

Hawaii

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EXPLORING MAUI RECOMMENDATIONS

Maui is an island that you can break up into areas for exploring. Each area is very unique and you can take multiple days in each area to fully explore.

- **Grand Wailea**
- **Southwest Maui:** *Kihei, Wailea, Makena*
- **Northwest Maui:** *Lahaina, Kaanapali, Kapalua*
- **Central Valley Maui:** *Iao Valley, Kahului, Paia*
- **Upcountry Maui:** *Haleakala, Makawao, Kula*
- **Southeast Maui:** *The Road to Hana, Keanae Peninsula*

We'll suggest our favorite things to do geographic areas. We do recommend that you read our suggestions but take the time to research the different areas. Make the trip match what YOU want. This document doesn't cover EVERYTHING, but we're trying to give you a starting point to discover everything that Maui has to offer.

GREAT VIDEO BLOG SERIES:

If you want to watch a bunch of videos that will show you a TON of things to do and experience on Maui - there's a really great site called **ALOHA STOKED**. Any time that our family goes to Maui we start watching these videos to get ourselves prepped. Go here and start watching when you're ready to really start planning out your week: <http://alohastoked.com/>

THE GRAND WAILEA: A WALDORF ASTORIA RESORT

Our family has enjoyed a couple different stays at The Grand Wailea over the last few trips to Maui and the experience has always been an amazing way to spend our time on Maui. The amenities, beach, pools, spa, restaurants, are second-to-none.

Eating at the Grand Wailea

- *Disclaimer: The below is simply our suggestions and our favorite places to go. Our family has been here enough that we kind of have the process down for US. But if you want to explore and figure out what works best for you and your family please do. The Grand Wailea has some of the best restaurants and options for meals on the entire island all in one place. You can view all of those options here:*
<https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/>.
- **Favorite Breakfasts::**
 - *We buy fruit at a local farmers market or supermarket in Kihei and bring it with us. There is nothing better than a great fruit breakfast and coffee. This is definitely the most budget friendly option, and all rooms have refrigerators and coffee makers thus making this super easy.*
 - *If you want to avoid the lines and expense at the Grand Dining Room, go to Cafe Kula:*
<https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/cafe-kula/>
 - *On Monday and Wednesday mornings we will have coffee and fruit for all of our guests at the scheduled morning devotions.*
- **Favorite Lunches at The Grand Wailea:**
 - *Again my family's process is that we typically grab a sandwich that we had made in our room with groceries from the market. That way we're not waiting on service or restaurants to get us our food.*
 - *There are a couple beach / poolside options that servers will come and serve you at your chairs via these two locations; both of which do allow you to charge your food to your room if you prefer that convenience:*
 - **'Oko'a Beachside BBQ:** <https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/okoa-beachside-bbq/>
 - **Volcano Grill:** <https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/volcano-bar-grill/>
- **Favorite Dinners at The Grand Wailea:**
 - *We suggest picking one of the restaurants and eating there. There are some great options - our personal favorite is The HumuHumNukuNukuApua'a (<https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/humuhumunukunukuapuaa/>). That particular restaurant is pretty expensive, but if you're there with a spouse it really doesn't get much better than that. Reservations are available in advance at the above link.*
 - *If you're visiting with friends and want to stay at the Grand Wailea and eat at a more social restaurant we suggest the Bistro Molokini (<https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/bistro-molokini/>),*
 - *If you're concerned with budget for dinner we suggest a short walk to The Shops At Wailea (<https://goo.gl/maps/9g6ZVng566U2>) or Shaka Sandwiches & Pizza deliver (look to eating suggestions in Southwest Maui below for more info - <http://www.shakapizza.com/>).*

Resort Suggestions:

Having spent time at the resort several times the below are our suggestions to help you enjoy your stay

- *Make Spa Grande reservations in advance of your arrival - this guarantees you'll get the times that you want.*
- *Wake up early, go to devo, then go to the pool and beach and really enjoy your morning. Afternoon's are great times to go explore different areas.*
- *The best thing about the Grand Wailea is that it's a pretty big resort with lots of places and things for people to do. It's rare that any area feels "busy".*
- *If you do want to get a chair near the "Activity Pool" and slides you may want to go down early to "reserve" your chairs - but that's only necessary if you have very specific places that you want to set-up for your lounging.*
- *Don't forget that the Hibiscus Pool is reserved for guests 18 and over so it's generally quieter and more relaxing.*
- *Pool & Beach Activity Descriptions:* <https://www.grandwailea.com/experience/pools/>

Resort Map: <https://www.grandwailea.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/GW-Map-outlined-revised-0320017.pdf>

SOUTHWEST MAUI: Kihei, Wailea, Makena

The Kihei, Wailea, and Makena area of the island is our favorite place to “stay” on the island because of the variety of activities, beaches, food, and look culture on the island. It’s the only area on Maui that features WATER sunsets for most of the year with the sunsetting between a couple of the distant Hawaiian Islands. Sounds great right? Trust us... it is.

