

Maui Travel Guide

Discover Maui: The Valley Isle

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Things to do in Maui

Landmarks & Monuments

From a volcanic summit above the clouds to a sacred valley of ancient battles, Maui's landmarks trace both the island's geology and its deep Hawaiian history.

Must See Book Ahead

Haleakala National Park Summit

3-5 hours Book Ahead



Map

Haleakala ("House of the Sun") rises 10,023 feet above sea level, its vast reddish-brown crater resembling a lunar landscape above the cloud line. Sunrise here is one of Hawaii's most iconic experiences, drawing crowds who bundle up against near-freezing summit temperatures to watch the sky ignite over the crater rim. The park also protects the rare, silver-leafed *silversword* plant, found almost nowhere else on Earth. Sunset visits and daytime hikes into the crater are equally spectacular and far less crowded.

Must See

Iao Valley State Monument

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A lush, rain-soaked valley in West Maui's mountains, Iao Valley is dominated by the **Iao Needle**, a 1,200-foot emerald-green basalt pinnacle rising from the valley floor. The site was the location of the decisive 1790 Battle of Kepaniwai, where King Kamehameha I's forces conquered Maui as part of unifying the Hawaiian Islands. A short paved loop trail offers easy access to needle viewpoints, streamside paths, and native Hawaiian plant displays, making it one of Maui's most accessible natural landmarks.

Top Pick

Lahaina Banyan Tree Park

20-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Planted in 1873, Lahaina's massive **banyan tree** once spread its aerial roots across nearly two-thirds of an acre, sheltering the town square with the largest banyan in the United States. The August 2023 wildfire that devastated historic Lahaina scorched the tree severely, but arborists' efforts helped it resprout new growth, and it now stands as a powerful symbol of the town's resilience. Check current access conditions before visiting, as surrounding Front Street continues its long-term rebuilding.

Notable

Ulupalakua Ranch

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

This historic 18,000-acre **Upcountry cattle ranch** sits on the cool southwestern slopes of Haleakala, blending paniolo (Hawaiian cowboy) heritage with rolling pastureland and sweeping ocean views. The ranch grounds include the general store, a small history room, and MauiWine, Hawaii's only estate winery, known for pineapple wine produced from the surrounding fields. It's a favorite stop on Upcountry drives, offering a quieter, agricultural side of Maui far from the beach resorts.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments



- **Haleakala sunrise requires a paid reservation** at recreation.gov, released 60 days and 2 days in advance - book immediately when the window opens
- Summit temperatures can drop below freezing; bring layers even though the beach is 80°F
- Iao Valley requires a timed-entry reservation for non-residents, purchased online in advance
- Call ahead or check county advisories before visiting Lahaina town, as the historic district remains under active rebuilding



Museums & Galleries

Maui's museums preserve everything from missionary-era history to whaling lore and contemporary Hawaiian art, offering context for the island's layered past.

Top Pick

Bailey House Museum

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Housed in a former missionary residence built in 1833, the **Bailey House Museum** (Hale Hoikeike) in Wailuku holds one of Hawaii's finest collections of pre-contact Hawaiian artifacts, including feather work, stone tools, and royal regalia, alongside missionary-era furniture and 19th-century Hawaiian paintings by Edward Bailey himself. The coral-and-stone building sits on the grounds of a former royal residence, adding historical weight to the exhibits inside.

Top Pick

Book Ahead

Maui Ocean Center

2-3 hours Book Ahead



Map

Billed as one of the largest tropical reef aquariums in the world, the **Maui Ocean Center** in Ma'alaea walks visitors through touch pools, a jellyfish gallery, and a dramatic acrylic tunnel surrounded by sharks and rays drawn from the reefs just outside. A dedicated humpback whale exhibit uses life-size models and augmented reality to explain the whales that migrate past Maui each winter, making this a strong rainy-day or family-friendly option.

Notable

Whalers Village Museum

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Tucked inside the Whalers Village shopping center in Kaanapali, this free, compact museum traces Lahaina's 19th-century role as the whaling capital of the Pacific. Exhibits include harpoons, scrimshaw carvings, a full-size whale skeleton suspended overhead, and accounts of the brutal, lucrative trade that once brought hundreds of ships to Maui's shores each season. It's a quick but worthwhile stop for anyone shopping or dining in Kaanapali.

