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### 1. Geographical location

Maui, ("the valley isle") with its diverse landscapes and unique topology, is the aesthetic pride of the famous Hawaiian Islands. It is the largest of the four islands that belong to the Maui county. The island, with a total area of 1883.44 square kilometers is the second largest of all Hawaiian Islands. The island is surrounded by about 30 miles of sandy beaches not to mention the crystal clear water, the high altitude mountain slopes and the lowlands. This mid pacific island, like all other Hawaiian Islands, is a result of volcanic activity. The island has two volcanic mountains, namely, the west Maui Mountain located in the north west of the island and the Haleakala Mountain which is the largest dormant volcano in the world.

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## 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Neighboring Islands Of Maui Include – • Kahoolawe (39.11 Kilometers Away From Maui), Which Is The Smallest And Least Populated Of The Hawaiian Islands • Lanai (61.96 Kilometers Away From Maui) Which Was Once Home To The World's Largest Pineapple Plantation Other Neighbouring Cities Include Kahului (22.4 Kilometers Away From Maui), Kailua (161 Kilometers Away From Maui), Lanai City (12 Kilometers Away From Maui), Pearl City (183 Kilometers Away From Maui), Hilo (178 Kilometers Away From Maui), Honolulu (168 Kilometers Away From Maui) And Waimea (110 Kilometers Away From Maui).





## 3. Significance

Along the rugged eastern coastline of Maui is the peaceful town known as Hana, considered to be one of the last unspoiled Hawaiian frontiers. The Hana Highway is also known as "Road to Hana" has six hundred and twenty curves and fifty-nine bridges. This road leads you through flowing waterfalls, flourishing rainforests, dramatic seascapes and plunging pools. It offers plenty of opportunities for visitors to stop and enjoy the lovely views of the island. Historic St. Sophia marks one's arrival into Hana, where pastures roll right up into the main street. A luxurious retreat in the village is the historic Travaasa Hana where you can explore the Hawaiian tradition. Maui Ocean Center has the only aquarium dedicated to preserving and displaying the marine life of Hawaii. The center exhibits the Hawaiian sea life, whale life, educational displays on ocean ecology and the Hawaiian culture. The historic town of Paia also referred to as "The Coolest Little town of Maui" was first built upon the sugarcane agricultural business which had dominated Maui's North shore areas during the 1870s. Once a home of plantation workers, Paia together with the North Shore both now consist of a hybrid of residents- west coast hippies who migrated during Counter Culture Revolution, a blend of mainland and internationals drawn to the north shore, new agers and locals born and raised on the Island. With over 2,000 species of flora and fauna, Kula Botanical Garden is a place to learn about the Hawaiian ecosystem. Maui is also home to the largest rainforest in the United States- Hana rainforest located on the northeastern flanks of Haleakala. The rainforest serves as the drain basin for the rest of Maui Island. Haleakala National Park is another great site for camping and hiking. The Park is home to a dormant Volcano-Haleakala and also Maui's highest peak. At an elevation of about 10, 023 feet above sea level, the graceful slopes can be seen from any point on the island. There are numerous hiking trails in the park offering solitude and scenic vistas. If you are lucky, you may spot a silversword- blooming Aina Hina plant, or a Hawaiian goose (nene).

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## 4. History

Maui was originally populated by Polynesians. King Kamehameha I of Hawaii conquered the island in 1790. Captain James Cook the first European to see Maui discovered it on 26TH November, 1778. However, he never set foot on Maui. Following this incident, several Europeans found their way to the island. They greatly altered the culture of the island by bringing in educational reforms, clothing and several other facilities. They also did the best they can to preserve the unique culture of the island. The island was ruled by Kamehameha's descendants till 1872. The republic of Hawaii was founded in 1893 and Hawaii became the 50th U.S state following an annexation by the US in 1900.





### 5. Cultural identity

The unique cultural identity of Maui has been attracting tourists throughout history. The Hawaiian Slack Guitar festival and the Hawaiian steel guitar festival are both art forms designed to honor Maui's Cultural heritage. The Olukai Hoolaulea celebrated in May is a tribute to the ocean and its surrounding living and nonliving elements. The East Maui Taro festival, the Onion festival and the Maui film festival are the other popular cultural feats organized in Maui. Maui, rich with Hawaiian legends is named after a Hawaiian deity. Performances and exhibitions held at the Maui Luau and the Maui Myth and Magic theatre help understand Maui's cultural richness. A visit to the Carthaginian floating museum to learn about Maui's whaling culture would also be a real treat.

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#### 6. Natural resources

This piece of tropical paradise, blessed with rich topography and pleasant weather is home to several natural treasures. Agriculture is a thriving industry in Maui. The soil is fertile because it is composed of lava ash and soft sandy stone. The main agricultural products include macadamia nuts, coffee, sugar, pineapple and other tropical fruits and flowers. The island is home to several coral gardens and other rare marine life. It also has several lush tropical forests and beaches. The clean water, wind, air and the beautiful shoreline are other important natural resources. The upland rainforests in the island are watersheds that make available fresh water. The ocean supports endemic fish and other aquatic life found nowhere else on earth.

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# 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

#### 7.1.1. Haleakal? National Park

Witness a glorious sunrise at Haleakalā National Park, a heritage park on the island of Maui. Home to the island's highest peak, this vast parkland boasts of a cornucopia of towering jagged peaks and attracts more than a million visitors annually. Located in Maui's upcountry region, the park spans over 30,000 acres of land dedicated to preserving endangered Hawaiian geese and houses one of the largest dormant volcanoes in the world. Unravel the historic and cultural tales at the 'House of the Sun' as you explore the special place of native Hawaiians. Visit the Haleakala s Summit in the morning or at the time of sunset to witness the different hues illuminating the volcanic crater, volcanic cinders, pools and the spellbinding beauty of Kipahulu at this sacred place.

