic ridge. Sacred places like Polihau Heiau, the large lava-rock temple of Kauai's last king, Kaumualii, can also be found on the East Side. And be sure to visit Kapaa Town to discover fine Hawaiian craft pieces, aloha-print shirts, jewelry and art.

But the golden beaches of the Coconut Coast may be the area's biggest draw. Unwind at Anahola Beach Park, whale watch at Donkey Beach or watch the surfers at Kealia Beach to the north. Lydgate Beach Park in Wailua has two lava rock enclosed ocean pools that are perfect places for families and first-time snorkelers. Fun in the sun awaits you on the Coconut Coast.

OPAEEKAA FALLS

Cascading down into a hidden pool, this waterfall is easily one of the island's most accessible major waterfalls. Located on the East Side about 2 miles up Kuamoo Road (Route 580) from Hwy. 56, signs clearly point to the roadside lookout on the right. This convenient stop makes for a memorable photo opportunity. "Opaekaa" means "rolling shrimp," which were once abundant in the stream. Walk uphill from the Opaekaa lookout and across the road for another great view of the Wailua River valley and interior plains beyond.



NOUNOU MOUNTAIN (SLEEPING GIANT)

On Kauai's East Side between Wailua and Kapaa, is the Nounou Mountain range, more famously known as Sleeping Giant. Stare at the ridge from afar and with a little imagination you can make out what looks like a human figure lying on his back. Hawaiian legends say this giant was tricked by villagers into eating a vast amount of rocks hidden in fish and poi. Sleepy from the meal, the giant took a nap and hasn't woken since.



Sleeping Giant also offers a scenic hiking trail. The Nounou Trail is less than a 2-mile hike to the top of Sleeping Giant. The east Kauai views from the top of the ridge are beautiful. The Nounou trail head can be found on Halelilo Road in Wailua.

WAILUA RIVER

The tranquil Wailua River weaves by gorgeous waterfalls and lush, jungle landscapes along the island's East Side. Kauai has the only navigable rivers in Hawaii, and the Wailua River is one of the most popular.

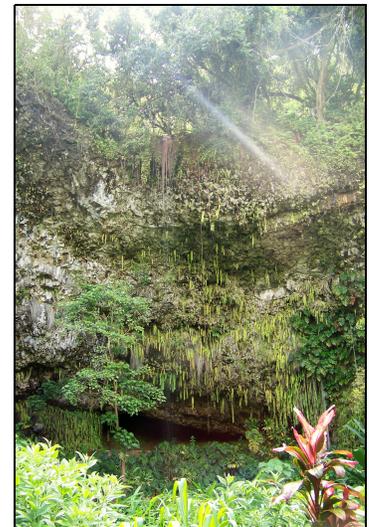


The 20-mile long river, that once wove through the settings of seven different heiau (temples), flows from the 5,148-foot Mount Waialeale in the center of the island. The Wailua River features two popular and accessible waterfalls: Opaekaa Falls and Wailua Falls. The scenic river itself can be explored by kayak or outrigger canoe, and a boat tour is also available. Open-air boats also offer guided tours of the Fern Grotto, a natural lava rock cave sheltered by draping ferns. This romantic area is a popular wedding venue. Also look for the Nounou Mountains (Sleeping Giant), a formation on a mountain ridge between Wailua and Kapaa that looks like a human figure lying on its back.

You can also see the river by car. Take Kuamoo Road (Hwy. 580), which goes inland along the north side of the river from Kuhio Highway (Hwy. 56). You'll want to take in the special and sacred landmarks along the way, including heiau (temples), historical sites, Opaekaa Falls and the Keahua Arboretum.

FERN GROTTTO

On Kauai's East Side, the Fern Grotto is one of Kauai's signature attractions. Accessible only by a short boat trip up the Wailua River, the grotto is a natural lava-rock grotto lush with hanging ferns and tropical foliage, cooled by the mists of a waterfall. There was a time when the Grotto was off-limits to all but Hawaiian royalty. But for more than 50 years, riverboats have provided tours of the site.



In this serene setting, the grotto acts like a natural amphitheater. Taking advantage of the incredible natural acoustics, visitors are often treated to musicians playing beautiful Hawaiian music. It's no wonder why this unique Kauai setting is such a popular destination for wedding ceremonies.

