

The restaurants below are some of Kauai's most popular and come highly recommended by our Expedia Local Expert concierges. If viewing online, please click [MENU](#) to view the offerings. Click here to view a [Kauai Map](#)

Poipu & Koloa

Tidepools - \$\$\$, Seafood, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

The flagship restaurant of the Grand Hyatt Kauai featuring fresh seafood and mouth-watering steak. A romantic restaurant set in little thatched huts overlooking koi ponds. **Reservations recommended.**

Dondero's - \$\$\$, Italian, [MENU](#)

Classic Italian dishes and some of the freshest seafood on the island. Some of our favorites are the Osso Bucco and the cioppino.

Stevenson's Sushi and Sprints - \$\$, Sushi, [MENU](#)

Fancier Sushi at the Grand Hyatt. Very Popular. **Reservations Recommended.**

Holoholo Grill - \$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine

Celebrity Chef Sam Choy has created a great menu at this poolside grill at Koloa Landing Resort. Great for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. [MENU](#)

Merriman's Fish House - \$\$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Amazing fresh seafood. They also have a more casual downstairs restaurant with excellent burgers, pizzas, and salads. **Reservations recommended for upstairs.**

Beach House - \$\$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Ocean-front with sunset views.

Rumfire - \$\$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Modern Kauai dining at the Sheraton Hotel with sunset views.

Keoki's Paradise - \$\$, Seafood, [MENU](#)

A little more casual with more fresh seafood and prime rib! Reservations recommended for the dining room. The bar area is first come, first served.

Tortilla Republic - \$\$, Mexican Fusion, [MENU](#)

Great spot for breakfast off property with eggs benedict on manchego scones! Their seafood quesadilla is amazing. Reservations needed only for dinner.

Eating House 1849 (Roy's) - \$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Tried and true, one of the founding fathers of Pacific Rim cuisine. Excellent steak and seafood and a chocolate soufflé that is heavenly.

Da Crack - \$, Mexican

A literal hole-in-the-wall with fresh fish tacos, burritos, or bowls for about \$10. Perfect for bringing to the beach or back to the room for a quiet night in.

Koloa Fish Market – Local Favorite

A local favorite featuring delicious fresh fish and poke (Hawaiian-style cubed raw fish). Cash only, to-go. Perfect to pick up a lunch to enjoy on the beach.

Savage Shrimp – \$\$, Shrimp

At Shops at Kuikuiula, and great for a casual lunch or dinner. Famous for their garlic shrimp.



Kapaa

The Bull Shed - \$\$\$, Steak & Seafood, [MENU](#)

Old Style Kauai on the ocean with a great salad bar and prime rib. **No reservations, arrive early.**

JO2 - \$\$\$, Asian Fusion, Seafood, [MENU](#)

JO2 transforms nature's bounty into exquisite dishes incorporating Kauai grown vegetables and the freshest ingredients from the sea.

Hukilau Lanai - \$\$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, [MENU](#)

Fresh Locally sourced foods with a strong green initiative. Separate gluten free menu available.

Oasis on the Beach - \$\$\$, Fusion, [MENU](#)

Located in the Waipouli Resort across from Safeway. Locally sourced foods on the beach.

Kintaro's - \$\$, Sushi

Popular spot! Locally owned and operated with unique rolls and other menu items besides sushi.

No reservations, arrive early.

Sushi Bushido - \$\$, Sushi, [MENU](#)

Another good and truly creative Sushi restaurant. They have some good happy hour pricing before 5PM weekdays.

Reservations recommended for dinner.

Coconuts Fish Café - \$, Seafood, [MENU](#)

Casual fish choices in the Kapaa Safeway parking Lot. Great for a tasty lunch or dinner.

Pono Market - \$, Local Favorite

A local favorite, this family-run shop is a must. The workers are all very friendly and helpful in describing local delicacies, so it's a great place to pack a picnic or to fix a poke craving. The adventurous can even try a spam musubi and see what all the fuss is about.