Address : Hawaii 96790, USA

Zipcode: 96790

Location: 20.7203826, -156.1551524

Contact: +1 808 572-4400

Website: https://www.nps.gov/hale/index.htm

Nearest Public Transport : Pueo Dr./Kula Hwy bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Car: \$20, Motorcycle: \$15, Foot: \$10, Sunrise Reservation costs \$1.50

per vehicle.

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required: 6

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

### 7.1.2. Old Lahaina Luau

An interesting dinner theatre, Old Lahaina Luau enthralls its visitors by presenting award-winning music and dance performances. The shows give an insight into the Hawaiian culture, which is a blend of alluring customs, legends, music and traditions. While appreciating the performers' hula and fire dancing skills, treat yourself to an exquisite dining experience by relishing the Hawaiian specialties like fresh mahi-mahi, poi (a fresh taro plant), and Kalua pua'a (pork

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roasted in an underground oven).

Address : 1251 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761, United States

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.8860065, -156.6853273

Contact: +1 808-667-1998

Website: https://oldlahainaluau.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Lahaina Cannery Mall Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults (13years and above): \$119, Children (3-12years): \$78, Free for

Highchair Infants (0-2years).

Open & Close Timing: June 1st - August 31st Daily 18:15hrs-21:15hrs, September 1st - September 30th & March 1st - May 31 Daily 17:45hrs-20:45hrs, October 1st - February 28th Daily 17:15hrs-20:15hrs.

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

#### 7.1.3. Maui Ocean Center

Get up close and personal with Maui's nautical residents at the Maui Ocean Center, the largest tropical reef aquarium in the Western Hemisphere. Home to more than 2,000 marine animals, the aquarium allows you to witness the beauty of the relationship between human beings, aquatic creatures and the ecosystem with its interactive touch pools as well as a tunnel underneath the 750,000-gallon ocean exhibit. You can quench your thirst for knowledge about the underwater systems in the state of Hawaii, at this oceanographical center. The center delights the visitors by featuring interesting exhibits on coral reef habitats, sea turtles, sharks, and humpback whales among many others.

Address : 192 Maalaea Rd, Wailuku, HI 96793, USA

Zipcode : 96793

Location: 20.7928331, -156.5118377

Contact: +1 808-270-7000

Website: https://www.mauioceancenter.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Ma'alaea harbor village Bus Station

Entry Fee: Residents- Adults: \$16.95, Seniors(65+ years): \$14.95, Kids (3-12years): \$9.95. Tourists- Adults: \$27.95, Seniors(65+ years): \$24.95, Kids (3-12years): \$19.95.

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Family pass (2Adults + 2Children): \$95.80.

Open & Close Timing: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required: 3

Expected Wait Time: 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

## 7.1.4. Ocean Vodka Organic Farm and Distillery

Pander to your tastebuds with some of the best handcrafted vodka in the world at the Ocean Vodka Organic Farm and Distillery. Explore the farm and get acquainted with what goes behind in making this spirit. Apart from producing the finest vodka, the farm offers tours to demonstrate the utilization of solar panels in the process of distilling. Sample one the vodkas made up of organic sugarcane and deep ocean mineral water, and take back a shot glass or their bottle as a souvenir.

Address: 4051 Omaopio Rd, Kula, HI 96790, United States

Zipcode : 96790

Location: 20.8092461, -156.3683664

Contact: +1 808-877-0009

Website: http://oceanvodka.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Pukalani St. Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: \$10

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 1

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

## 7.1.5. Bailey House Museum/ Maui Historical Society

To brush up on the history of Hawaii, visit the Bailey House Museum, a charming structure that originally served as a royal compound of Kahekili. Owned by the Maui Historical Society, the museum delights art enthusiasts with its exhibits including landscape paintings, a model of the Hokulea, artefacts from Hawaii's era of monarchy and the pre-European era, along with a wooden statue of Kamapuaa. The museum features a beautiful garden with exotic species of Hawaiian plants and a gift shop displaying items made by local artists.

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Address: 2375 Main St A, Wailuku, HI 96793, USA

Zipcode : 96793

Location: 20.885735, -156.507163

Contact: +1 808-244-3326

Website: http://www.mauimuseum.org/

Nearest Public Transport : State Office Building Bus Station

Entry Fee: \$10 per person

Open & Close Timing: Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

## 7.1.6. Maui Whale Watching

Revel in the ultimate whale-watching experience with the 'Teralani Sailing Adventures', which offers photographic and non-threatening encounters with whales. You can even enjoy the rewarding sight of Maui s famous Humpback whales that are spotted from December to May. They have a marine naturalist on board, who educates and guides the guests as they catch a glimpse of the dolphins, whales and turtles in their natural habitat.