KAPA'A TOWN

North of Wailua on the East Side is Kapa'a Town, a great area for shopping on Kauai. Kinipopo Shopping Village offers a variety of fun shops and eateries. It also has a water sports shop that carries everything you need to purchase or rent for a water



adventure. You can also arrange for water skiing or kayak rental in Kapa'a. Aloha shirts, vintage maps, fine art and jewelry can be found as you browse at this shopping village.

Other stops include the Wailua Shopping Plaza, which houses several restaurants and an eclectic antique shop, and the Coconut Marketplace, with dozens of shops in which you'll find Hawaiian mementos, fine artwork, antiques, jewelry and craft items. Find the perfect, made in Hawaii keepsake on your trip to Kapa'a.

SOUTH SHORE



The sunny South Shore of Kauai is home to historic Old Koloa Town and the resort area of Poipu. This is an area of activity and historic attractions. Whether you're playing on a championship golf course or exploring the Koloa Heritage Trail to learn more about Kauai's history, there's something for everyone on the South Shore.

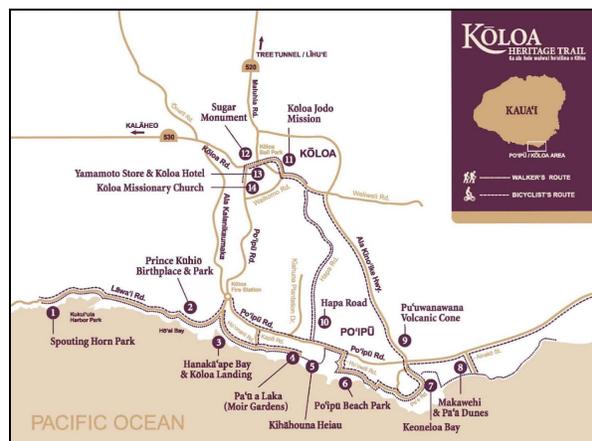
A good place to start is spending the day at Poipu Beach Park, which was once named one of America's best beaches. Nearby Spouting Horn features a blowhole that releases a spout of water up to 20 feet or more into the air. See why Kauai is nicknamed "The Garden Isle" at two National Tropical Botanical Gardens: McBryde Garden, featuring 259-acres of gardens and world's largest collection of Hawaiian plants, and Allerton Garden, an 80-acre gem with sophisticated garden design and the giant Moreton Figs made famous in the film "Jurassic Park." You'll even find the Kauai Coffee farm tour just a few miles west of Poipu. Discover a variety of activities and attractions on Kauai's South Shore.

KOLOA HERITAGE TRAIL

Ka Ala Hele Waiwai Hooilina o Koloa, or the Koloa Heritage Trail, is a 14-stop, self-guided 10-mile tour of the Koloa and Poipu area's most important cultural, historical and geological sites, with descriptive plaques that explain each spot's significance.

Koloa is a historic South Shore area, home to Hawaii's first commercial sugar plantation. In the mid 1800's, sugar replaced the whaling industry to become the principal industry of Hawaii. As a result of the sugar boom, approximately 350,000 immigrants from around the world came to Hawaii to work in the sugar plantations. Although tourism supplanted sugar as Hawaii's major industry (Kauai's last sugar mill closed in 1995), the legacy of the era lives on in the unique ethnic diversity of Hawaii's people today.

Beyond the shower tree in the center of Old Koloa Town you'll discover the Sugar Monument, just one of the stops on the Koloa Heritage Trail. This circular concrete sculpture suggesting a millstone holds a bronze sculpture depicting the eight principal ethnic groups that brought the sugar industry to life (Hawaiian, Caucasian, Puerto Rican,



Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Portuguese and Filipino). The sculpture opens up to face the remnants of the Koloa sugar mill's stone chimney, built in 1841.

Encompassing the south shore of Kauai, look for these special spots on your next visit:

1. [Spouting Horn Park](#) - Famous south shore blowhole.
2. [Prince Kuhio Park](#) - Prince Kuhio, known as the "People's Prince," was born here in 1871.
3. [Pau A Laka \(Moir Gardens\)](#) - Botanical garden founded in the 1930s.
4. [Kihahoua Heiau](#) - Site of an ancient Hawaiian temple.
5. [Poipu Beach Park](#) - Popular beach home to endangered monk seals.
6. [Keonelo Bay](#) - Home to some of Kauai's oldest occupied sites (200-600 A.D.).
7. [Hapa Road](#) - Hawaiians have lived in this area since 1200 A.D.
8. [Koloa Jodo Mission](#) - Buddhist temple built in 1910.
9. [Sugar Monument](#) - Commemorates the site of Hawaii's first sugar mill.
10. [Yamamoto Store & Koloa Hotel](#) - Former plantation-era mainstay from the 1920s. Note that these two businesses are now the present day Crazy Shirts and the South Shore Pharmacy respectively.
11. [Koloa Missionary Church](#) - The first Congregational church in Kauai.

