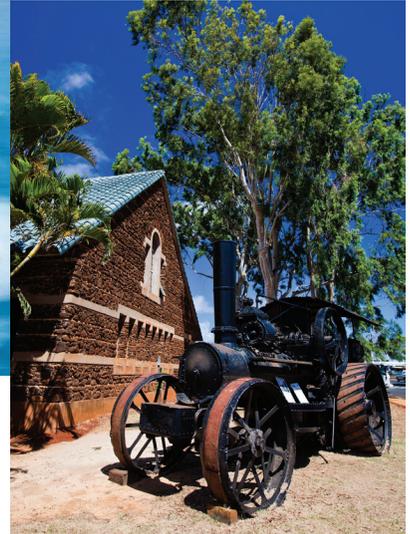


# Island Views

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### HANALEI

Past the resort town of Princeville, cross a one-lane bridge and you'll find the peaceful town of Hanalei. At the foot of Hanalei Valley, taro grows in flooded wetland fields, *lo'i* in Hawaiian, that stretches for miles. The starchy heart of the taro root is pounded into *poi*, a staple at any *lū'au* or local feast. Travel to the mouth of Hanalei River and visit the restored Hanalei Pier for a glimpse of old Hollywood. First built in 1892, the 340-foot pier gained worldwide notoriety when Oscar Hammerstein II and 20th Century Fox featured it in the 1957 classic "South Pacific." Today, the sheltered waters are ideal for fishing and swimming, or simply watching the sun set over the majestic Wai'ale'ale mountains.

### WAI'ALE'ALE

Its name meaning "ripping water," Wai'ale'ale Crater is known for its mesmerizing sights and plummeting waterfalls. More than just mere remnants of a shield volcano, the crater stands at 5,148 feet tall and averages more than 426 inches of rain per year, making its summit one of the wettest spots on earth. If weather permits, the heart of the extinct volcano can be explored via helicopter, revealing breathtaking aerial views of its vastness. Only experienced hikers are brave enough to attempt to follow the trail that leads into the deep crater, nicknamed the Blue Hole Hike. The visual rewards, though, are worth it. Among them is the sight of the Weeping Wall, a portion of the crater where a series of waterfalls coat the 3,000-foot cliff walls creating an illusion of weeping.

### KĪLAUEA

The fieldstone buildings of Kilauea, once a company town for sugar plantation workers, are reminiscent of the town's agricultural history. Today, the northeastern town is an intimate community, home to scenic landmarks and golden sandy beaches. Located 200-feet above sea level, the Daniel K. Inouye Kilauea Point Lighthouse — named after Hawai'i's late senior senator — was built on Kaua'i's northernmost point, on a former volcanic vent on a steep 500-foot bluff. Erected in 1913, the 52-foot lighthouse was once a beacon for shipping vessels sailing through the Hawaiian Islands from Asia. The historic landmark also doubles as the location of the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, a sanctuary for migratory seabirds, including Laysan albatross and shearwaters. In the winter months, round up a pair of binoculars at the visitor's center and spot Hawaiian monk seals, humpback whales and dolphins frolicking in the surf. Along the coastline is one of the island's finest beaches — Secret Beach.

### LĪHU'E

Rooted in the ancient district of Puna, Līhu'e holds the county seat of Kaua'i, and is the central hub of government and commercial activity on the island. With the emergence of the sugar industry in the 1800s, the southeastern coast became the central city for travel and trade. Today, it's home to Kaua'i Museum, which is the cultural sanctuary for the art and artifacts of Native Hawaiians. Nearby, Kilohana Plantation Estate was once the home of a sugar baron and can be toured by horse-drawn wagon. Overlooking the main seaport of Nāwiliwili Bay, the sandy cove of Ninini Point is home to an 86-foot working lighthouse, offering spectacular views of ships and freights gliding through the harbor.

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### HANAPEPE

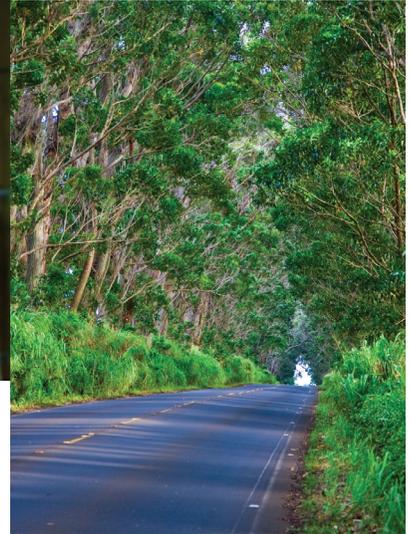
Once a bustling town in the 1930s where locals would gather to socialize and mingle in bars, bowling alleys and even ice-skating rinks, Hanapepe was dubbed “Kaua’i’s Biggest Little Town” by the Hanapepe Merchants Association. The wooden architecture and jugged awnings of the rustic storefronts will make you feel like you’ve just been transported to a town in the Midwest since many of the skilled laborers came from the outskirts of Asia, where many of the states on the Mainland once sourced their hires to build a bustling city. Along with local businesses, they also helped build clinics, hospitals, movie theaters,

pool halls, churches, temples, hotels and homes. Today there are a variety of art galleries, more than any other town in Kaua’i. Every Friday artists present an open house known as “Art Night,” opening their shops later in the evening. When you stroll through the various galleries and specialty boutiques, you’ll quickly discover why this picturesque town was used in such films as “Flight of the Intruder” and as the model hometown of Disney’s “Lilo and Stitch.” Take the Historic Walking Tour, starting at the century-old rickety Hanapepe Swinging Bridge, which was once used by residents to cross the river and is still open to visitors for a quick thrill.