Address : 991 Limahana Pl # F4, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.8807449, -156.6797007999999

Contact : +1 808-661-0365

Website: http://www.teralani.net/

Nearest Public Transport : Lahainaluna Rd./Kuhua St. Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults (21 years and above): \$73.44 Teens (13-20 years): \$63.52 Child

(3-12 years): \$51.35 Infant (0-2 years): \$40.32

Open & Close Timing: December 15 – April 15 Sunday to Friday: 10:00hrs-12:00hrs (Check in at 09:45hrs) Saturday: Closed (Visit the website for

more information)

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time: 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

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#### 7.1.7. Hana Lava Tube

You will marvel at the underground lavascape, as your mind expands and your world becomes more wondrous. Formed approximately 960 years ago as a result of molten lava spewing up from underground and flowing toward the ocean, the Hana Lava Tube is one of the most fascinating stops along the Road to Hana. When the lava drained out, a huge subterranean tunnel was formed, now the largest of its kind on Maui and the 18th largest lava tube in the world! They estimate that only about half of the cave has been discovered. Once inside, you'll descend deeper into the lava tube, passing stops and formations such as the moray eel and fallout shelter (which remains stocked with enough supplies to feed 15 people for 6 weeks), ropey pahoehoe, lava level lines, contraction cracks, lava stalagmites, cinder floor surface, lava tube lining, re-entry passages, overtubes, blind cave insects such as crickets, flatworms and millipedes, a'a lava, bowling alley, puzzle piece, overflow, cow bones, volcano vent, the chocolate corridor of stalactites, loft and a backflow. Ka'eleku Cave is a cool, dark change of pace from the typical Road to Hana trip. This is the largest and most accessible lava tube in Maui, and also has many interesting features making it a must-see for those interested in caves and geology. Kids also love it, and the majority of the cave is large enough that even claustrophobics won't have any issues. Various forms of lavacicles (yes, that's a real word!), stalactites, fissures, cracks, skylites and a coldwar era fallout shelter are some of the things you'll see here. Other features include a chocolaty-good portion that looks like you've transported to Candyland. Lava surfaces formed to resemble huge mounds of flowing chocolate, alongside complimentary dripping "chocolate kisses" on the ceilings. The cave is fitted with handrails and plenty of informative signage throughout. There is also a relatively smooth cinder trail through the tour portion of the cave that makes walking through a simple and safe task for most anyone in half-decent shape.

Address : 205 Ulaino Rd, Hana, HI 96713, USA

Zipcode: 96713

Location: 20.787502, -156.027578

Contact: +1 808-248-7308

Website: http://www.mauicave.com/

Entry Fee: Adults: \$11.95, Free for children under 5 years.

Open & Close Timing : Guided Tours- Daily from 10:30hrs-16:00hrs

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Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No





#### **7.2. Free**

### 7.2.1. Hana Highway

Stretching over 102 kilometers and connecting the town of Kahului to Hana, the Hana Highway or Road to Hana is a famous scenic drive on the eastern edge of the island of Maui. The road trip through this intriguing area conjures up memories of the long hours spent on the road, embracing the lulling motion of your car and the electrifying feeling of exploring the legendary and historic spots that shape the island. The highway further bends to the Ohe'o Gulch, a valley encores hikers and a place where you will find the Seven Sacred Pools, within the Kipahulu Area of the Haleakala National Park. You will be rewarded with hypnotic views of the azure ocean, the pristine shorelines of black sand beaches, rushing waterfalls, limpid pools, and flourishing bamboo jungles, as you set out on one of Hawaii's doozy drives.

Address: Kahului, HI 96732, USA

Zipcode: 96732

Location: 20.8809863, -156.4437651

Nearest Public Transport : Maui Marketplace Food Court Bus Station

Time Required : 3 Buy Ticket : No

# 7.2.2. Keawakapu Beach

A long stretch of a stunning golden shoreline complemented with bright turquoise waters, the Keawakapu Beach runs to the edge of Kihei and offers beguiling views of the western Maui, Kaho'olawe and Mokoloni crater. Interact with the marine life as you swim with the sea turtles, butterfly fishes or even an eel. A perfect setting away from the hustle of the city, plunge into the warm waters or just bask in the sun and get serenaded by the calm breeze rustling through the palm trees at this beach-goer's paradise. Do not miss the mesmerizing sunset here.

Address: S Kihei Rd, Kihei, HI 96753, USA

Zipcode : 96753

Location: 20.703966, -156.4464765999999

Nearest Public Transport : Mana Kai Resort (northbound) Bus Station

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Open & Close Timing: Daily: 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Kapalua Beach

One of the finest beaches on the island of Maui, Kapalua Beach is a paradisiacal location to watch an entrancing sunrise or sunset amidst a rejuvenating backdrop. This white-sand beach captivates tourists all throughout the year by providing safe and advanced swimming and kayaking opportunities. A dainty lawn backing the beach and the sand lined with beautiful palm trees make this beach a great place for a quick getaway.

Address : Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.9993437999999, -156.6663416

Nearest Public Transport : Napili Kai Bus Station Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

## 7.2.4. Waianapanapa State Park

The Waianapanapa State Park ensnares its visitors with its jet-black sand, glistening water, serenity and mysterious beauty. Located at the end of Waianapanapa Road off Hana Highway, this huge state park spanning over 122-acres provides incredible hiking opportunities along the path at the shoreline, which is composed of volcanic sediments. Featuring black lava sand, tidal caves and the native plants, the State Park offers a sense of tranquility and scenic wonder.

Address : Hana, HI 96713, USA

Zipcode : 96713

Location: 20.7851209, -156.0008887

Contact: +1 808-984-8109

Website: http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/maui/waianapanapa-state-park/ Nearest Public Transport: St. Joseph church Bus Station (not recommended)

Time Required: 4

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Buy Ticket: No

## 7.2.5. Hookipa Beach

A paradise for water sports fanatics, the Hookipa Beach is a popular spot for participating in various aqua sports on the north shore of the island of Maui. A heady contrast of consistent tempest winds and fervently gushing waves is what turns this beach into an ideal destination for windsurfers. Besides hosting many sports competitions throughout the year, the beach provides impressive picnic facilities and observation decks.

