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MAUI

Wayfinder Itinerary

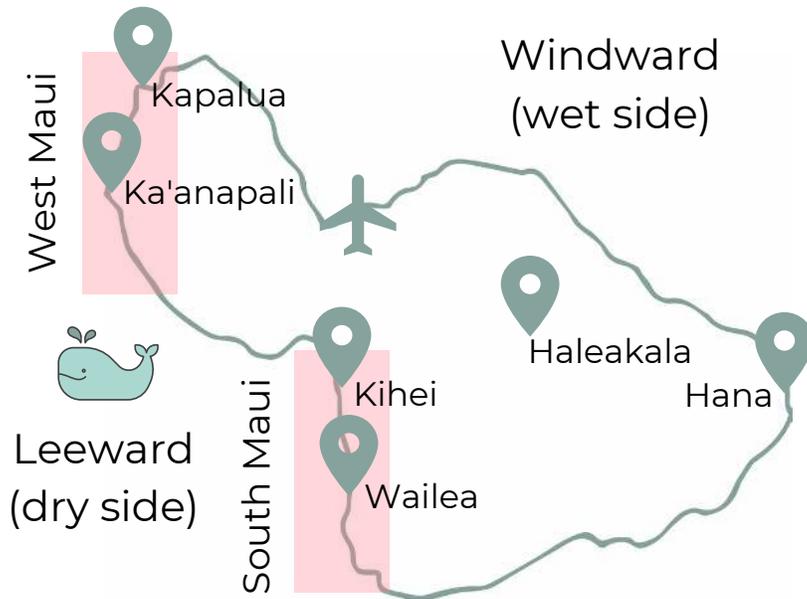


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Aloha!

Thank you so much for purchasing our itinerary and entrusting us to help make your vacation the absolute best it can be. We are so excited to share our favorite spots with you.

We designed this itinerary to be a grab-and-go type guide. That is, we don't expect you to do all eight of these excursion days in a row. That would be exhausting.

Instead, we hope that if you want to venture out and explore an area one day, our excursion days can help you do just that, without wasting precious time researching.

For example, say you really want to see all that the north shore offers. Flip to our north shore day excursion and follow the guide. We've mapped out your day to make the most of your time, get in the best sights, and make sure you're not backtracking all over the place.

Don't feel like doing a full-day itinerary but you want to know what is the best restaurant/beach/tour in your area? This is where our "quick hits" section comes in. In this section, you'll find our favorite restaurants, beaches, and snorkel spots in West and South Maui. And don't miss the list of our favorite tours and excursions, in case you want to add a little more to your trip.

Plus, don't forget to watch the videos that are included with this guide.

And lastly, check out our snorkel section for some advice to help you snorkel safely like a pro.

Malama Pono,
Erica & Jordan (and Henry & Hattie)



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COVID TESTING PROGRAM

Step-By-Step Video

Questions about the testing program? We walk you through the rules, our experience using Vault Health, and completing the pre-travel forms.

We go step-by-step and answer some of our most frequently received questions. [Click here or the image to play.](#)



Note: this is not personalized advice and you should still consult the official guidance published by the state of Hawaii.

[Visit their website for up-to-date information.](#)



MAUI IN A NUTSHELL



Video Guide

Get to know Maui before you get here. We start with a lay of the land so you can familiarize yourself with some basics and then dive into what to expect when you visit different parts of the island.

This video will help you pick what excursion days you absolutely have to do. [Click here or the image to play.](#)





NORTH MAUI WATERFALL



NORTH SHORE

Waterfall

Let's head to north Maui where you'll notice that the landscape (and weather) changes. It's slightly cooler, slightly windier, and the ocean is slightly rougher. But there is a lot to do and see that will make a drive to this side of the island worth it.



PACK

A light jacket
Cash for lunch
Sense of adventure



INITIAL DRIVE TIME

From Ka'anapali: 60-mins
From Wailea: 45-mins



RESERVATION SCHEDULE

If you plan to go to Mama's Fish House, make reservations 2 months in advance.



OVERVIEW

North Shore Waterfall

STOP 1: TWIN FALLS

Address: 6300 Hana Hwy Haiku

[Google Maps directions](#)

Hours: 7am - 6 pm (lower valley),
8 am - 5 pm (upper valley), 8 am -
4 pm (farm stand)

Length of stay: 90-min

Tip: Don't skip the farm stand!

STOP 2: SHOPPING AND LUNCH IN PAIA

134 Hana Hwy, Paia

[Google Maps directions to the parking lot](#)

Parking: two public lots and street parking

Time there: 90-min

STOP 3: HIT THE BEACHES

3 beach stop options to choose from (covered in detail in the in-depth)

Baldwin Beach:

Baldwin Park, Paia

[Google Maps directions](#)

Kuau Bay

Near 451 Hana Highway, Paia

[Google Maps directions](#)

Ho'okipa Beach

179 Hana Highway, Paia

[Google Maps directions](#)

STOP 4: MAMA'S FISH HOUSE

799 Poho Pl, Paia

[Google maps directions](#)

Reservations required? Yes

Prices: \$60+ main, \$18 cocktail

Time there: 2 hours

[Book a table here](#)

Tip: Schedule your reservation to begin before the sun goes down

*less expensive dinner alternatives listed in in-depth section

IN-DEPTH

North Shore Waterfall

STOP 1: TWIN FALLS AND THE FARM STAND

This is usually stop number 1 on the Road to Hana, but we love doing it separately because you can take your time, rather than feeling rushed like you may if you're starting the long trip to Hana. We also love to include this here because you'll get to see (and swim in!) a great waterfall even if you don't make the long Hana journey.