[OLD KOLOA TOWN](#)

Historic and picturesque, the Koloa district spans from Old Koloa Town to Kauai's beautiful South Shore in Poipu. Koloa opened its first sugar mill in 1835 and set the precedent for commercial sugar production across the islands. The sugar era opened the door to a wave of immigrants that make up Hawaii's multicultural population today.



The gateway to the Koloa/Poipu area is called the Tree Tunnel, a stretch of Maluhia Road lined with eucalyptus trees first planted a century ago. The Tree Tunnel still thrives and welcomes visitors today.

Old Koloa Town has retained much of its charm with shops now occupying the plantation buildings along Koloa Road. Stroll by old-fashioned storefronts and discover special local gifts. Stop by the Koloa History Center to learn about the town's sweet heritage. Then cool down with an island-style Lappert's ice cream cone under the shade of the large monkey pod trees. Lappert's Ice Cream Store is a Kauai original and is still made fresh daily in nearby Hanapepe. Hawaii-inspired favorites include Heavenly Hana, Big Island Inspiration and Kauai Pie.

You can also explore the Koloa Heritage Trail, which covers 14 cultural, historical and geological sites from Old Koloa Town to Poipu. But to really experience all that this area has to offer go to the Koloa Plantation Days Celebration (July), an annual summer event that celebrates Kauai's rich plantation past. Further south you'll discover the resorts around beautiful Poipu Beach, a modern change from charming Old Koloa Town.

POIPU BEACH PARK

Head to the South Shore of Kauai and see why the "Travel Channel" once named Poipu Beach America's Best Beach. Nestled in the Poipu resort area, this beach is conveniently located near some of Kauai's best shopping, dining and golf. This is one of the most popular and safest beaches on the island.



The inviting waters of Poipu make it very popular with visitors, locals and even local marine life. From December through May, it's not uncommon to spot humpback whales spouting off shore. Large honu (Hawaiian green sea turtles) also swim in these waters. But Poipu Beach is most famous for the endangered Hawaiian monk seals that sometimes sunbathe on the shore. There are only about 1,200 Hawaiian monk seals remaining and many swim in the waters of Kauai. Note that you should always stay behind barricades and signs or at least 150-feet from these 400 to 600-pound endangered animals when in an unmarked area. Never feed the seals. For more monk seal guidelines [click here](#).

Snorkeling in Poipu reveals a variety of colorful fish including the state fish, the humuhumunukunukuapuaa, and there's a wading pool for toddlers and young swimmers. Or if you just want to relax, pack a picnic and spend the day with the family. The park has restrooms, showers and picnic tables, and lifeguards protect the beach (a Monk Seal Watch team protects the seals). Make your escape and spend a day on the sands of Poipu.

SPOUTING HORN

On Kauai's South Shore you'll find the spectacular Spouting Horn blowhole, one of the most photographed spots on Kauai. The Poipu surf channels into a natural lava tube here and releases a huge spout of water during large swells. You'll also hear a hiss and a roar that is the basis of a Hawaiian legend.

Ancient Hawaiians believed this coastline was once guarded by a giant moo (lizard) named Kaikapu. Everyone was afraid of the moo because it would eat anyone who tried to fish or swim in the area. One day, a young boy named Liko entered the ocean to outwit the lizard. Kaikapu attacked him, but Liko thrust a sharp stick into her mouth, swam under the lava shelf, and escaped through a small hole to the surface. The moo followed Liko and got stuck in the lava tube. To this day, you can hear the lizard's roar and see her breath spraying from the blowhole.



Access to Spouting Horn Park is convenient with ample parking and the view from the lookout is luminous at sunset. The Poipu coastline is also a great vantage point to look for humpback whales during whale watching season from December to May.

NORTH SHORE



Kauai's dramatic North Shore is an enchanting setting full of rugged mountains, lush taro fields, heavenly beaches and spectacular sea cliffs. You'll be amazed at how much beauty can be found in just one area of Kauai.