Address : Hawaii 96708, USA

Zipcode : 96708

Location: 20.9331087, -156.3585959

Nearest Public Transport : Kuau mart Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. P?p?wai Trail

Featuring an enigmatic bamboo forest and idyllic stream drenched in magnificent beauty, the Pipiwai Trail is a precious jewel of the National Park System. The trail is located above the Oheo Gulch and makes its way through various stunning waterfalls until it touches the base of the Waimoku Falls, which is an absolutely spectacular waterfall. The trail is a 6.5-kilometer long roundtrip that offers the best of East Mauil's most dramatic stream and waterfall hikes.

Address: Pipiwai Trail, Hana, HI 96713, USA

Zipcode : 96713

Location: 20.6623363, -156.0443126999999

Nearest Public Transport : Maui Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Napili Beach

Delighting the visitors with its sparkling turquoise sea and pristine sand, the

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Napili Beach is a prime destination for swimming with the marine life that calls the island of Maui their home. This crescent-shaped shoreline is located in the close proximity of the city of Kapalua on Mauils northwestern coast. With the calmness of its water coupled with a scenic environment, enjoy boogie-boarding and paddleboarding or just lounge back and soak up the sun at Napili.

Address : 53 Hui Dr, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.9964032, -156.667883599999

Nearest Public Transport : Napili Village Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

## 7.2.8. Lahaina Banyan Court Park

Known to house the oldest living Banyan tree on the island, the Lahaina Banyan Court Park, famous as the Banyan Tree Park features a historic courthouse and hosts many events year-round. Marvel at the sight of the 150-year old banyan tree, which has become the most popular attraction in the state of Hawaii. It is recommended to visit this park during sunrise for enjoying unperturbed views of nature.

Address: Front St & Canal St, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.8719066, -156.6774433

Contact : +1 808-661-4685

Website: http://www.mauicounty.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/125

Nearest Public Transport : Wharf Cinema Center Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Ka'anapali Beach

With 4 kilometers of white sand and cobalt waters, the Ka'anapali Beach is popular among the tourists for watersports like surfing, sailing, canoeing, snorkeling, and diving. The majestic beauty of the beach and the unruffled atmosphere resonate invigorating vibes. The beachfront is home to numerous

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resorts, shopping malls, multi-cuisine restaurants and nightclubs.

Address : Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode : 96761

Location: 20.9178314, -156.6966248

Nearest Public Transport : Keka'a Dr. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.10. Lahaina Jodo Mission

Be fascinated by one of the largest statues of Lord Buddha outside the continent of Asia, at the Lahaina Jodo Mission that is situated in the historic town of Lahaina. This Buddhist Temple is located amidst a serene setting, offering visitors a placid area to meditate and relax on the island of Maui. A replica of an authentic Japanese Buddhist Temple, it features a 12-foot tall, bronze statue of Buddha, which was erected to celebrate the centennial year of the arrival of immigrants from Japan in Hawaii.

Address : 12 Ala Moana St, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode: 96761

Location: 20.8826976, -156.6870902

Contact: +1 808-661-4304

Nearest Public Transport: Lahaina Cannery Mall Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Kaahumanu Church

Named after the Queen Ka'ahumanu, the Kaahumanu Church is a quaint and quiet place to worship the Almighty. The exterior of the church building was splendidly done in the Gothic style of architecture, in the year 1876. Note: A small donation will be appreciated.

Address : 103 S High St, Wailuku, HI 96793, USA

Zipcode: 96793

Location: 20.8860923, -156.505258

Contact: +1 808-244-5189

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Website: http://www.kaahumanuchurch.org/

Nearest Public Transport : Wells St./State and County Buildings Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Maui Mall

An ideal destination for a delightful shopping experience on the island of Maui, the Maui Mall delivers a high-end retail escapade to its visitors. The mall consists of upscale brands, designer boutiques, gift stores, a movie theatre, and many food outlets serving scrumptious local and international cuisine. The intricate architecture and fountain in the center of the mall, together adds to the astounding ambiance of this mall.

Address : 70 E Kaahumanu Ave, Kahului, HI 96732, USA

Zipcode: 96732

Location: 20.89092, -156.464538

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

## 7.2.13. Whalers Village

Whalers Village is a beachside mall that not only features several retail outlets and boutiques but also hosts musical performances and hula dance shows in the evening. The mall includes an array of restaurants, a whaling museum and other entertainment options. Don't miss the splendid sunset views as you shop at this beachside mall.

Address : H-6, 2435 Kaanapali Pkwy, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Zipcode : 96761

Location: 20.9212748, -156.6945904

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Queen Ka'ahumanu Center

Featuring upscale brands and impressive stores, the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center invites people to into its world of luxury shopping. It is the largest shopping mall in the town of Kahului on the island of Maui and comprises of a wide range of

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retail outlets and dining options in a flamboyant setting. The high-end brands include American Eagle, Blue Ginger and Clairess among many others.

Address : 275 W Kaahumanu Ave, Kahului, HI 96732, USA

Zipcode : 96732

Location: 20.8875315, -156.4752267

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.15. The Outlets of Maui

Zipcode : o

Location: 20.8780357, -156.6810832

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

## 7.2.16. The Shops at Wailea

Zipcode: o

Location: 20.686855, -156.4403499999999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

## 7.2.17. Waianapanapa Black Sand Beach

Renowned as a black lava stone beach, the Waianapanapa Black Sand Beach captivates its visitors with the spellbinding sunset views along with its mysterious beauty. The beach features a short hiking trail, freshwater caves, azure ocean waters and a tranquil atmosphere. The picture-perfect scenery of the shoreline provides plenty of opportunities for photography.