Kihei is sometimes considered a “hippie” town because on weekends locals come down to the beach parks and set up full day BBQ’s and O’hana (family) gatherings. Kihei also has plenty of food options that meet any budget, including grocery stores and a farmers market where you can get whatever you may need without paying resort convenience upcharges.

Wailea is just down the road from Kihei and is where some of the most exclusive resorts are on the Southwest side of the island. It’s full of golf, 5 star restaurant options and plenty of shopping at the Shops At Wailea (just about a quarter of a mile from The Grand Wailea front gate.

Continue down South Kihei Road and Wailea Alanui Drive and the road turns into Makena Alanui Drive which leads into one of our family’s favorite areas. Makena. Makena is most famous for it’s best beaches. The best is simply called “BIG BEACH”. Continuing down just a little further and you’ll arrive at an area called La Perouse Bay that is NOT to be missed including a lava rock field (don’t worry about the news reports that you’ve seen about the Big Island... these lava fields have been quiet for centuries).

EATING IN SOUTHWEST MAUI:

- *Plenty of quick places, markets, and places for you to get sandwiches or breakfast. Please know the below mentioned places are simply our family’s favorites. We put 6 suggestions next to each one of the meals mentioned.*
- **Best Breakfasts:**
 - **Kihei Caffe:** <http://KiheiCaffe.com>
 - *The lines can be long if you don’t get there early. Great place to stop before you start the Road to Hana... just go EARLY.*
 - *Price is very affordable and portions are HUGE. Easy to share one meal with two people and the coffee is FANTASTIC.*
 - **Home Maid Bakery:** <http://HomeMaidBakery.com>
 - *Trust us... get a box of Malasadas. They’re made fresh, your diet will not be happy, but you WILL be.*
 - *Price is very affordable. A great stop if you’re driving over to the Lahaina area for the day.*
- **Best Lunches:**
 - **Coconuts:** <http://CoconutsFishCafe.com>
 - *Don’t let the name fool you. They have a lot more than just fish.*
 - *The Tacos are HUGE. I don’t recommend ordering more than one.*
 - *Prices are a little more than you would spend on a fastfood meal on the mainland, but not much and it’s WORTH IT.*
 - **Jawz Fish Taco Truck:** <http://JawzTacosMaui.com>
 - *Yes, I know, more tacos. It’s just a good beach food. Jawz has a taco truck at the entrance to the Makena State Beach Park (Big Beach). It’s a great place to stop and get some grub as you’re leaving the beach and heading over to La Perouse Bay.*
 - *It’s a food truck - service can take a couple minutes - but it’s still quick, affordable and amazing. They have a taco or lunch option for you no matter what your taste or diet requires.*
- **Best Dinner:**
 - *Disclaimer: You can spend as much or as little as you want on dinner on Maui. There are choices for EVERY single palette and budget. I’m going to suggest THREE spots that are DRASTICALLY different to give you an example, but please know that there are numerous options for you. If you have any questions please email derek@themwsgroup.com and he will help you.*