Notable

Hana Cultural Center & Museum

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

At the end of the famous Road to Hana, this small community-run museum preserves the history of remote East Maui through Hawaiian quilts, fishing tools, and a restored 1871 courthouse and jailhouse still standing on the grounds. Volunteers often share personal stories of Hana's tight-knit community, giving visitors insight into a side of Maui that feels worlds away from the resort corridors.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Whalers Village Museum is free and makes a great break from shopping in Kaanapali
- Book Maui Ocean Center tickets online for a small discount and to skip the ticket line
- The Hana Cultural Center only accepts cash or check for its small admission fee
- Bailey House Museum's gift shop supports the nonprofit Maui Historical Society



Religious Sites

Maui's places of worship reflect its layered immigration history, from missionary-era churches to a Buddhist temple honoring the island's plantation-era Japanese community.

Top Pick

Lahaina Jodo Mission

20-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

This peaceful Buddhist temple complex sits at the north end of Lahaina, marked by a 12-foot bronze **Great Buddha statue** installed in 1968 to mark the centennial of Japanese immigration to Hawaii. Framed by pine trees and ocean views, the grounds include a pagoda and temple bell and remain a place of quiet reflection. The mission survived the 2023 Lahaina wildfire relatively intact, standing as one of the few historic sites in the area still fully open to visitors.

Notable

Kaahumanu Church

15-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Named for Queen Kaahumanu, who requested a church be built on this Wailuku site, the current structure dates to 1876 and remains an active Hawaiian Congregational church today. Its white coral-and-stone facade and clock tower are Wailuku landmarks, and services are still conducted partly in the Hawaiian language, continuing a tradition stretching back to the early 19th-century missionary period.

Optional

Wananalua Congregational Church

15-20 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Built between 1838 and 1842 from blocks of coral rock, this stone church stands in the remote town of Hana on the site of an ancient Hawaiian heiau (temple), physically layering Christian and native Hawaiian sacred history in one location. Its weathered simplicity and small cemetery reflect Hana's slower, more traditional pace compared to Maui's resort areas.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Remove shoes and keep voices low near the Buddha statue at Lahaina Jodo Mission out of respect
- All three sites are free to visit, though donations are appreciated
- Wananalua Church is easy to combine with a stop at the Hana Cultural Center next door



Beaches & Coastal Areas

Maui's coastline and interior deliver some of Hawaii's most photographed scenery, from calm swimming beaches to thundering waterfalls and a submerged volcanic crater.

Must See

Kaanapali Beach

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A 3-mile stretch of golden sand fronting West Maui's original resort corridor, **Kaanapali Beach** is consistently ranked among America's best beaches. Calm, clear water makes it excellent for swimming and snorkeling near Black Rock (Puu Kekaa), where sea turtles are frequently spotted. A paved beach walk connects the resorts, shops, and restaurants along its length, and sunset here, often accompanied by a torch-lighting ceremony, is a nightly ritual.

Must See

Wailea Beach

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Fronting South Maui's most upscale resort district, **Wailea Beach** offers a wide crescent of soft white sand and some of the calmest, clearest water on the island, ideal for swimming, paddleboarding, and easy snorkeling. A scenic 1.5-mile coastal path connects it to neighboring beaches like Ulua and Polo, passing manicured resort grounds and volcanic outcroppings, and this dry, sunny coast rarely sees rain.

Must See

Book Ahead

Pipiwai Trail & Waimoku Falls

2.5-3.5 hours Book Ahead



Map

In the remote Kipahulu district of Haleakala National Park, this 4-mile round-trip trail climbs past a giant banyan tree, through a dense bamboo forest that clatters in the wind, to the base of the 400-foot **Waimoku Falls**. Several smaller waterfalls and swimming holes line the route, though flash-flood risk means checking conditions before entering any pools. It's one of Maui's most rewarding hikes, best done as part of a Road to Hana day trip.

Must See

Book Ahead

Molokini Crater

3-5 hours (boat trip) Book Ahead



Map

A partially submerged volcanic crater rising as a crescent-shaped islet 3 miles off Maui's south shore, **Molokini** is a protected marine sanctuary with exceptional visibility, often exceeding 100 feet. Its curved reef wall shelters over 250 species of fish and pristine coral, making it one of Hawaii's premier snorkeling and diving sites, accessible only by permitted boat tours departing from Maalaea or Lahaina harbors.

Top Pick

Napili Bay

1.5-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A crescent-shaped cove ringed by low-rise condos rather than large resorts, **Napili Bay** feels quieter and more local than nearby Kaanapali. Calm, protected water and a gently sloping sandy bottom make it one of the safest spots on the island for families and casual snorkelers, with green sea turtles commonly gliding just offshore. Sunset views over Molokai and Lanai are exceptional.