Address : Waianapanapa State Park, Hana, HI 96713, USA

Zipcode: 96713

Location: 20.7885389, -156.00361369999

Website: http://liveinhawaiinow.com/waianapanapa-state-park/

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Being one of the most visited Hawaiian Islands, Maui has a range of water sports from swimming and scuba diving. There are outdoor sports such as golfing and horseback riding, or even boarding sports such as wake boarding and kite surfing. You can always follow your best sporting pursuit while on a relaxing vacation. The island is more than just a beach, it's a mecca for outdoor fanatics also. If you want to try out something you've never done, Maui is the best place for your adventure.

## Snorkeling -

Address : Maui, HI 96708, USA

Location : 20.631745,-156.49550699999 Website : http://molokinicrater.com/

Entry Fees: The fee ranges from \$58 to \$89.95 for morning and from \$29

to \$59.95 for evening. Visit the website for more information.

Open / Close Time : Snorkeling: 07:00hrs-12:00hrs, 13:00hrs-16:30hrs Dinner Cruise: 16:30hrs-18:30hrs Visit the website for more information.

Time Required : 2.5 Wait Time : 20 minutes

## • Ziplining -

Address: 799 Piiholo Rd, Makawao, HI 96768, USA

Location: 20.8531308,-156.31080069999

Contact No : +1 808-572-1717

Website: http://www.piiholozipline.com/

Nearest Public Transport : State Office Building Bus Station (Not

Recommended)

Entry Fees: Zipline Tours fee range from \$99.00 to \$140.00

Zipline/Waterfall Hike Combo: \$229.00

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Open / Close Time: Daily: 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5 Wait Time : 25 minutes

## • Surfing -

Address : Shops At 505, 505 Front St #201, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Location: 20.8680875,-156.67529509999

Contact No: +1 808-244-7873

Website: http://mauisurfclinics.com/

Nearest Public Transport : 505 Front St Bus Station

Entry Fees: 1 Day Rental: \$25 2-6 Days Rental: \$30 1 Week Rental: \$140

Open / Close Time: Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Wait Time: 15 minutes

## Waterfall Rappelling -

Address: Kahului, HI 96732, USA

Location: 20.8733133,-156.4628632

Contact No: +1 844-368-1017

Website: http://www.rappelmaui.com/

Entry Fees : The Classic Rappel Tour: \$219 + tax per person The Extreme

Zip Rappel Tour: \$279 + tax per persson

Open / Close Time: Daily: 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required: 7.5

Wait Time : 20 minutes

### • Biking -

Address : 810 Haiku Rd #120, Haiku, HI 96708, USA

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Location : 20.9130873,-156.32244 Contact No : +1 808-575-9575

Website : http://www.bikemaui.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Haiku Marketplace Bus Station

Entry Fees: Retail Price ranges from \$75 to \$135. Online Price ranges

from \$67.50 to \$120.

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required: 3

Wait Time : 20 minutes

# Hang Gliding -

Address : Hana, HI 96713, USA Location : 20.79502,-156.0148286

Contact No: (808) 264 3287

Website: http://www.hangglidingmaui.com/

Entry Fees: 30 minute lesson: \$190.00 45 minute lesson: \$250.00 60 minute lesson: \$310.00 Camera service, digital shots from wing mounted

camera: \$ 40.00 Movie from wing mounted camera: \$ 80.00

Time Required: 1

Wait Time: 25 minutes

## Spearfishing -

Address : 3600 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Location: 20.9526753,-156.6861479

Contact No : +1 808-446-0352

Website: http://www.mauispearfishing.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Honokowai Villa Bus Station

Entry Fees: Fees range from \$159 to \$179.

Open / Close Time : Daily: 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required: 3

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Wait Time: 20 minutes





### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

There are a number of sports that are played and enjoyed by the residents and the tourists who are visiting the place of Maui. A few of the sports are basketball, cricket, hockey, soccer, tennis, softball, water polo and many more.

#### War Memorial Stadium:

Address : 700 Halia Nakoa St, Wailuku, HI 96793, USA

Location: 20.892755,-156.4888446

Website: http://www.co.maui.hi.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/145

#### Lahaina Civic Center:

Address: 1840 Honoapiilani Hwy, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Location: 20.9050418,-156.68375830000002

Contact No : +1 808-661-4685

Website: http://www.mauicounty.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/209

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## 10. Spas and relaxation

After a long journey and too many places to travel across the county, you ought to have some self-timed where you can rejuvenate the lost strength and get back to tour through the best places for the rest of the days.

#### Lumeria Maui:

Address: 1813 Baldwin Ave, Makawao, HI 96768, USA

Location: 20.8867869,-156.34533850000003

Contact No: +1 808-579-8877

Website: http://lumeriamaui.com/

# Maui Healing Retreat:

Address : 505 Aulii Dr, Makawao, HI 96768, USA

Location: 20.8169018,-156.31790569999998

Contact No : +1 808-870-3711

Website: https://www.mauihealingretreat.com/

## Awili Spa and Salon Spa:

Address : 3550 Wailea Alanui Dr, Wailea, HI 96753, USA

Location: 20.6928436999999,-156.44252900000004

Contact No : +1 808-573-1234

Website : https://maui.andaz.hyatt.com/en/hotel/activities/hotel-

activities/spa.html

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## 11. Key local guides and tours

The county of Maui is a part of Hawaii that is although small, it gives the best of the locations and some of the most amazing beaches. There are many places that can be enjoyed with a local guide and tour as the local guide and local tours can help you with amazing information about the destination and you can adore more of its scenic beauty. These local guides and tours must be booked before because their slots are pre-booked and you may have to make a self-guided tour to the place. The rates that they charge are calculated per hour basis, per destination basis or per day basis. Most of the guides and tours are local experts and certified in being a guide. Some of the local tours in Maui are Road to Hana tour and West Maui tour. The other famous tour guides are Bryan Miner who conducts tours like Road to Hana Tour, Island Day Tour and Tropical Waterfall Hike, Kanoelani is the other guide who's born on the island and loves doing her job and other guide is Tony who likes to have his guests do things out of the ordinary and get their adrenalin pumping.