- **Shaka Sandwiches & Pizza:** <http://www.shakapizza.com/>
 - Located about 15 minutes from The Grand Wailea
 - The best New York style pizza our family has ever had. When we come to the island we order pizza from here probably three times per trip.
 - It's awesome. It's affordable and they deliver (yes, even to the Grand Wailea). Allow an hour for deliveries to the Grand Wailea.
 - No reservations necessary.
- **MonkeyPod Kitchen:** <https://www.monkeypoddkitchen.com/>
 - Located 5 minutes from The Grand Wailea
 - Easily my wife and I's favorite restaurant on the island.
 - They have everything. Portion sizes are great and the service is impeccable.
 - The menu has something for everyone and virtually everything served on the menu is farm-to-table, grown/raised on Maui.
 - This isn't the most expensive restaurant on the island, but it's also not the cheapest. If you're looking to eat out one of the nights while on the island this is one that you shouldn't miss.
 - Reservations fill up VERY quickly here. If you try to walk-up and request a reservation you could wait for up to two hours.
 - Reservations for the WAILEA location are available on their website... and open up three months prior to the day that you schedule to arrive.
 - Oh yeah... and don't miss their desserts... seriously. Don't miss it.
- **Mulligans - On The Blue:** <http://mulligansontheblue.com/>
 - Located 5 minutes from the Grand Wailea
 - You don't always have to eat Hawaiian food on Maui. This Irish pub is great and they have live music almost every night.
 - Our family eats here at least once on every trip. The fish and chips are unreal as the fish is caught fresh daily.
 - Price wise the menu is very affordable and doesn't cost any more than what you would pay for a similar meal out on the mainland.
- **Get Your Groceries Here: (Great for snacks, light breakfasts, and lunches - saves you \$'s)**
 - Safeway - Kihei: <https://goo.gl/maps/5gGXhMNjU5q>
 - Island Gournet Markets - Wailea: <https://goo.gl/maps/K4hTekpHuhF2>

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES / DON'T MISS THIS:

- **Best Beaches:**
 - **Makena State Park - Big Beach:** <https://goo.gl/maps/GFoqSHfoQbU2>
 - This beach is easily our family's favorite.
 - The Sand is soft, the beach is HUGE.
 - Even when it's "Busy" you have plenty of space to spread out and relax.
 - When the Whales are in, this is a great place to watch for them. We've actually sat on this beach and watched female whales swim within 100 yards of the shore with their babies.
 - The only negative of this beach is that it's not the best for novice swimmers. The waves can get big and the break is quick so if you're inexperienced in the water you should stay close to the shore and just dip your feet in. It's still one of the best beaches in the world (and yes, it's actually been voted that before on the Travel Channel).
 - Lastly... if you see people climbing over a hill to a beach called LITTLE BEACH while you're there - skip it. Not really the "scene" you want. We'll explain if you ask us... but let's just leave that one to the locals.
 - **Malauka Beach:** <https://goo.gl/maps/4jhgSCtpYHo>
 - Secluded gray sand beach
 - For swimmers, there's a great snorkeling reef right off the beach with amazing water and aquatic life. You're often able to swim with Sea Turtles right off this beach. No fee.
 - **Kamaole Beach Park:** <https://goo.gl/maps/pxWeFAGTFYT2>

- Great family beach, usually very small waves, amazing views west.
 - There are three different beaches connected by a walking trail.
 - This beach is in the heart of Kihei, so it's convenient for lunches
 - The best thing about this beach is the snorkeling. Anywhere you see the black rocks going into the water there are reefs.
- **Best Activities / Excursions:**
 - Our number one recommendation in this area is REST and BEACH TIME.
 - If you want to do a tour in this area, a boat ride out to Molokini Crater <https://goo.gl/maps/6gKf5QwkChQ2> is a great activity there are also numerous Kayak and boat tours that you can sign-up for that depart from the Makena Landing. (<https://goo.gl/maps/DTSfefwWRhM2>)
 - As we get closer to our trip we will post different excursion blocks and options for our guests to sign-up for if you'd like so that you can take part in some of these activities with friends and guests.
- **Best Place To Explore:**
 - **La Perouse Bay:** <https://goo.gl/maps/u6dxJSGFwVC2>
 - Take a drive to the end of Makena Alanui Drive and you'll dead end into some parking areas for La Perouse Bay.
 - Bring a lunch with you and just go for a walk on the trails among the lava fields that dump into the Bright Blue waters.
 - It's very common to see Pacific Spinner Dolphins swimming, flipping, and playing here.
- **Best Shopping:**
 - **SHOPS AT WAILEA** (<https://goo.gl/maps/9g6ZVng566U2>).
 - From art to fashion to coffee to lunch, dinner, and more these shops have it all.
 - There is also a small grocery store located at the Shops at Wailea (<https://goo.gl/maps/F78bxPvx9N3>) that is a great place to buy some salads, sandwiches, beverages and bring them back to your room at the Grand Wailea (just a way to save some \$'s on meals if that is a concern).