### KALĀHEO

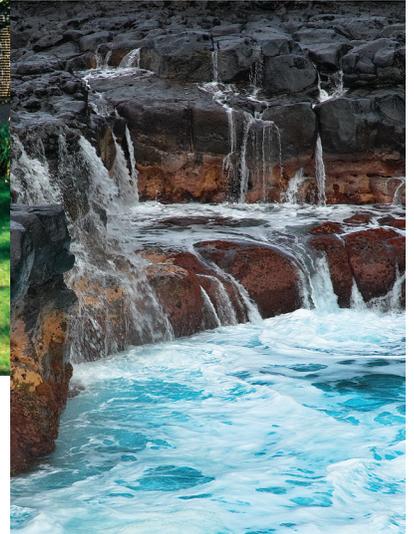
Known as Kaua’i’s “upcountry hamlet,” the small southwestern town is located between Lihu’e and Hanapepe and was once a settlement for sugar plantation workers. Today, sugar production has yielded to coffee cultivation, where over four million coffee trees are grown on more than 4,000 acres, making Kaua’i the largest coffee plantation in the United States. Stop by Kukuioolono Golf Course and Park for a nine-hole course with unobstructed mountain and ocean views. Donated to Kaua’i citizens by sugar magnate Walter McBryde, the public park includes a Japanese garden, a Hawaiian salt-making stone, a lava rock artifact collection and walking paths through an ironwood forest.



### KŌLOA

If there’s any place in Hawai’i where you should turn off the air-conditioning and roll down the windows, this is it. Highway 520 (Maluhia Road) is lined with a canopy of hundreds of eucalyptus trees, known as the “Tree Tunnel,” which makes for a scenic and fragrant drive. Once you arrive in town, you’ll be taken back to the old plantation days. Hawai’i’s first commercial sugar plantation was in Kōloa, now known as Old Kōloa Town. The edifice of the original sugar mill remains, dwarfed by the boutiques and restaurants that have sprouted in the town’s restored buildings. The landmark Sueoka Store, a more-than-century-old family business, provides everything you need for a day on Kaua’i. The town’s history center is awash in plantation memorabilia, and the map of the Historic Kōloa Trail, available in many of the shops, is ideal for a self-guided tour of the area.

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### PO'IPŪ

The picturesque south shore of Kaua'i is home to the resort area of Po'ipū, the residence to some of America's best beaches. Nearby, Spouting Horn features a blowhole that shoots a spout of water up to 20 feet (sometimes higher) into the air. Discover why Kaua'i is known as "The Garden Isle" at two national tropical botanical gardens: McBryde Garden sprawls across 259 acres and is filled with the world's largest collection of Hawaiian plants; and Allerton Garden in Lawa'i Valley is an 80-acre gem with sophisticated garden design and the former summer home of Queen Emma (wife of King Kamehameha IV). Sugar magnates Robert and John Allerton created an idyll of rainforests, bamboo groves, rippling pools and sculptures.

### THE COCONUT COAST: KAPA'A & WAILUA

Groves of coconut palms flourish at resorts on the East Side of Kaua'i, earning its Coconut Coast moniker. As the most populated district on the island, approximately 16,000 of the island's 62,000 residents reside in the Wailua/Kapa'a area. Kapa'a, a plantation hub in the 19th century, is today a quaint street lined with locally owned boutiques and restaurants in historic buildings. Among the clusters of coconut trees, places of interest include the Nounou Mountain range, more whimsically known as Sleeping Giant; the Fern Grotto, which is only accessible by boat; and the sacred Poli'ahu Heiau, a large lava-rock temple of Kaua'i's last king, Kaumuali'i. Geographically, Kapa'a is said to resemble a human figure lying on its back.

### WAIMEA TOWN

Translated to "red water" in English, the historic town is named for the rusty hue of Waimea River, which streams from the expansive Waimea Canyon through the town's center. Waimea marks a turning point in Hawai'i's history, where Captain James Cook first landed in 1778. It is also the spot where Kaua'i's King Kaumuali'i faced off against King Kamehameha, who was seeking control of the Hawaiian Islands. The Russian-American Company built a fort at what is now Fort Elizabeth State Park and serves as a reminder of Russia's short history on the island. Today, the small town thrives as a historic and commercial destination anchored by the West Kaua'i Technology and Visitor Center, which tells the story of Kaua'i's west side. Old banyan trees and coconut palms line the waterfront of Waimea Beach, where the rare black sand shores offer stunning views of sunsets over Ni'ihau.

### PRINCEVILLE

Sugar plantation owner Robert Crichton Wyllie named the area "Princeville" in 1860 to honor the visit of Prince Albert Kamehameha. Once a coffee plantation, the landscape was transformed into a sprawling cattle ranch and *kalo* (taro) farm. Perched upon lush ocean bluffs on the island's North Shore, the picturesque area is now one of Kaua'i's most popular resort areas, offering panoramic mountain and ocean views. Seasoned golfers can enjoy 18 holes on Prince Course's challenging layout, playing alongside jungle ravines, Pacific Ocean views, streams and waterfalls. Down a steep rocky path is Pali Ke Kua Beach, also known as Hideaways Beach, a golden crescent of sand, perfect for spotting green sea turtles. Nearby, Queen's Bath, a natural tide pool along a lava shelf, is a beautiful inlet for swimming, especially during the summer months when the water is calm.