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### 12. Transportation hubs

Maui has three airports namely Kahului Airport (OGG), Kapalua Airport, and Hana Airport-Hnm. Kahului Airport is the largest of the three airports and it's approximately a 45minutes (20.12 kilometers) drive to the city center and leading resort hotel areas of Kihei, Wailea, Lahaina, and Kaanapali. It is the only one you can fly between the Island (Maui) and the mainland (all the other US states) or to and from any other nation. This is, therefore, the airport that you must use if you are going to fly directly to Maui from any location outside the Hawaiian Islands. Maui Bus service operates two routes that stop at this airport. Route 40 Upcountry Islander and Route 35 Haiku Islander all stop at Kahului Airport, both as a 3rd stop from the Queen Kaahumanu Center in Kahului. Route 35 connects Kahului Airport with Haiku and Paia while Route 40 connects Haliimaile, Makawao, and Pukalani to the airport. Travel to major resort areas is much easier from the Kahului Airport. Kapalua Airport is a small airport located north of Kaanapali and Lahaina, on the west side of Maui. It doesn't accept jets (only propeller planes), and also doesn't have any flights coming in or leaving after dark. Visitors can't fly to here from any location outside Hawaii State. One can only fly between the airport and Honolulu, or sometimes the island of Lanai or the big island of Hawaii. The airport is a 62 minutes (65.82 kilometers) ride from the city center. Only small propeller planes (single engine) fly in and out Hana Airport (HNM).

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### 13. Transportation cost

Public transportation in Maui County provides service to most of the popular areas on the Island. The Maui Bus public transit service, operated by Roberts Hawaii consists of thirteen bus routes. All the thirteen routes are funded by the county and provide service to various West, South, Central, Kula, Haiku, and Upcountry Maui Communities. Buses operate seven days a week including all holidays. Currently, the public transit system runs two routes with drop off or pick up of passengers at the airport for people traveling to Haiku or upcountry. The current fare is \$2 per boarding. There are three routes that are free for boarding by passengers- the Wailuku Loops, Kahului, and the Lahaina Village route. Maui residents may also purchase monthly bus passes since they offer significant savings compared to pay per ride fares. A daily pass goes for \$4 while a monthly pass is \$45. The most popular transportation method for tourists is renting a car. In Maui, car rentals are not that expensive. In fact, they are less expensive compared to hiring a taxi. The island has about 25 rental car companies a reason as to why the rates are reasonable. Remember, public transportation may not be the best if you are traveling with small children. You can use taxi services in Maui to and from the airport, to/from the hotel or resort to shopping areas and restaurants. Many of the taxies are also available for hiring if you desire a private tour on the island.

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### 14. Baggage allowance

There is no cost for extra baggage that you can carry through the county of Maui. You can carry as many bags as you want through the transit systems. If you have more luggage, kindly try to adjust it by taking a cab or a taxi as traveling with so many bags will put you at a receiving end of many frowns and chuckles through other public transport. The cab driver may charge you with a few extra dollars but that is worth spending than struggling with a large number of bags alone in crowded traveling spots. You can keep the bags under the chairs while traveling through trains or buses. Do not attempt to take another seat for your bags. Avoid places or timings when there is a lot of crowd through the transportation systems.





## 15. Must try food and local savouries

Maui being an island, you can have a lot of seafood that you can enjoy here. However, along with this sea cuisine, you can relish some of the most amazing dishes that are not only mouthwatering but worth your time and taste. The must try dishes here are Micro-Cilantro, Mountain Potato, Meatball Soup, Spicy King Crab, Duck Broth, Apple Banana Cheesecake, Sake Caramel, Wagyu Beef Carpaccio, Waialua Chocolate, Beef Ravioli, Hawaiian Cake, Tomato Salad, Osso Buco, Foei Gras, Ginger BBQ Sauce, Coconut Crab, Hawaiian Monchong and many similar dishes.

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## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

When you are traveling to a new place, you not only have to enjoy the day time but also spend the best hours during the nights. There are a number of places to eat and party along with which you can have the best of your time. Hana Hwy near Pana bay is one of the famous area for restaurants and night clubs in Maui.

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### Geste Shrimp Truck:

Address: Kahului Beach Rd, Kahului, HI 96732, USA

Location: 20.8967445,-156.4795864

Contact No : +1 808-298-7109

Website : http://gesteshrimp.com/

Open / Close Time: Tuesday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-17:30hrs Sunday and

Monday: Closed

## Sam Sato's Inc:

Address : 1750 Wili Pa Loop, Wailuku, HI 96793, USA

Location : 20.8933353,-156.500248 Contact No : +1 808-244-7124

Open / Close Time: Monday to Saturday: 07:00hrs-14:00hrs Sunday:

Closed

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#### Morimoto Maui:

Address : 3550 Wailea Alanui Dr, Kihei, HI 96753, USA

Location: 20.6924966,-156.44327599999

Contact No : +1 808-243-4766

Website: http://morimotomaui.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:30hrs-14:00hrs and 17:30hrs-22:00hrs