NORTHWEST MAUI: LAHAINA, KA'ANAPALI, KAPALUA

Northwest Maui is home to some of the most famous beaches and golf courses in the world. The drive from Wailea to Northwest Maui is beautiful, there are several places along the way to pull over and take photos. We usually spend a day or two in the area, do a little bit a shopping and hit one of the great beach parks.

Lahaina Town (<https://goo.gl/maps/iVyZMzrY9gu>) is the center of the global whaling industry in the 19th century. Today it's a center of tourism, restaurants and shopping. There's a lot of history in the town along Front Street. It's great to wander around, do some shopping and get a bite to eat. Lahaina is home to the Old Lahaina Lu'au which has been the premiere lu'au on Maui for years.

Ka'anapali (<https://goo.gl/maps/5XpChiJ95Sx>) is home to most of the major resorts on the island and three miles of beautiful white sand beach. Ka'anapali Beach is one of the most popular beaches on Maui and has some of the best snorkeling at Pu'u Keka'a or best known as Black Rock. The Sheraton Maui has a Sunset Cliff Diving Ceremony each night off Black Rock, it's quite a sight to behold. Please leave the cliff diving to professionals though folks.

Kapalua (<https://goo.gl/maps/VKNrf9TKSxy>) is synonymous with golf, home to the Bay and Plantation golf courses. The Plantation Course hosts the PGA Tour's Tournament of Champions each year.

If you're feeling adventurous, drive through the West Maui Mountains, there are spectacular views and a few glimpses at of rural local villages. It might void your rental car agreement but it hasn't scared us away (actually the road is MUCH improved since the first time we drove it 16 years ago). There is stunning scenery along the way. You end the drive in Wailuku near Kahului so if you need anything from Target or Walmart, you're all set!

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES / DON'T MISS THIS:

● **Best Beaches**

- ALL beaches on Maui are open to the public, so don't let a huge resort by the beaches intimidate you. They are required to have free parking and access to the beaches for visitors. Enjoy!
- **Ka'anapali Beach** - <https://goo.gl/maps/hM97nwjiz7k>
 - 3 miles of beautiful white sand beach, great snorkeling and pretty calm ocean conditions. Warning: It can get VERY crowded.
 - When a cruise ship is in port, most of the beach goes hit up Ka'anapali.
- **DT Fleming Beach Park**, (Kapalua - <https://goo.gl/maps/5aqac1Y6RAE2>)
 - We finally hit this awesome beach for the first time in 2018 and it'll always be on our list of yes-we-must-go-to-this-beach.
 - There can be some high surf, which makes for a great boogie boarding experience. There's a lot of parking, showers and bathrooms.
 - Located off of Lower Honoapiilani Rd in Kapalua.
- **Oneloa Beach** (Kapalua) - <https://goo.gl/maps/CHSQRRLweNH2>
 - Lovely uncrowded beach with a long boardwalk, not great for swimming but great for surf! It's part of a nice hike along the Kapalua Coastal Trail. T
 - The hike is almost 2 miles long that goes from DT Fleming to Kapalua Bay.

● **Best Snorkeling**

- **Black Rock** - <https://goo.gl/maps/Zzs3WeBCgcP2>
 - Off Ka'anapali, you really can't miss it. The variety of tropical fish is pretty amazing, the current is fairly gentle.

● **Best Place To Explore**

- **Front Street, Lahaina Town** - <https://goo.gl/maps/BUNit918Tim>
 - Food, shopping, art galleries and history.

- *The Historic District which consists of 9 buildings including the Baldwin House used by early missionaries to the town.*
- **Sugar Cane Train** - <https://goo.gl/maps/53yzm4EHNAz>
 - *The Sugar Cane Train is a 6 mile, 40 minute trip in open-air coaches pulled by vintage steam locomotives.*
 - *The railroad was originally built to haul sugarcane from plantations to the mills. A narrator points out sites of interest during the trip, which crosses a 325-foot curved wooden trestle whose elevation yields panoramic views of neighboring islands and the West Maui Mountains.*
- **The Great Banyan Tree** - <https://goo.gl/maps/8brGRuKug5T2>
 - *Located in Banyan Tree Park off Front Street in Lahaina, the Great Banyan Tree is the largest Banyan tree in the United States.*
 - *It was planted in 1873 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first Protestant mission in Maui.*
- **MauiGrown Coffee Farm** - <https://goo.gl/maps/CNAYZdEpJNE2>
 - *Formerly part of a sugarcane plantation, the farm moved from sugar to coffee in 1988 and grows 4 different varieties of coffee including the distinctive Maui Mokka.*
- **Honolua Bay** - <https://goo.gl/maps/wZWpi6caQhP2>
 - *Amazing views, surfers, sometimes whales*
 - *What more could you want?*
- **West Maui Mountains** - <https://goo.gl/maps/1ibwzRHDtak>
 - *Yes the trip is so worth it.*
 - *Yes the road gets a little narrow but the views are worth it! Along the way there's a tiny village called Kahakuloa that says they have the best banana bread on the island so visit Julia's.*
 - *There's a little art gallery, called Karen Lei's, just past town that's worth a peek.*

