

APPLE VACATIONS®

KAUAI OR BUST LIH

average temperatures

70°F to 81°F
lows highs

The first settlers from the Marquesas arrived around 1,500 years ago. These adventurous settlers brought basic food items, among them taro, which is used to make poi and is today considered a highlight at a Hawaiian luau.

When Captain James Cook landed on Kauai in 1778, it marked the last significant pieces of land on earth to be found and documented by Western explorers.

Kauai, also referred to as “The Garden Isle,” is Hawaii’s fourth largest island and the oldest. At the center of the island is Mount Waialeale, one of the wettest spots on earth. It has a huge effect on Kauai’s climate and appearance, helping make it the most lush and tropical island of all the islands.

Kauai has only the number of traffic lights necessary. To maintain this, everyone follows “aloha” traffic customs: drive slowly, yield to others and don’t tailgate. Follow the local style of driving and yield to oncoming traffic when arriving at a one-lane bridge. It’s much more laid-back than driving on the mainland.

Slow!
Caution!
Respect!



Kauai is a great destination to zipline!



Hollywood’s love affair with Kauai’s backdrops of epic natural wonders is endless, being featured in over 70 movies and television shows!

A non-stop drive around the perimeter is nearly achievable, but not quite. The reason is that steep cliffs block the area where the circle of highway would otherwise meet. The area on the northwestern side of the island is called the Napali Coast, boasting 3,000-foot cliffs, crescent bays, powdery beaches and mysterious caves. It’s only accessible by air, boat or hiking.

Polihale Beach on the west side is the state’s longest beach. It’s 17 miles long and 300 yards wide.

Napali Coast State Park

Notable Hollywood Movies

King Kong
Tropic Thunder
Jurassic Park I, II & III
Soul Surfer The Descendants
Pirates of the Caribbean IV

Princeville

On the northern side is Princeville and Hanalei, a tropical paradise with lush valleys, waterfalls taro fields, and a picturesque resort community.

Imported from Wyoming, buffaloes roam the Hanalei River Valley on Kauai. You can try a buffalo burger there. You might also see a “beefalo,” which is a crossbreed between a buffalo and a cow.

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Hotels with Apple Vacations

Quick Facts

Capital: Lihue
Main airport: Lihue
Population: 62, 640
Color: Purple
Flower: Mokihana Berry
State Flower: Hibiscus
State Mammal: Hawaii monk seal

East Side

Also called “The Royal Coconut Coast”, the East Side was the favored location of Hawaiian royalty and is a perfect blend of past and present. Here you can visit ancient Hawaiian temples, then enjoy today’s Kauai at the many resorts, shopping areas and restaurants.

The gateway to Kauai is the Lihue/Kalapaki Beach resort area near Lihue Airport and Nawiliwili Harbor. Nearby, you will find numerous activities, including golf, shopping, dining and more.

Waimea

About 45 minutes from Lihue is Waimea. This side is the warmer, somewhat drier side that has its own unique charm. The quaint town offers a taste of aloha and is also the gateway to Waimea Canyon.

In Hawaii, Hula is for everyone, old and young. Kauai was once the site of the most prestigious hula school in all of the Islands and people would travel to Kauai to learn hula.



10 courses

Wailua

Lihue

Po’ipu

TOP TOURS

Helicopter Tour

Na Pali Sunset Sightsee Cruise

Fern Grotto

WAIMEA CANYON

People often refer to Waimea Canyon as “The Grand Canyon of the Pacific” for good reason. This 10-mile-long canyon, 3,567 feet down at its deepest point, offers a rainbow of changing colors as the sun arcs through the sky. You can hike inside the canyon, ride a horse along the rim, fly into by helicopter, mountain bike or drive to a lookout and peer into the depths.

Po’ipu

The Poipu Beach resort area in the south is known as the “sunny side of the island.” Famous for spectacular sunsets, this area is a visitor favorite. Many people flock to bum the beaches of the south shores and it is also a popular destination for the endemic Hawaiian monk seal. If you see this endangered mammal relaxing on the beach, keep a respectful distance because they’re a protected species.