Begin your journey on the island's northernmost point. Historic Kilauea Lighthouse is a wildlife sanctuary and a scenic spot for whale watching. Visit lovely Hanalei Town, home to stretches of green

taro fields alongside colorful shops, galleries and restaurants. You'll also find some of Kauai's best beaches here including Lumahai Beach, the setting for the film "South Pacific," and Kee Beach, ideal for sunbathing. You can also learn about native plants and see scenic ocean views at Na Aina Kai Botanical Gardens or at the 17-acre Limahuli Gardens, part of the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

But the most stunning feature of Kauai's North Shore is the magnificent Napali Coast. This 17-mile stretch of coastline is lined with cliffs up to 3,000-foot tall, accented with lush green valleys, cascading waterfalls and sea caves. Inaccessible by car, you can hike or take an air or boat tour to view this breathtaking natural wonder.

The North Shore is also home to the upscale resort area of Princeville where you can indulge in world-class hospitality and play at some of Kauai's premier golf courses. You can also find other accommodations here ranging from historic bed and breakfasts to rental homes allowing everyone the opportunity to experience the beauty of Kauai's North Shore.

KILAUEA LIGHTHOUSE

Perched at the northernmost tip of Kauai, the 52-foot Kilauea Lighthouse was built in 1913 as a beacon for traveling ships. Although its light was turned off in the 1970s and has been replaced by an automatic beacon, it still serves as one of the island's most frequented attractions.

The view off the rugged northern coastline and the deep-blue Pacific makes this the perfect vantage point for photos. This is also the location of the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, a sanctuary for seabirds. Signage throughout the refuge identifies the area's bird species, including frigates, shearwaters, boobies and Laysan albatrosses nesting on the property. You'll see them soar the skies above the refuge, many landing on a small nearby island covered in birds. During December through May, you may even catch a glimpse of humpback whales. This scenic peninsula, 200-feet above sea level, is a must-see on your visit to the North Shore.



HANALEI TOWN

West of Princeville, on Kauai's North shore, is peaceful Hanalei Town. Graced with timeless beauty, this lovely small town is home to everything from historic places to contemporary art galleries. Hanalei is an unforgettable stop on your visit to Kauai.



Visit the Waioli Mission House and step back into Kauai's history. Browse Hanalei's art galleries for made in Kauai art and carvings made from rare, native Hawaiian woods. Locals and visitors come to Hanalei for ukulele concerts held at the Hanalei Community Center, a regular Kauai event.

At the foot of Hanalei's misty green mountains you'll also discover fields of taro ("kalo" in Hawaiian). These heart-shaped plants grow intensely green in flooded patches and are used to make poi, a Hawaiian staple starch that you can taste at any Kauai luau. You can get a good view of this emerald quilt of land from the Hanalei Valley Lookout. Note that these taro farms are on private property, so only step foot on them during an authorized farm tour.

The historic Hanalei Pier was built in 1892 and has long been a favorite gathering place for local residents who go there to fish, swim and play music on Hanalei Bay. In 1957, the pier became world famous when Oscar Hammerstein II and 20th Century Fox featured the pier in the classic film, "South Pacific." After a busy day of soaking up Hanalei Town's history and charm, kick back, relax and watch a luminous sunset over Hanalei Bay.

WAIOLI MISSION HOUSE AND CHURCH

Step back in time at the 1837 home of the early Christian missionaries, Abner and Lucy Wilcox. This Hanalei Town landmark, restored in 1921 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflects the southern roots of its architect, the Reverend William Alexander of Kentucky.



Inside, synchronize your watch with the wall clock, which was installed in 1866 and still keeps perfect time. View the significant features like the lava rock chimney and the fine koa furniture. Lucy Wilcox gave birth to eight sons in the master bedroom, a significant feat on its own.

In front of the house is the old Waioli Huiia Church, which was founded in 1834. Its green shingles and stained glass windows are a picturesque symbol of Hanalei.

NAPALI COAST

The Napali Coast nourishes the soul. Kauai's famous coastline is truly majestic, featuring emerald green pinnacles towering along the shoreline for 17-miles. Located on the North Shore of Kauai, the Napali Coast features panoramic views of the vast Pacific

Ocean, velvet green cliffs and cascading waterfalls plummeting into deep, narrow valleys. The rugged terrain appears much as it did centuries ago when Hawaiian settlements flourished in these valleys existing only on the food they could grow and the fish they could catch.