EATING IN NORTHWEST MAUI

- **Cheeseburger in Paradise** - <https://goo.gl/maps/R2BQMRTuXn42>
 - *Front Street, Lahaina*
 - *This isn't Jimmy Buffett's place!*
 - *Great burgers and good drinks!*
- **Merriman's Kapalua** - <https://goo.gl/maps/ZbH5BrnqWR72>
 - *Kapalua Resort*
 - *Highly recommended farm to table restaurant.*
- **Kimo's** - <https://goo.gl/maps/ffZ25uZndZJ2>
 - *Front Street, Lahaina*
 - *Fresh seafood.*
- **Star Noodle** - <https://goo.gl/maps/MaB1uJ6dmh12>
 - *Kupuohi Street, Lahaina*
 - *Featured on Diners, Drive Ins and Dives, Asian cuisine.*
- **Ululani's Shave Ice** - <https://goo.gl/maps/XfXBbRRtiB22>
 - *Front Street, Lahaina (in Kihei too!)*
 - *This is hands down the best shave ice on Maui.*
 - *Try a No Ka Oi with coconut ice cream (Coconut, mango and Lilliko'i flavors).*

CENTRAL VALLEY: KAHULUI, WAILUKU AND PAIA

Kahului pretty much feels like any other American town with a Walmart, Target, and Costco only with a lot of palm trees. Kahului is the business and shipping center for Maui and you'll see a cruise ship or two occasionally.

Wailuku is the county seat for the County of Maui, just west of Kahului. It's home to the Iao Valley, a state park and National Natural Landmark. The valley is part of the West Maui Mountains, formed by an extinct volcano.

Pa'ia is just east of Kahului and is the start of the Road to Hana. It's a funky little town that's considered the Capital of Windsurfing. There is shopping, restaurants and galleries, Pa'ia is a great place to pick up a picnic basket lunch for the trip to Hana.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES / DON'T MISS THIS:

- **Best Beaches**
 - **Ho'okipa Beach** - <https://goo.gl/maps/xJyFvNrJ3Bw>
 - Not safe for swimming, but plenty safe if you want to watch surfing/windsurfing!
 - The wind, current, rocks are fierce here so sit up at the overlook and watch the athletes catch a wave or two.
 - The wind is pretty good in the morning, so take a few minutes as you start heading to Hana to stop here.
 - **Kanaha Beach** - <https://goo.gl/maps/iqXPzxfVRPK2>
 - Located right next to the airport, not very crowded on week days.
 - Good for swimming, great for watching windsurfing and kite boarding.
- **Best Place To Explore**
 - **Iao Valley** – Wailuku - <https://goo.gl/maps/uFoz4rEvYXy>
 - The state park is on 6.2 acres of land covered in dense rainforest, it's one of the rainiest locations in Hawai'i receiving almost 400 inches of rain a year.
 - There's a nice trail that leads to great locations for photos of the Iao Needle.
 - **Maui Arts & Cultural Center** – Kahului - <https://goo.gl/maps/KvcEufRGDLx>
 - concert center and museum with exhibits that change several times a year.
 - **Maui Nui Botanical Gardens** – Kahului - <https://goo.gl/maps/3MtX8AVmg472>
 - 7 acres of Hawaiian botanical gardens featuring 40 varieties of sugar cane.
 - **Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum** – Pu'unene - <https://goo.gl/maps/j5Dm7pfvroH2>
 - exhibits the history of Hawaiian sugarcane plantations and the prominent business team of Samuel Alexander and Dwight Baldwin.
 - A&B revolutionized irrigation across Maui, which you can see old parts of the aqueduct along the Road to Hana.