Twin Falls is located on private land, which the owners generously maintain and allow public access to. Our two favorite stops are this first waterfall, which is generally less crowded. And the second picture-perfect waterfall. Note, this waterfall is located after a sign that says it's an advanced trail. We haven't had trouble with the terrain, but judge the journey for yourself. You can always turn back if it's too much!

Don't forget to treat yourself with a stop at the farm stand. Everything we've tried is great, but our two family favorites are the banana bread and the pineapple smoothie.

Caution: Read signs along the way. After periods of heavy rainfall, there can be flash floods, high water, or washed-out trails. If the trail is closed due to unsafe conditions, heed that warning. You may also be tempted to jump into some of the waterfall pools (we are!). Scout it out first and make sure you are jumping in at a safe point.

Respect the rules here: don't pick fruit, stay on the trails, respect the land, and don't leave anything behind.

When you're there at the waterfall, take a moment to look around and marvel at where you are. This is truly a special place.

IN-DEPTH

North Shore Waterfall

STOP 2: LUNCH AND SHOPPING IN PAIA

Welcome to the surfer, laid-back beach town of Paia. Here you'll find great restaurants and interesting shops to explore. This is a perfect place to stop for lunch and take a little rest. Some favorite restaurants include:

- Paia Fish Market: delicious fish platters, fish tacos, and more
- Flatbread Company: woodfired pizza, organic ingredients, low-key atmosphere
- Ululani's Shave Ice: a must post-lunch treat
- Paia Bay Coffee Bar: acai bowls, sandwiches, salads, and more
- Cafe des Amis: crepes, curry, and a garden courtyard

STOP 3: NORTH SHORE BEACHES

It's time to hit the beach. You can do all three of these, or just one or two. They all offer something a little different.

Baldwin Beach

This beautiful white sand beach is one of our favorites on the north shore. The waves can be rough here, especially during the winter, but there are protected coves for swimming on the east and west ends. Head to Baby Beach at the far west end for better swimming with kids. Restrooms and outdoor showers are available.

Kuau Bay

This lesser-known beach offers awesome turtle (honu) viewing. You can usually find a number of sea turtles resting on the sand. You may need to walk to either end of the beach to find them (or see more!).

Turtles are a protected species so be sure to keep your distance and admire them from afar (at least 10 feet away). There is very little shade at this beach (and no restrooms) , so you may not want to stay here for too long.

IN-DEPTH

North Shore Waterfall

STOP 3: NORTH SHORE BEACHES (CONTINUED)

Ho'okipa Beach

Another beach that is popular with turtles and the local surfers is Ho'okipa beach. While the beach is more crowded here than Kuau, you can spend some time here seeing more turtles and watching the surfers in the waves. Watch the windsurfers enjoying the conditions at one of the most famous windsurfing spots in the world.

Swimming here is a bit limited, but if the timing is right, there will be tidepools to explore. Restrooms and outdoor showers are available.

STOP 4: MAMA'S FISH HOUSE

We like to book dinner on the early side at Mama's, so we can visit the beautiful restaurant while it's light out and watch the sunset as we eat. Mama's is the most famous restaurant on the island, and while it is very expensive, it lives up to the hype. The ambiance, food, and drinks are all spectacular at this ocean-front restaurant.

Tips: reservations book up early, so try to snag one ASAP. But if you don't get a reservation online, give them a call. They can sometimes accommodate last-minute bookings. It's worth the extra effort.

Stop 4 Alternative 1: Cafe Des Amis in Paia

If you're looking for something a bit more casual, head to [Cafe Des Amis](#) in Paia for crepes and curry. Happy hour is from 4 - 6 pm!

Stop 4 Alternative 2: Kahului food truck parks

Or, stop on your drive back at the food trucks in Kahului across from the Costco. They offer seating and great food options. But note that many of them close at 7 pm, so don't head there too late. Two of our go-to trucks are Dino's and Thai Mee Up.

THERE'S MORE...



We hope you enjoyed this little appetizer to get you excited about your trip to Maui.

But there's more. Purchase a full Itinerary to get:

- COVID testing process step-by-step video so you can feel more comfortable with the pre-travel testing program
- Maui in a nutshell video so you will know what not to miss on your vacation to the island
- 7 full excursion days that are carefully planned to help you experience the best spots, restaurants, and activities
- A quick hits section that lists all of our favorite restaurants, beaches, and snorkel spots so you don't have to search for the perfect place to eat or beach to visit
- A list of our favorite tour operators to add to your Hawaii vacation
- Pick the itinerary right for you: Wayfinder, Family, & Adventure

We've spent the last six months carefully vetting locations, determining optimal routes, and trying the best restaurants on the island so we could bring you the best of the best.

Hawaii is a big, expensive trip. Don't leave with regrets. Click the button below to get more information on Maui and Oahu itineraries!

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