The only land access to this enchanted area is via the Kalalau Trail, an 11-mile trail that starts at Kee Beach, crosses five different valleys and ends at secluded Kalalau Beach. This is one of the most challenging, and sometimes even treacherous, Kauai hikes with narrow sections and muddy topsoil from rainfall. Many hikers choose to break the trail up into two days, setting up camp at the beach of Hanakapiai, and then heading to Kalalau the next morning. Camping permits are required from the Hawaii State Parks Division office in Lihue. A guide is highly recommended and hiking during the winter months is discouraged.



But even non-hikers can enjoy the amazing scenery of the Napali Coast. Boat tours depart from Port Allen on the West Side and during the summer months, guided kayaking trips can give you access to awe-inspiring views of the sea cliffs, while air tours can show you scenic Napali areas that aren't accessible by land or water. Replenish your spirit and experience the breathtaking panoramas of the Napali Coast.

WEST KAUAI



Go west and get off the beaten path on Kauai. The West Side is home to a few of Kauai's most historic places and scenic wonders, the most famous of which is the breathtaking Waimea Canyon, the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific."

But there is even more to explore. Head north beyond the gorges and cliffs of Waimea Canyon and visit Kokee State Park where you'll find yet another amazing view from the Kalalau Lookout. The two small towns of Waimea and Hanapepe also grace the West Side. In 1778, Captain Cook first landed in the Hawaiian Islands here at Waimea Bay. Today, a statue of Cook stands in Waimea Town commemorating this event. Hanapepe is the art capital of Kauai with galleries, shops and eateries lining small town Hanapepe Road.

HANAPEPE TOWN

Located on the south shore west of Koloa, Hanapepe Town once flourished as one of Kauai's largest communities. From World War I to the early 1950s, West Side Hanapepe was also one of Kauai's busiest towns, alive with G.I.'s and sailors training in the Pacific Theater.



Today, "Kauai's biggest little town" hasn't changed much over the last century at first look. Its historic buildings are so authentic that the town has become a location for films

like “The Thornbirds,” “Flight of the Intruder,” and were even the model for the Disney film “Lilo and Stitch.” But now those plantation style buildings are home to charming shops, local eateries and more art galleries than any other spot on Kauai.

Hanapepe Town celebrates its artists every Friday, from 6-9pm, as painters, sculptors and craftsmen open the doors of their galleries and studios to celebrate the arts. Visit the galleries, take a walk on the “Hanapepe Swinging Bridge” — which is always an adventure to cross — then shop and dine in one of Kauai’s most famous small towns.

WAIMEA TOWN

On your way to Waimea Canyon, make a stop in Waimea Town on the West Side. This historic seaport town can be found not far from where British discoverer Captain James Cook first landed in Hawaii in 1778. A statue of Captain Cook can be found in the center of town, a replica of the original statue found in Whitby England. This local community is home to a variety of small shops and businesses as well as a growing number of high-tech companies.



While you’re in Waimea Town, stop by the West Kauai Technology & Visitor Center, a great place to learn more about Kauai’s past. The center features exhibits, programs and weekly activities that reflect the diversity of Kauai’s agricultural community. Call for more information, registration required. Along with Hanapepe, Waimea Town is an off-the-beaten-path discovery that’s a great place to stop as you explore Kauai’s West Side.

WAIMEA CANYON

Waimea Canyon, on Kauai's West Side, is described as "The Grand Canyon of the Pacific." Although not as big or as old as its Arizona cousin, you won't encounter anything like this geological wonder in Hawaii.



Stretching 14 miles long, one mile wide and more than 3,600 feet deep, the Waimea Canyon Lookout provides panoramic views of crested buttes, rugged crags and deep valley gorges. The grand inland vistas go on for miles.

The main road, Waimea Canyon Drive, leads you to a lower lookout point and the main Waimea Canyon Overlook, offering views of Kauai's dramatic interior. The road continues into the mountains and ends at Kokee State Park. There are numerous trails to traverse for beginners and seasoned hikers.

KOKEE STATE PARK

North of Waimea Canyon on Kauai's West Side is Kokee State Park. Spread over 4,345 acres on a plateau 3,200 to 4,200 feet above sea level, Kokee State Park is covered in forest, wild flowers and hiking trails making it



an excellent spot to see native plants and colorful endemic Hawaiian forest birds like the apapane, iwi and moa. The park also offers roughly 45 miles of the state's finest hiking trails. Some trails lead to views of Waimea Canyon, others wind through wet forests with sweeping views of valleys opening up to the North Shore.