EATING IN NORTHWEST MAUI

- **Mama's Fish House** – Pa'ia - <https://goo.gl/maps/AFjj7bWzQuT2>
 - Mama's is one of the best restaurants on Maui, featuring freshly caught Hawaiian fish, ocean-to-table so to speak.
 - The menu changes daily since it depends on what's caught.
- **Pa'ia Fish Market** – Pa'ia - <https://goo.gl/maps/qhpzSSMkQzv>
 - Another highly rated seafood restaurant.
- **There are a variety of chain restaurants in Kahului and Wailuku**, since they're very much typical American towns, you'll find McDonald's to Krispy Kreme.

UPCOUNTRY MAUI: Haleakala, Makawao

Golden beaches give way to rolling hills and misty mountains as you ascend into Upcountry Maui, which is located on the higher elevations surrounding Haleakala — the island's highest peak. Since early times, Hawaiians have farmed the volcanic soil of Upcountry fields, growing taro and sweet potato. Today, you can take farm tours, visit a goat dairy or even sip Maui-made wines and spirits in the rustic outposts of Kula and Makawao.

Upcountry is also the stomping ground of the paniolo, or Hawaiian cowboys—a culture that arose in the 19th century when King Kamehameha III invited vaqueros from California to teach islanders to wrangle cattle. Further east, the 10,023-foot Haleakala presides over the "Valley Isle," with epic sunrises and otherworldly landscapes that feel more like the moon than Maui. It's a dramatic departure from the coconut palms of Kaanapali and Kapalua, but a day trip to the Upcountry will bring you closer to Maui's heartland.

EATING IN THE UP-COUNTRY:

- When going to up-country we recommend you eat in Kihei / Wailea before you start your journey. Or that you bring food and snacks with you to start your day.
- Also dependent on when you head "up" Haleakala it'll determine what you want to do for lunches. Our suggestion is simple... pack a lunch - so you can be flexible.
- Makawao has a small downtown area that we suggest you simply walk around and find a place for lunch as you explore if that is what you want to do.
- **Get Your Groceries Here: (Great for snacks, light breakfasts, and lunches - saves you \$'s)**
 - Safeway - Kihei: <https://goo.gl/maps/5gGXhMNjU5q>
 - Island Gournet Markets - Wailea: <https://goo.gl/maps/K4hTekpHuhF2>

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES / DON'T MISS THIS:

- **Best Beaches:**
 - There's really not any beaches in the Up-Country... thus the "UP" because you're away from the beach heading up the volcano, Haleakala.
 - If you do want to head down to the water after visiting Haleakala you can visit the beaches of Paia (<https://goo.gl/maps/D9yHP1va2NG2>).
- **Best Activities / Excursions:**
 - **SUNRISE from the top of HALEAKALA:** <https://goo.gl/maps/swq1ENUbNPY>
 - Imagine starting your day from the top of the extinct Haleakala, above the clouds, watching sunrise across the crater.
 - **Get more information here:** <https://www.nps.gov/hale/index.htm>
 - Reservations are required for entry into the National Park for sunrise. They open 60 days prior to your scheduled visit.
 - Make sure you consider that the trip up Haleakala from The Grand Wailea will take approximately 2 hours.
 - Sunrise takes place at approximately 6:15 am, during the week, that we're there, so you will want to LEAVE the Grand Wailea at approximately 3:45 am to make sure you are there. Trust us. It's worth it.
 - TRUST ME: You will want coffee!
 - Only cost is the cost of your rental car's entrance to the National Park: \$25 total.
 - You can of course take a tour bus up the mountain and there are a number of services that you can find that will do that for you. Our personal opinion is to do the drive. It's part of the experience. When you come back down the mountain you can have a late breakfast / early lunch in Makawao, then come back and rest up for the evening back at the resort.
 - One thing to remember is that you're above the clouds, so make sure you bring a jacket. It does get cold up there. On rare occasions it even snows.
 - **Visit HALEAKALA anytime during the day:** <https://goo.gl/maps/swq1ENUbNPY>