Tips for Beaches & Coastal Areas



- Reef-safe, mineral-based sunscreen is required by Hawaii law at ocean sites - chemical sunscreens are banned
- Book Molokini boat tours for the earliest morning departure, when the water is calmest and clearest
- Check National Park alerts before hiking Pipiwai Trail; the pools can close quickly after heavy rain
- Kaanapali and Wailea both have free public beach access points despite fronting private resorts



Parks & Gardens

Maui's gardens showcase everything from cool-climate protea flowers grown Upcountry to a heritage park honoring the island's diverse immigrant plantation communities.

Notable

Kula Botanical Garden

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Set at 3,300 feet on the cool slopes of Upcountry Maui, this family-run garden showcases thousands of plant species arranged along easy walking paths, including native Hawaiian plants, orchids, and one of the island's best displays of exotic **protea** flowers, a signature Upcountry crop. The cooler climate and mountain views make it a refreshing stop between Haleakala and the coast.

Notable

Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Set within Iao Valley, this county park honors Maui's plantation-era immigrant communities through a series of pavilions and gardens representing Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Filipino, and New England missionary heritage. Shaded picnic areas and a peaceful stream setting make it a pleasant, free stop on the way to Iao Needle, reflecting the island's multicultural plantation history.

Optional

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

45-60 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Located in Kahului, this nonprofit garden is dedicated entirely to plants that arrived in Hawaii before Western contact, from native coastal species to Polynesian-introduced "canoe plants" like taro and breadfruit that sustained early Hawaiian communities. It's a low-key, educational stop that offers context for the native ecosystems visitors encounter elsewhere on the island.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Combine Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens with Iao Valley State Monument in the same trip - they sit minutes apart
- Kula Botanical Garden is best paired with a Haleakala sunrise or Upcountry farm tour, since it's on the way
- All three gardens are inexpensive or free and rarely crowded compared to beach attractions



Neighborhoods & Districts

From a historic whaling town rebuilding after tragedy to a bohemian surf town and a remote rainforest village, Maui's districts each offer a distinct pace of island life.

Top Pick

Lahaina Historic District

Varies - check current access No Booking Needed



Map

Once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and a 19th-century whaling port, Lahaina's Front Street was devastated by a wildfire in August 2023 that destroyed much of the historic district, including many wooden storefronts, and claimed over 100 lives. Long-term rebuilding is underway, with some businesses and cultural sites reopening in stages. Visitors should check current conditions and follow county guidance before planning a visit, as parts of the town remain closed to tourism while the community rebuilds.

Top Pick

Paia Town

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A former sugar plantation town turned bohemian surf hub, **Paia** sits on Maui's North Shore near legendary windsurfing spot Hookipa Beach. Its main street is lined with colorful wooden storefronts housing boutiques, art galleries, and some of the island's best casual restaurants and bakeries. Paia is also the traditional starting point for the Road to Hana, making it a natural stop for gas, snacks, and a morning coffee.

Notable

Wailea Resort District

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

South Maui's master-planned luxury resort area, **Wailea** is defined by manicured grounds, high-end hotels, championship golf courses, and an upscale open-air shopping center. A flat, scenic coastal path connects its string of beaches, making it easy to walk between resorts without a car. The dry, sunny climate here makes it one of the most consistently good-weather areas on the island.

Notable

Hana Town

2-4 hours (or overnight) No Booking Needed



Map

At the end of the winding Road to Hana, this small, remote town feels decades removed from Maui's resort areas, with no traffic lights, few chain businesses, and a strong sense of traditional Hawaiian community. Hana Bay, the historic Hasegawa General Store, and nearby black-sand Waianapanapa State Park make it a worthwhile overnight stop rather than a rushed day trip for travelers with extra time.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- Respect Lahaina's ongoing recovery - avoid treating active rebuilding areas as a sightseeing backdrop
- Paia has limited parking; arrive early or park a short walk from the main strip
- Wailea's beach path is a great free way to see multiple beaches without paying for resort access
- Fill up on gas in Paia or Kahului before driving to Hana - services are scarce along the route



Tours & Activities

From migrating whales to sunrise bike rides down a volcano, Maui's guided activities let visitors experience the island's ocean and land in ways a rental car alone can't.