### Cafe Des Amis:

Address : 42 Baldwin Ave, Paia, HI 96779, United States

Location: 20.9152488,-156.3803701

Contact No : +1 808-579-6323 Website : http://cdamaui.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:30hrs-20:30hrs

### • Honu:

Address: 1295 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761, United States

Location : 20.8872774,-156.684936

Contact No : +1 808-667-9390

Website: http://www.honumaui.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-21:30hrs

### Mala Ocean Tavern:

Address : 1307 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761, USA

Location : 20.8875,-156.6849161 Contact No : +1 808-667-9394

Website: http://www.malaoceantavern.com/

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday:

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09:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

## Flatbread Company:

Address : 89 Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779, United States

Location : 20.915872,-156.3820570 Contact No : +1 808-579-8989

Website : http://www.flatbreadcompany.com/ Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-22:00 hrs

## Ambrosia Martini Lounge:

Address: 1913 S Kihei Rd, Kihei, HI 96753, USA

Location: 20.732338,-156.45194700000002

Contact No : +1 808-891-1011

Website: http://ambrosiamaui.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 19:00hrs-02:00hrs

## • Lobby Lounge:

Address: 3900 Wailea Alanui Dr, Kihei, HI 96753, USA

Location: 20.6802785,-156.44202689999

Contact No : +1 808-874-8000

Website

http://www.fourseasons.com/maui/dining/lounges/lobby\_lounge/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 17:00hrs-23:30hrs

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## 17. Average meal cost

The county of Maui is an inexpensive place for living and traveling. A meal at an inexpensive restaurant costs around \$ 16. A three – course meal that can be shared by 2 people is made available at \$ 75. A regular Cappuccino is available at \$ 4. Imported beer of 0.33 liter is priced at \$ 5 whereas domestic beer of 0.5 liter is available at \$ 4.



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## 18. Shopping

You can have the best of your shopping experience in small galleries and boutiques across the county. These shops are scattered through the entire place. However, you can find most of them at Paia and Makawao. With so many famous brands, you ought to take your purse and wallet along with you. The malls in Maui are usually found in the areas of the Central part of Maui, Wailuku, Central Maui Edibles, West Maui, Honokowai, Napili and Kahana, South Maui, and Kula and East Maui. Few of the malls include Whole Foods, Lahaina Cannery Mall, Footprints Maui and many more. Some more that can add to the list are Proteas of Hawaii, Azeka Place Shopping and similar others.





#### 19. Tourist benefits

The county of Maui does not offer any VIP passes in the shopping malls. You can have as many items here at the island but you would not be refunded with any amount as value added taxes while leaving the place. On each of the items, the government levies sales tax and value added tax. The sales tax is given to the government. However, the value added taxes are given back to the respective states of countries. Hence, there is no refund or collection that happens for the

government of the county.

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## 20. Essential local apps

It has become close to impossible to enjoy travel without a well chosen pack of apps in your smart phone. The beautiful tropical island of Maui offers its own set of native apps which include Big Island which consists tells us about the tours of the various islands in Maui, The CAB Hawaii tells us about the fares of the cabs running in Hawaii, Uber app which gets you a reliable and affordable ride in

minutes and a lot more.



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## 21. Driving

The State of Hawaii, insists on a Hawaii driver's license. In order to obtain the license or permit the applicant will have to submit the "proof of legal presence" in U.S. If the applicant is a tourist and not a U.S. citizen the proof will relate to the Visa or authorization by the U.S Federal Government to be present in the U.S for a period of time. Persons who apply for a temporary license will only be issued a limited duration license or permit. The validity of such permit is usually limited to the authorized period of stay. Any person trying to renew his/ her driver's license must present the proof of legal presence at the time of renewal as well.



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#### 22. Travel essentials

The Standard Voltage range in Maui is 120 V and the standard frequency ID 60 Hertz. Electric appliances that require standard voltages ranging between 110V and 127 V can be used. If the appliance works at frequency it is best not to use the appliance. To be absolute, check the label under the appliance. If it states 100 to 240V / 50 to 60 Hertz then it is safe to use the appliance. If the values stated different then it's best to use a power converter. It highly recommended to buy a power plug adapter since most hotels in Maui use Type A and Type B sockets which are not seen commonly in North American States.



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# 24. Local currency

The local currency of the county of Maui is U. S. Dollars.



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## 25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Almost all hotels and resorts in Maui accept credit and debit cards. It would also not be too difficult to find Bank of Hawaii teller machine though the transaction fee may come up to \$2. If you are a U.S citizen likely to make a few visits to Hawaii, you could consider opening an account with the Bank of Hawaii and transferring the cash to the account. If you are a Non U.S Citizen, its best to get your currency exchanged at the airport. This is more authentic and most airport portals do not charge huge service fees. Teller machine of other banks are also found on the island so access to cash is really not much of an issue. There is absolutely no danger in relying on credit and debit cards for food and shopping.

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## 26. Staying connected

A lot of hotels and resorts provide free Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity. Hence staying connected would be easy. The mrsimcard is highly recommended. You could use to the add-on international calling facility to make international calls. It would cost around 100 Dollars and also comes with free mobile data. This sim card which is AT&T does not support tethering. You could alternatively use a

Telestial sim.



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## 27. Time Zone

Maui follows Hawaii – Aleutian Time Zone that is UTC – 10:00.



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## 28. Languages

Tagalog, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Korean, Vietnamese are few of the languages that are spoken in Maui.