- *If you don't want to get up that early - HALEAKALA is great to visit ANYTIME of the day. Sunrise is simply the most popular time.*
- *There are a ton of hiking trails that lead into the crater - you can easily spend the entire day up on the Volcano exploring a landscape that is unique to only Maui.*
- **Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm:** <https://www.aliikulalavender.com/>
 - *Tour a beautiful lavender farm on the side of Haleakala just outside the town of Kula.*
 - *This is a popular stop to tour and shop as you head up or down the volcano.*
- **Walk through the Cowboy Town of MAKAWAO:** <https://goo.gl/maps/w9UPGWrCbwH2>
 - *Makawao is a cowboy town in the heart of Maui.*
 - *Located on the mid-slopes of Maui's Haleakala volcano, Makawao has one foot in its plantation past and another in its thriving arts community. This charming town was once named one of the top 25 arts destinations in the United States.*
 - *Several great cafes, art stores, and unique gift locations.*
 - *Just take a stroll through town and enjoy the local Maui art and culture.*

SOUTHEAST MAUI: The Road To Hana

If this is your FIRST trip to Maui - DO NOT MISS THE ROAD TO HANA.

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/vsjp3EEwVrq>

Google This: "THE ROAD TO HANA IMAGES"

The Road to Hana is more than just a great drive through a beautiful area of Maui. Most visitors tend to zip to and from Hana with a checklist of sights to photograph. This is the wrong way to do it. Do your due diligence beforehand, decide on a few locations that look the most intriguing, and take your time at each location.

Personal opinion: If you have a rental car, do the drive with friends and **TAKE YOUR TIME.**

A Great Video To Watch: <https://youtu.be/zE0KIKqzM3o>

Our plan during the MWS & Friends week, is that we will set-up a rideshare system where people can ride with one another on the "road". An MWS team member will lead two groups on Tuesday and Thursday morning departing at 5:30 am to beat the majority of the traffic on the drive. The trip with plenty of stops and hang out time at parks, waterfalls, gulches, and beaches will take 8 to 10 hours.

More information will be emailed out to guests that reserve their rooms in October 2019 regarding this and other free-time plans.

Important Suggestions:

- Download the MAUI tour app for your smartphone and listen as you drive... The app costs \$9.99 for the full island tour guide and you will save a ton of money that you'd pay a tour guide for and be able to go at your own pace: <https://gypsyguide.com/maui/>
- Tours and Bus Excursions are available if that's the method you'd prefer for this trip.
- Our suggestion is that you ride in a rental car. Doing so allows you to make the trip yours and you can stop at places that larger buses may not be able to access.
- For food on the trip you should pack lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. There are some great food stands along the way with fruit, fresh baked banana breads, and smoothies.

Suggested Stops Along The Road To Hana (In Order):

- **Leave the Grand Wailea before Sunrise - 5:30 am**
- **Ho'okipa Beach Park** (Sunrise Surfers along the north shore) - <https://goo.gl/maps/vwKsmo72nJ2>
- **Twin Falls** - <https://goo.gl/maps/6nUhoYJFRdx>
- **Garden of Eden Arboretum** - <https://goo.gl/maps/nJ3okQUm4Uy>
- **Honomanu Bay** - <https://goo.gl/maps/Bmocjn2qWmn>
- **Ke'eane Peninsula** - <https://goo.gl/maps/p56FdqRFwct>
- **Upper Waikani Falls** - <https://goo.gl/maps/WAkWgjnqQ4P2>
- **Hanawi Falls** - <https://goo.gl/maps/P4zNcbb5XsB2>
- **Nahiku Roadside Stands** - <https://goo.gl/maps/ENnWdYHRMnQ2>
- **Waianapanapa State Park** - <https://goo.gl/maps/gPQ1QxGpkqr>
- **Hana** - <https://goo.gl/maps/yZ46bQdU1hA2>
- **Koki Beach Park** - <https://goo.gl/maps/MQGo1XHL3t42>
- **Hamoia Beach Park** - <https://goo.gl/maps/m7oMui6X41m>
- **Oheo Gulch (Haleakala National Park)** - <https://goo.gl/maps/ZiUhLEF3eJC2>
- **Charles Lindbergh's Grave** - <https://goo.gl/maps/QaMZRmAqWa92>
- **At this point most people turn around and head back the way they came.**
- **CONTINUING ON THE DRIVE MAY VOID RENTAL CAR AGREEMENTS** (Derek does it every time anyway - but it's at your own risk... he'll explain when we're there. You can continue around along the Piilani Highway and see some pretty amazing landscapes as you follow the road back around the volcano. It IS AMAZING!
- With plenty of time at beaches and stops for photos you should arrive back at the Grand Wailea by 3:30 pm