Must See Book Ahead

Molokini Crater Snorkel Tour

4-5 hours Book Ahead

Half-day boat tours depart Maalaea or Lahaina harbor before sunrise to reach **Molokini's** protected waters while they're calmest, typically combining time inside the crater with a second snorkel stop along the Kihei or Wailea coastline. Most trips include gear, breakfast, and lunch, and many operators guarantee whale or dolphin sightings during the winter migration season.

Must See Book Ahead

Humpback Whale Watching Cruise

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Each winter, thousands of **humpback whales** migrate to the warm, shallow waters of the Auau Channel between Maui, Lanai, and Molokai to breed and calve, making Maui one of the world's best whale-watching destinations from roughly November through April. Naturalist-led boat tours depart from Lahaina and Maalaea, with hydrophones sometimes used to let passengers hear the whales' underwater songs.

Top Pick Book Ahead

Haleakala Sunrise Bike Tour

5-7 hours (full excursion) Book Ahead

After watching sunrise from the 10,023-foot summit, riders coast downhill for roughly 20-25 miles through switchbacks, ranchland, and changing microclimates on a guided bicycle descent back toward the coast. Modern tours end above the steepest lower highway sections for safety, but the ride remains a thrilling, low-effort way to experience Haleakala's dramatic elevation change.

Top Pick Book Ahead

Old Lahaina Luau

3-3.5 hours Book Ahead

Widely regarded as one of Hawaii's most authentic luau experiences, this evening show combines a Hawaiian feast (kalua pig cooked in an underground imu oven, poi, poke, and tropical desserts) with live music and hula performances tracing the story of the islands from ancient times to today. The event relocated its venue following the 2023 Lahaina wildfire, so confirm the current location when booking.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book whale watching and Molokini tours several days ahead in peak winter season (Dec-Mar)
- Bring an extra layer for Haleakala summit activities - it can be near freezing at sunrise
- Luau tickets sell out weeks ahead around holidays; book as soon as travel dates are set
- Seasickness medication is worth taking before any boat tour, especially in winter swell



Day Trips & Excursions

Maui rewards a full day of exploring beyond the resort zones, whether driving the island's most famous highway or ferrying to a quieter neighbor island.

Must See

Road to Hana

Full day (8-10 hours) No Booking Needed



Map

This legendary 64-mile highway winds along Maui's northeast coast through roughly 620 curves and 59 one-lane bridges, passing waterfalls, black-sand beaches, rainforest lookouts, and fruit stands en route to remote Hana town. Popular stops include Twin Falls, Wailua Valley lookout, and Waianapanapa State Park's black-sand beach. Most drivers leave before 7 AM to beat traffic and allow a full day for the round trip.

Top Pick

Book Ahead

Lanai Island Ferry Day Trip

Full day Book Ahead



Map

A passenger ferry crosses the Auau Channel from Lahaina Harbor to the small, laid-back island of **Lanai** in about an hour, offering a taste of a far less developed Hawaiian island. Highlights include the eerie rock formations of Garden of the Gods, Hulopoe Bay's protected snorkeling beach, and Lanai City's plantation-era main street, best explored with a rented 4x4 given the island's mostly unpaved roads.

Top Pick

Haleakala & Upcountry Maui Drive

Full day (6-8 hours) No Booking Needed



Map

Rather than a pre-dawn sunrise run, this daytime version of the Haleakala trip climbs through Upcountry Maui's ranchland and farm country, stopping at Kula's lavender and protea farms, Ulupalakua Ranch's MauiWine tasting room, and roadside stands selling Maui-grown produce, before reaching the crater itself for hiking or a sunset viewing. It's a more relaxed, less crowded alternative to sunrise visits.

Optional

Kahekili Highway West Maui Loop

3-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A narrow, cliff-hugging road circling the remote back side of West Maui, the **Kahekili Highway** connects Kapalua to Wailuku past blowholes, sea arches, and the tiny artist town of Kahakuloa, largely bypassed by tour buses. Far less traveled than the Road to Hana, it rewards confident drivers with dramatic coastal scenery and a genuine sense of discovery, though narrow sections require caution.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Rental car agencies often restrict or void insurance on the unpaved sections of Lanai and the Kahekili Highway - check terms first
- Fill the gas tank before the Road to Hana or Upcountry drive; stations are sparse
- The Lanai ferry can be rough in winter swell; check the forecast before booking
- Download offline maps - cell service disappears for long stretches on Hana Highway and Kahekili Highway



Practical Information

Maui enjoys warm weather year-round, but **April-May and September-October** (shoulder seasons) offer the best combination of good weather, lower hotel rates, and thinner crowds, avoiding both the winter holiday surge and summer school-break peak. **December through March** is peak season for whale watching, when humpback whales fill the channel between Maui, Lanai, and Molokai, but it also brings the highest prices and biggest crowds, plus occasional heavy surf on north-facing shores. **Summer (June-August)** is hot and dry with calm seas, ideal for snorkeling and Road to Hana drives. Winter brings more rain to the east side and Upcountry, so West and South Maui's beaches stay drier and sunnier.

