

APPLE VACATIONS®



average temperatures
64°F lows to 83°F highs

Moloka'i, "The Friendly Isle", is also known today as "Hawaiian by Nature". Extremely rural with a small, close knit community, the people greet you with a warm smile and friendly introduction. To give you an idea about how old-style and uncrowded Moloka'i is, only two full-time residents live on Moloka'i's northern coast. They live off the land, and fish and hunt for their food, much as Hawaiians did centuries ago!

Maunaloa Town

It's more like a hamlet than a town, though with recently widened and paved streets, Maunaloa is home to a must see cultural center, whimsical kite factory, plantation gallery, lodging, activities and other attractions.

Papohaku Beach Park
is one of Hawaii's largest white sand beaches. Spread out, relax and enjoy!

Maunaloa

Don't forget to visit the Big Wind Kite Factory & Plantation Gallery

Quick Facts

Major Town: Kaunakakai
Airport: Moloka'i Airport
Population: 8,000
Color: Green
Flower: White kukui blossom

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Hotels with Apple Vacations

Ililiopae Heiau (temple the size of a football field) on Moloka'i was Hawaii's most powerful and it attracted kahunas (priests) from all over the islands. They came to learn about sacrifices at this teaching place of sacred rites.

Some of the fabled white sands of Waikiki Beach were actually imported from Moloka'i, 40 miles across the waters.

Surprisingly, Moloka'i was a vacation destination long before there was ever a modern tourism industry in Hawaii. King Kamehameha V, who ruled Hawaii in the later part of the 1800s, built a vacation home on the beach at Kaunakakai, where he could escape the stress of his job. His home consisted of a spacious thatched grass hut circled by a lanai (patio), with floors covered with Hawaiian mats.

North Shore

Most of Moloka'i's rugged north shore is inaccessible to humankind except by air or sea. The awe inspiring cliffs here are the highest on earth. Scientists believe an ancient cataclysmic event, such as a massive tidal wave, caused a portion of the island to rip away and crumble into the sea. Later volcanic eruptions formed the relatively flat Kalaupapa Peninsula, which sits thousands of feet below the rest of the island.

Halawa Valley

Be astounded when you hike through the rich flora and pleasing views in this valley full of cultural and sacred areas. Your resting spot during a hike will have the backdrop of an impressive, double-tiered waterfall called Mo'oula Falls. Make sure you tour this land with a guide. It is a beautiful but vigorous journey!

Kaunakakai

Along the south shore is the island's main town, Kaunakakai. "Town" is the gathering place for residents as well as visitors. This is where everyone comes to purchase necessities, fill their gas tanks, hold meetings, get medical treatment and access public government services. Also along the 28 mile coastline of fringing reef is Kaunakakai Harbor where inter-island transportation is available from Lahaina, Maui on a daily basis. Charter boats take visitors on fishing, snorkeling, diving and whale watching excursions.

Post-A-Nut

Instead of mailing your loved ones a postcard, why not send them a real Hawaiian coconut? The authentic coconut "postcards" can be found at the Hoolehua Post Office. Coconuts are collected daily from the around the island. The cost? A smile, and of course, the postage to mail home your Hawaiian nut. You can even decorate your own!

Whale Watching Season:
Mid-November thru Mid-May

The western horizon of Moloka'i glows at night from the lights of Waikiki, some 40 miles away.

Moomomi Sand Dunes, on Moloka'i's northwestern shores, harbor items of great scientific value. Scientists have found ancient burial sites, stone tool quarries, rare plant species, and the bones of flightless prehistoric birds that existed nowhere else on earth.

When driving at night, be careful of wild deer that roam freely in the island's wilderness. Native to India, these deer were presented as a gift to King Kamehameha V in the 1860s. You can hear their high-pitched bark at night.



Kalaupapa National Historic Park

The Kalaupapa Peninsula is a peaceful 34-acre recreation area surrounded by the tallest sea cliffs on earth. This isolated peninsula is accessible only via a tiny airport or by descending 1,600 feet from "upcountry" Moloka'i. Your choice by land is to saddle up on mules (yes, mules) or hike down along a 3.2-mile trail with 26 switchbacks and magnificent views. Kalaupapa was made famous by Father Damien, a priest who devoted his life more than a century ago to ministering to patients quarantined that suffered from Hansen's Disease (leprosy). In 2009, Father Damien became Hawaii's first saint.