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#### 29. Political Scenario

Maui, like the rest of Hawaii is largely a Democratic county. Hawaii is typically dominated by Democrats. It mainly follows a dominant party system and has support the Democrats in almost every presidential election. The state government of Hawaii is a mix of the U.S Federal governance model and the kingdom era of Hawaiian history. It follows codes laid down in the Constitution of Hawaii. The county of Maui was ruled by the Royal family before Hawaii became one of the 50 states of the U.S. Hawaii is currently represented by two senators and two representatives, all four of whom are democrats. The international legality status of Hawaii has been raised in U.N several times. To this day, there are political organizations that seek some form of sovereignty for Hawaii. It becomes imperative to note that U.S president Barak Obama is a Hawaii native.

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#### 30. Economic Scenario

Maui has followed a positive economic growth pattern. The tourism industry is one which thrives in Maui and hence is the chief income contributor. Maui has low underemployment rates and also earns from nonagricultural and working class activity. Another major source of income is from agriculture. The county nurtures pineapple, coffee, sugar, macadamia nuts and other tropical fruits and

flowers.



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## 31. Religious belief

Out of the total population in Maui, Hawaii 44.81% of the people are affiliated with a religion. 22.73% are catholic, 4.66% are LDS, 4.29% are an eastern faith, 0.20% are islam and 4.67% are another catholic faith.



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### 32. Visa requirements

The type of visa typically required for a vacation to Maui, Hawaii is the B-I or the B-2 visa. An understanding of the rules of the U.S. Immigration system is a requirement to receive your visa. You can apply for your specific visa by going to the U.S. Department of State website or to your local embassy. Once you've paid for the visa electronically, scheduled your interview with the embassy or consulate; then you'll wait for everything to be processed in a timely manner. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.

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## 33. Essential vaccination

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



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### 34. Theft and Safety

As with most popular tourist destinations there is always a level of theft but in Maui case it seems to be as safe as can be expected. They are a laid back populace and enjoy a level of safety in general. As always show caution with wildlife, as they are abundant in all of Hawaii. There are many tourist attractions in Maui and it is best to follow directions when you are sightseeing. Also always know where you are going before you leave the hotel, as it is quite easy to get lost.



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## 35. Embassy/Consulate

The main consulates are located in Honolulu, Hawaii, which is a short distance from Maui but easily accessible. Embassies and consulates are there if you need them and they are also very helpful with getting information on visas. For more information, visit http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/united-states.



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## 36. Accessibility

The amazing destination of Maui has made great strides to be more accessible to those with disabilities but there are many attractions that will be difficult, if not impossible for those with restricted movement. Even with these destinations all but inaccessible there is still much to see and do for those with restricted movement.



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## 37. Emergencies

Maui is home to many different urgent care facilities and to the world renowned Maui Memorial Medical Center (20.885188, -156.489278). They accept most types of insurances and it's always advised to have travelers insurance while you are travelling abroad. The other famous hospitals in the city are Kaiser Permanente Maui Lani Elua Clinic, and Kula Hospital. For any SOS services, please call 911



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#### 38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Carry minimum cash and less valuable items while exploring the city. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. • Do carry a camera, instead of buying one there. Don'ts: • Don't travel alone at night. • Never count/exchange money on the street. • Avoid saying no to food offered by an American • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.





## 39. Tipping basics

Tipping in Maui is part of the livelihood of some of the local residents that work in the service industry. The average tip should consist of around 15 percent of the bill. At the hotel if the bell boy carries your bags to your room \$2 is the average tip. Tipping in the states is typically the same all the way around. But in Maui the cost of living is more than most places in the United States, so people tend to be a

little more generous there with their tips.



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#### 40.Pet info

Maui, Hawaii is standard in their regulations. The pet must be microchipped, must be vaccinated with original vaccination certificates, the pet also needs to have a blood titer test (unless traveling from the British Isles, Australia, Guam or New Zealand) be aware that this test has a 120 day waiting period before you are allowed to enter Maui, Hawaii. There is also a list of dogs and cats that are banned from entering Hawaii, such as; wolf, wolf cross, dingo, bengal, etc... Pets are allowed on most of the beaches in Maui but make sure to clean up after them; most places in the United States will give out tickets for not picking up after them. In most places small doggy begs are provided free of charge for this purpose.

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## Conclusion - Why to select this destination

Being the second largest Island of Hawaii and the seventieth largest island in the US, Maui is one of the most visited destinations in Hawaii. Tourists come in from within the United States as well as from international destinations. The island features some of the most sophisticated beach resorts, sports centers, and luxury hotels. Though there are several choices to make when you are visiting Hawaii, Maui is the best Island to be. Maui tourism is different hence unique since you can take in the Hawaii culture, explore some ecotourism options, and enjoy the beautiful landscapes. The resorts and beaches in the Island are gorgeous but also less crowded than any other area. You can choose a nice hotel and golf or enjoy some sun on the beautiful soft sand of the beaches in Maui. Maui boasts of more than 320 sunshine days annually with frequent brief showers. This climatic condition is ideal for any visitor or tourist to enjoy and have the best experience of the island outdoors since it is home to lush rainforests, a world-class marine life, and white sand beaches. Outdoor activities such as biking and trekking are popular as well, with various hiking activities and bicycle tours offered to adventure enthusiasts. Tourists and travelers are frequently offered with water based sporting activities, given that nearly half of Maui Island is located within five miles of the coastline of the entire island. The Hana Highway which is 103.6 km long is a popular tourist attraction. It connects Kahului to Hana in East Maui and the entire drive is through lush tropical rain forests. The Highway has earned its place in the national register of historic places and has been designated as the "Hana Millennium Legacy Trail". Maui is the right destination for a lively experience. With lots of restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, among other activities, Maui makes a great destination for your vacation.

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