A rental car is essential on Maui - public transit is limited, distances between towns are significant, and most top attractions (Road to Hana, Haleakala, Upcountry) are impossible to reach without one. Book rentals well in advance, especially in high season, as island-wide shortages are common.

- **Kahului Airport (OGG)** is Maui's main gateway, roughly 25 minutes from Kaanapali and 20 minutes from Wailea
- **Maui Bus** runs limited routes between Kahului, Wailuku, Kihei, Lahaina, and Kaanapali for \$2 per ride - useful for resort-area hopping, not for Hana or Haleakala
- Ride-hailing apps (Uber, Lyft) operate around the airport and main resort corridors but have sparse coverage in rural areas
- Interisland ferries connect Lahaina Harbor to Lanai; there is currently no scheduled passenger ferry to Molokai
- Roads to Hana and the summit of Haleakala are narrow and winding - allow extra time and avoid driving them after dark if unfamiliar

Maui's shopping ranges from open-air resort centers to small-town boutiques and farmers markets. **Whalers Village** and **The Shops at Wailea** offer upscale and mainstream brands alongside oceanfront dining. **Paia** and **Makawao** are best for independent boutiques, surf gear, and local art galleries, while the **Maui Swap Meet** in Kahului (Saturday mornings) is the place for local produce, flowers, and handmade crafts at negotiable prices.

Good local souvenirs include Maui-grown coffee and cacao, protea flower arrangements shipped direct from Kula farms, locally made ukuleles, and Hawaiian quilts or textiles. Avoid buying items advertised as "Hawaiian-made" without checking origin labels, as some souvenir shops stock imported goods.

Annual Events on Maui

- **Chinese New Year Celebration** (Jan/Feb) - Lahaina festivities with lion dances and food (venue may vary during rebuilding)
- **Whale Day Celebration** (late Feb, Kihei) - free festival marking peak humpback whale season
- **East Maui Taro Festival** (April, Hana) - celebrates the native Hawaiian staple crop with food, music, and hula
- **Ka Hula Piko** (May, Molokai, easy day trip) - major hula festival honoring the dance's origins
- **King Kamehameha Day** (June 11, statewide) - parades and floral floats honoring Hawaii's unifying king
- **Maui Fair** (late Sept/Oct, Kahului) - carnival rides, food booths, and agricultural exhibits, running over a century
- **Halloween in Lahaina** - historically Maui's biggest street party; format has changed since 2023 and should be checked locally
- **Festival of Lights & Holiday Season** (Dec) - tree lightings and events across resort areas

5 Sample Day Itineraries for Maui

Day 1: Road to Hana

Morning:

- 6:30 AM: Depart Paia early with a full tank of gas and snacks
- 7:30 AM: Twin Falls short hike and swim
- 9:30 AM: Wailua Valley lookout and Keanae Peninsula stop



Afternoon:

- 12:00 PM: Lunch from a Hana-side fruit stand or food truck
- 1:00 PM: Pipiwai Trail hike to Waimoku Falls (Kipahulu)
- 3:30 PM: Waianapanapa State Park black-sand beach

Evening:

- 5:00 PM: Begin the return drive before dark
- 7:30 PM: Dinner in Paia or Kahului

Day 2: Haleakala Sunrise & Upcountry**Early Morning:**

- 3:30 AM: Depart for Haleakala summit (reservation required)
- 5:45 AM: Sunrise at the crater rim, bundled in warm layers

Late Morning/Afternoon:

- 8:00 AM: Breakfast in Kula
- 9:30 AM: Kula Botanical Garden and lavender farm
- 11:30 AM: Ulupalakua Ranch and MauiWine tasting

Evening:

- 3:00 PM: Return to the coast, rest at your hotel
- 6:30 PM: Sunset dinner in Wailea or Kihei

Day 3: West Maui Beach Day**Morning:**

- 8:00 AM: Breakfast in Kaanapali
- 9:00 AM: Snorkeling at Black Rock, Kaanapali Beach
- 11:00 AM: Whalers Village Museum and shopping

Afternoon:

- 1:00 PM: Lunch oceanfront in Kaanapali
- 2:30 PM: Relax at Napili Bay
- 4:30 PM: Lahaina Jodo Mission visit

Evening:

- 6:00 PM: Luau experience (check current venue) or sunset dinner cruise

Day 4: Ocean Day - Molokini & Whales**Morning:**

- 6:00 AM: Board Molokini snorkel/whale watch boat from Maalaea Harbor
- 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Snorkeling Molokini Crater and coastal stop

Afternoon:

- 12:00 PM: Lunch in Kihei
- 1:30 PM: Maui Ocean Center aquarium
- 3:30 PM: Relax at Wailea Beach

Evening:

- 6:30 PM: Dinner along the Wailea coastal path



Day 5: Wailuku, Iao Valley & Central Maui

Morning:

- 9:00 AM: Bailey House Museum, Wailuku
- 10:30 AM: Kaahumanu Church
- 11:00 AM: Iao Valley State Monument and Iao Needle hike

Afternoon:

- 12:30 PM: Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens picnic
- 1:30 PM: Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
- 3:00 PM: Maui Swap Meet (Saturdays) or local shopping in Wailuku

Evening:

- 6:00 PM: Farewell dinner in Kahului or Kihei

Best Photography Locations

- **Haleakala Summit at sunrise** - otherworldly crater light; arrive at least 45 minutes before sunrise to set up
- **Iao Needle viewpoint** - best light in morning before clouds build over the valley
- **Wailua Valley lookout (Road to Hana)** - sweeping waterfall and coastline views, easy roadside pull-off
- **Kaanapali Beach at Black Rock** - golden hour torch-lighting and cliff-diving ceremony at sunset
- **Waianapanapa State Park** - black-sand beach with dramatic surf, best mid-morning to avoid harsh midday shadows
- **Kula lavender farms** - purple rows with Haleakala backdrop, best in soft early morning light
- **Molokini Crater from the boat** - crescent shape best photographed on approach before anchoring

Hawaii uses the same electrical standard as the rest of the United States: **120V** at 60Hz, with **Type A/B plugs** (two flat parallel pins, sometimes with a third round grounding pin). Visitors from countries using 220-240V systems (Europe, Australia, most of Asia) need a plug adapter and, for sensitive electronics not rated for dual voltage, a step-down voltage converter. Most modern phone, laptop, and camera chargers already accept 100-240V, so only an adapter is typically needed.

Maui's food scene blends Native Hawaiian staples with plantation-era immigrant influences from Japan, China, the Philippines, and Portugal. Must-try dishes include **poke** (cubed raw fish marinated in soy, sesame, and seaweed), **kalua pig** (slow-roasted underground in an imu oven, often served at luaus), **loco moco** (rice, hamburger patty, fried egg, and gravy), and **malasadas** (Portuguese-style fried doughnuts, a Maui specialty). Plate lunches - a scoop of rice, macaroni salad, and a protein like teriyaki chicken or kalbi - are the island's quintessential casual meal.

Don't miss Maui-grown coffee from Upcountry farms, fresh pineapple, and shave ice topped with tropical syrups and condensed milk. Farmers markets and roadside fruit stands along the Hana Highway offer some of the freshest, most affordable local produce on the island.



Tourist Passes

Haleakala National Park Entrance Pass

Official National Park Service pass covering entry to **Haleakala National Park**, valid for 3 consecutive days and covering both the summit and Kipahulu (Pipiwai Trail) districts. A separate paid sunrise viewing reservation is required in addition to this entrance pass. *Best for:* Any visitor planning to see the summit or hike Pipiwai Trail. **Price:** \$30 per vehicle, or covered by the \$80 America the Beautiful annual pass.



www.nps.gov

GyPSy Guide Road to Hana Driving Tour App

A GPS-triggered audio tour app that narrates history, legends, and turn-by-turn stop guidance automatically as you drive the **Road to Hana**, without needing cell signal once downloaded. Covers waterfalls, viewpoints, and hidden stops many self-guided drivers miss. *Best for:* Independent drivers who want context without a full guided van tour. **Price:** One-time app purchase, typically under \$20.



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Pacific Whale Foundation Cruise Packages

A nonprofit ocean conservation operator offering discounted combination packages when booking multiple **whale watching, snorkeling, or Molokini tours** together rather than separately. Proceeds support marine research and education. *Best for:* Visitors planning more than one boat excursion during their stay. **Price:** Varies by combination; check current package pricing online.



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