

Day Trips

Hanalei

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 Town is an unforgettable stop on your visit to Kauai.

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.

Note: To get to Hanalei, visitors need to pass over a one-lane bridge. Drivers must use local etiquette: all the vehicles on one side cross, followed by all the vehicles on the other side.

Kilauea Lighthouse

The Kilauea Lighthouse and Wildlife refuge is open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00pm, closed on Sunday and Monday and all federal holidays. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Children 15 and under are free. All federal land passes are honored here.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1985 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is marked by its towering lighthouse. The ocean cliffs and tall grassy slopes of a dormant volcano provide a protective breeding ground for many Hawaiian seabirds.

It is also one of the few locations where you can observe the 'Ā (Red-footed booby), Mōlī (Laysan albatross), 'Ua 'u kani (Wedge-tailed shearwater) amongst other Kaua'i wildlife in their natural habitat. The coastal front also provides a safe haven for the endangered 'Ilio-holo-i-ka-uaua (Hawaiian monk seal), Honu (Green sea turtle), and Koholā (Humpback whale).

Waimea Canyon

Nicknamed the Grand Canyon of the Pacific by Mark Twain, Waimea Canyon is a large canyon, about ten miles long and up to 3,600 feet deep.

Formed by erosion from the Waimea River, the canyon boasts a colorful array of red, brown and green hues which are complimented by waterfalls and frequent rainbows.

Challenging hiking and hunting trails wind through the canyon.

Koloa Rum Company

For the first time in history, Rum is being distilled legally on the island of Kauai. Visit Koloa Rum's Premier Tasting Room and Company Store at Kilohana Plantation in Puhī, Kaua'i where our award winning Premium Hawaiian Rums are available. Also popular are there rum cakes, rum fudge sauce, Kukui Brand Mai Tai Mix, jams, jellies, syrups, Koloa Rum logo wear and other unique Hawaiian made products. Open daily at 9:30am.

Kilohana Train Ride

Climb aboard our 40-minute conductor-narrated fun and authentic train tour of the 105-acre Kilohana Plantation. You'll be entertained and educated by our fun-loving conductors and amazed when you see our rows of over 50 varieties of fruit tree orchards, fruit fields, vegetable gardens, rare and exotic tropical flowers, forest, plants, hardwood trees, and animal pastures with donkeys, goats, sheep, horses, cattle, ducks, geese, and our herd of wild pigs. When the train stops you can disembark and feed the wild pigs, goats and sheep.

Available: 7 days a week, 5 tours a day at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm & 2 pm. Check-in is 30 minutes before departure time.

Waterfalls

Wailua Falls

Featured in the opening credits of the Famous TV Series Fantasy Island. This two-tiered 90ft waterfall falls into one. It is a 10-minute drive off the main highway. Once you get to the end of the road you hop out and walk up to the stone wall and it will be right there. If you go in the morning there is Auntie Malia she makes homemade sweet breads., They are \$7.00 a loaf. And you will also find Uncle Coconut he makes frond basket's and hat's out of coconut leaves.

Opaekaa Falls

Located on the beautiful East Side. Cascading down into a hidden pool, this 151-foot-tall, 40-foot-wide waterfall is easily one of the island's most accessible major waterfalls. Located on the East Side about two miles up Kuamoo Road (Route 580) from Hwy. 56, signs clearly point to the roadside lookout on the right. This convenient stop offers visitors a great view from a scenic lookout and access to picnic tables and restrooms. "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.

Waipoo Falls

When visiting Waimea Canyon in northwest Kauai it's almost hard not to notice two-tier Waipo'o Falls dropping some 800ft into the Canyon below. You're first glimpse of the falls is at the Waimea Canyon Overlook, past mile marker 10 on Highway 550. Both the canyon and the falls are spectacular from this lookout Further up the road at Pu'u Ka Pele lookout, near mile marker 13, you can get your closest (though partially obstructed) view of the falls from Highway 550. You're still a remarkable distance away from the falls, but it's a beautiful photo opportunity.

Beaches

Top 5 Beaches on Kauai

1. Poipu Beach Park (Snorkeling)
2. Hanalei Bay
3. Anini Beach Park
4. Lydgate State Park (Snorkeling)
5. Salt Pond Beach Park

Shopping

Poipu Shopping Village

Offering a variety of shops, restaurants and retail stores you'll enjoy. Poipu Shopping Village is a fun place for free entertainment, such as authentic Tahitian dance shows, fire knife dancing and live drumming, all free right in our central courtyard.

The Shops at Kukuiula

Both a lively diversion and a dynamic connection to Kauai. Located at the traffic circle in Poipu, this shopping center has the easy ambiance of a sugar town and local culture for all the senses. Along with the varied shops and dining opportunities, there's the fresh and fun weekly Kauai Culinary Market.

Old Koloa Town

Quaint old plantation buildings have been carefully renovated and restored and are now home to unique Shops and Restaurants. Take a leisurely stroll under the canopy of monkeypod trees. Experience Koloa's vibrant past. Visit Old Koloa Town's Koloa History Center and learn about life in the plantation era.

What You Need to Know

Kauai's Dress Code is Resort Casual - For gentleman this means a nice pair of dress shorts, polo or aloha shirts, slippers (Flip Flops) are all acceptable. For dinners, no hats or tank tops.

Ladies - We always look Fabulous!

Most activities book in advance and being a small island, we always encourage pre-arrival reservations. Tubing, helicopters and day trips to O'ahu should be reserved in advance.

We do not recommend booking tours for your last day on island as you will not have opportunity to re-schedule should it get cancelled.

Kaua'i can be wet, chilly and windy during the winter months of November-February; we recommend packing for all conditions!

Ocean conditions can change quickly and for safety, tours are modified and/or cancelled based on conditions.

Whale Watching season is officially December-March

What You Need to Bring

- Jacket/Raincoat
- Jeans/Long Pants
- Active Wear/ Exercise Clothes
- Water Shoes
- Flip Flops/Sandals
- Sneakers/Close toed shoes for hiking and activities like ATV and Zipline
- Dark clothing for helicopter flights (this reduces reflection in pictures)
- Cash for Gratuities- never expected but always appreciated!