The Kokee Natural History Museum is a must-stop shop for information about the park and the trails. Exhibits will give you an overview of the park and Waimea Canyon. Staff will also provide you with helpful assistance, advice and information on trail and weather conditions.

Beyond the museum and the Lodge at Kokee (12 rustic rental cabins for campers) are two amazing lookouts. Both the Kalalau Lookout and the Puu O Kila Lookout offer commanding views of the Kalalau Valley stretching out to the sea. This view offers a glimpse at the towering cliffs of the Napali Coast. Note that the temperature drops as you climb up to the 3,200 to 4,200 foot elevations of the park. Temperatures range from 45 degrees in January to 68 degrees in July with annual rainfall of about 70 inches, so remember to dress warmly.

SHOPPING KAUAI-STYLE

A shopping spree on Kauai mimics the island experience to a tee—you can't possibly know what to expect, and you have to go looking to find the treasures hidden along the way. There are shopping malls—none of them guilty of sprawl—big-box discount stores, and Macy's, the island's only nationwide department store. Beyond that, there is an eclectic mix of small, unique, owner-operated stores.

Kauai offers shopping throughout the island, from small shops in small towns to retail malls. Stores offer many made-in-Hawaii items to take home including aloha wear, Hawaiian jewelry and art. For "Kauai Made" products, seek out the Kauai Made logo, sponsored by the County. The seal designates products made on-island by Kauai-based businesses or by individuals using Kauai materials.

LIHUE

Lihue and the Kalapaki area offer country stores, unique shops and farmers' markets (on Kauai, they're called Sunshine Markets).

Kukui Grove Shopping Center, in Lihue, is the largest shopping center on the island. Here you'll find Macy's, Starbucks, Long's Drugs and more. Costco and K-mart are nearby.

Smaller shopping destinations, like Anchor Cove Shopping Center and Harbor Mall, are located at Nawiliwili Harbor.

The shops of Kilohana, located north of Lihue on the grounds of a 1930s plantation estate, offer art and gift shops in a pleasant surrounding.

EAST SIDE

On the Coconut Coast, Kapaa Town and the Kinipopo Shopping Village offer a variety of fun shops and eateries. Aloha shirts, vintage maps, fine art and jewelry are all available in the area. In Old Kapaa Town, a cluster of off-the-mall shops and restaurants line the streets. Park and walk to discover what's there.

The Coconut Marketplace is home to more than 70 shops in which you'll find precious Hawaiian mementos, fine artwork, antiques, jewelry, fashion and much more. Nearby Bambulei, a small apparel and antiques boutique in Wailua, is a find for women looking for something different.

SOUTH SHORE

The South Shore has the Poipu Shopping Village with a selection of shops, services and restaurants as well as Kauai's newest shopping and dining experience, Kukuiula Village, a 90,000-square-foot mall. Numerous surf shops also offer surfwear, swimwear and watersports equipment.

Nearby, Old Koloa Town is another stop worth making offering made in Kauai crafts, coveted Niihau shell lei, and a few snack spots to take a break at including Kauai's own, Lappert's Ice Cream.

NORTH SHORE

On the North Shore, you'll find unique gifts in small town Hanalei, a village of little shops and eateries invite exploration, as well as the Princeville resort area. Kilauea, an old plantation town that is now growing its own brand of island chic, is located just off Kuhio Highway, 25 miles north of Lihue.

WEST SIDE

West-side shopping is likely to focus heavily on arts, crafts and tasty treats like handmade jellies and granola. If you come across Niihau leis, you've stumbled on a gem. Hanapepe is the place to find local art.

On the West Side, Eleele Shopping Center is a great place to meet the locals and shop at a handful of stores. Hanapepe is known for its artists and galleries and you'll love browsing the handmade ceramics, fine furniture, artwork and other Kauai specialty products. Hanapepe Taro Ko Chips make for great gifts to take home. Port Allen, where "Red Dirt Shirts" originated, is also a fun stop for souvenirs. Stop in Waimea Town for some shave ice or some unique island treats.

SHOPS AROUND KAUAI



KAUAI COFFEE COMPANY

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Join us every Wednesday for the Kaua'i Culinary Market, the island's premiere gourmet farmer's market, hosted in partnership with the Kauai County Farm Bureau. Shop from 20 local growers and vendors and taste the best of what Kaua'i has to offer. Watch the Chef Demonstration at 5pm, listen to live island style music and enjoy a cocktail in the Wine & Beer Garden.