Chicken in a Barrel - \$, Wraps

A BBQ stand on the side of the road, this is a great, quick option for lunch or dinner. Fall-off-the-bone ribs, chicken, pork, or sirloin with all the fixings.

Street Burger - \$\$, Burgers, [MENU](#)

Amazing specialty burgers with many beers on TAP. **No Reservations, arrive early.**

Oyster 369 - \$\$, New England Sea Food, [MENU](#)

Adjacent to Street Burger. Oysters, clams, crab, and Lobster on the menu. No reservations so get there early.

Lava Lava Beach Club - \$\$, American, [MENU](#)

Lava Lava Beach Club is the place for island inspired cuisine, creative cocktails and "toes in the sand" ambiance.

Waimea & Kalaheo

Kalaheo Café and Coffee Company - \$\$, Burgers, Salads, Breakfast, [MENU](#)

Delicious burgers, salads, and breakfast. Great spot on the way to the canyon.

KP West - \$\$, Burgers, Italian

Excellent pasta on the west side in Eleele.

Ishihara Market – Local Favorite

A little local store with a poke deli (Hawaiian-style cubed raw fish), Japanese-style bento boxes and the ever-popular local-style plate lunch which is a protein, 2 scoops of rice, and macaroni salad.

Shrimp Station - \$\$, Shrimp

Just about any way you can imagine it.

Lihue & Airport Area

Duke's - \$\$\$, Seafood, [MENU](#)

Very popular for prime rib and its legendary salad bar...and, yes, the Hula Pie. Another good spot to relax before heading to the airport! **Reservations Recommended for Dining Room.**

Gaylords at Kilohana - \$\$, Hawaii Regional Cuisine, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Gaylord's offers one of Kauai's most beautiful settings for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch. Located in the historic Kilohana Plantation home, diners are seated around an open-air courtyard with views of the plantation grounds and Mt. Waialeale in the distance.

Kalapaki Beach Hut - \$, Burgers, [MENU](#)

Delicious burgers made with 100% Kauai-grown beef with a great view of the beach. Open for breakfast and lunch. Another good spot for grabbing a quick bite before heading to the airport.

Airport – Specifically for those who have late Flights

*Both options below offer valet parking.

Lava Lava Beach Club - \$\$, Kapaa, tables in the sand, 15 min from airport

Duke's – \$\$\$, Lihue, by Marriott Beach Club, 10 min from airport

Hanalei, Princeville, & Kilauea

Makana Terrace - \$\$\$, Seafood, Special Occasions, [MENU](#)

Spectacular views of Mount Makana (Bali Hai) from the St. Regis.

Kauai Grill - \$\$\$, French, Special Occasion, [MENU](#)

Sweeping views of Hanalei Bay and Bali Hai from this second fine restaurant at the St. Regis.

Postcards - \$\$, Seafood, Vegetarian, [MENU](#)

Postcards is our premier vegetarian restaurant on Kauai. Seafood options also available.

The Bistro - \$\$\$, Seafood, Vegetarian, [MENU](#)

The Bistro in Kilauea uses fresh, local produce and ingredients to create a unique European, pacific rim, fusion menu.

BARacuda - \$\$\$, Tapas, [MENU](#)

Traditionally prepared regional food.

Hanalei Gourmet

Located in the Old Hanalei School with great burgers and fish. Nightly happy hour and live music.

Harvest Market

Local health-food store with a varied salad bar and lots of to-go sandwiches. Great for those with dietary restrictions.

Tropical Taco

The original food truck on Kauai, now permanently located in Hanalei town with, what many say, are the absolute best fish tacos and chips and salsa on the island.

Tahiti Nui – [MENU](#)

Now world famous as "the bar from The Descendants," this is a good spot for lunch or dinner. Family owned and operated for years, it's a favorite of locals and tourists on the island.

The Village Snack Shop – Local Favorite

A small locally owned hole in the wall. Excellent north shore location to get food. We drive 2 hours for their chili pepper chicken.