



ACTIVITIES

There are so many things to see and do on Maui. Before you arrived, you may have already decided on which activities to do. If you are looking for some local knowledge on activities we have listed our recommendations below. We can book all your activities in house through our friendly and courteous concierges Valerie and Nicole. You can call our concierges at our office, and that number is (808) 665-1315. Please ask for one of them, they will be happy to assist you with your vacation adventure needs.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

THE ROAD TO HANA – This is an exquisite 50+ mile drive through bamboo rain forests and breathtaking coastal views. There are 59 bridges, with 42 of those being one lane wide. If you want to enjoy the Hana scenery and not drive it on your own, you can book a tour on a smaller bus or even jeep tours. The road to Hana is an all day event so don't expect to be very active when you get back to your vacation home later in the day or evening. You may be wiped out from the hours of driving if you go all the way around the island or go back the same way once you reach Oheo Gulch or what used to be called the 7 sacred pools.

HALEAKALA – The top of Haleakala Crater at sunrise is a very popular time to go as many locals and visitors alike love to see the sunrise from this vantage point. If there are clouds, you will see over them and the clouds look like a big fluffy white sea of clouds and then you will see the other mountain tops of the West Maui mountains, the top of Lana'I is possible and the top of Moloka'i. It is also very cold up at the summit any time of year but of course the Winter time you will see ice and possible snow, but normally just ice cycles, and ice on the ground during that time.

OLD LAHAINA LUAU – This is one of the most famous luau's on Maui. Expect a traditional Hawaiian Luau with a buffet style food layout and an all Hawaiian hula show. There are no fire dancers as this is a traditional Hawaiian luau. This show has won numerous awards for its Hawaiian authenticity.

FEAST AT LELE LUAU – Located at 505 Front Street next to the Lahaina Shores condo-tel on the beach in Lahaina and plenty of parking underground and across Front Street in the paid parking. This is not the traditional luau as it is more intimate with only about 72 guests per show. The food is served to you depending on the show, so if you are watching a Polynesian show at that time then the food will reflect their food choices in that culture. The food is fresher and comes in smaller portions so you can sample the different cultural foods as you go through the show. The food and service are very good, but this one is also going to be the most expensive because of the service that is included, in fact you order your drinks at your table with an assigned water or waitress and so you don't have to go wait in line to get your food or drinks, this is such a treat compared to some luau's that may have 500 to 600 people at one sitting.

WARREN & ANNABELLES MAGIC SHOW – Located in Lahaina at the Lahaina Center with all the factory outlets and plenty of parking off of Wainee Street. This is a fun comedy magic show. There are two show times. One is early and one is later. If you do the early or later show there are also two packages, one has just drinks and the other has food and drinks. The food is mostly coconut shrimp, egg rolls, etc. No one under 21 years of age is allowed. It's the law in Hawaii that the drinking age is 21 years of age or older.

BOAT CRUISES – There are many to choose from and most leave from Lahaina Boat Harbor. There are a few leaving from the beach in Kaanapali, and there are also a few leaving the Maalaea Boat Harbor by the Maui Aquarium in Maalaea. The dinner cruises are a fun way to enjoy music and dining out at sea and toasting to the Hawaiian sunset.

SNORKELING – You can snorkel right off the beach in front of many of the condo-tels and resorts along the West Maui and South Maui coastlines. You will see lots of our famous Honu (Green Sea Turtle) all around the island.

There are also a lot of colorful reef fish out in front of many of the resorts, but when the waves are up it can be dangerous as the rip tide can pick up and you can be dragged out to sea before you know it if you are not watching the shore line. There are also excursions leaving from Kihei or Maalaea and they will take you to Molokini Crater and Turtle town. The excursions leaving from Lahaina harbor will take you to Lana'i to Cathedrals, and also up on the North West shore of Maui to Honolua Bay and Namalu Bay for some excellent snorkeling from those boats. The nice thing is if you do not want to pay for a boat excursion both of those bays are accessible from land and you can enter from the shoreline and snorkel for free in those marine sanctuaries.

WHALE WATCHING – If you are on Maui between December and March you will most likely spot whales breaching out of the water. There are many companies to choose from that cater to the tourists.

ZIPLINING – There are about 5 or 6 companies on Maui that do ziplining and all are unique in their own way. On the Upper Westside of Maui in Kapalua there is the Kapalua Zipline. On the other side of the island there is Maui Plantation has one or two lines in the Waikapu area, then there is Piiholo Zipline and that is above Makawao and they have lines that criss-cross each other and they also have the longest line in Hawaii at 2,600 feet. The last one that I am aware of is the zipline on Haleakala. You can look online and search them all and make up your own mind. The terrain that each zipline covers is so different that it makes them all unique to each area and the foliage and landscape you will see from the zipline seat.

SURFING OR STAND UP PADDLE LESSONS – There are many companies out there and they are all good. You'll want to make sure you take your lesson in West Maui since the waves are larger and more frequent than on the Southside of Maui like the Kihei area or Wailea. You can book any of these activities through our personal concierge service through our office as Valerie and Nicole can take care of all your activity needs.

O'o FARMS – Located in Kula on 8 acres of organic farm land which supplies the produce at Aina Gourmet Café at the Honua Kai Resort in the Hokolani tower, in the lobby. The farm offers tours and their luncheon which we've done before, is a unique experience and definitely not touristy if you are looking for an activity that avoids the crowds. A quote from their website: "Enrich your soul with a connection to the land as you sit down to a gourmet lunch prepared in your presence with fresh natural products you just harvested. Become hunters and gatherers of a sort again, living for today's treasures. The cost is \$50.00 per person but well worth it. Bring your own wine to sip and enjoy! See more at: <http://www.oofarm.com/tour-luncheon/>.

ALI'I KULA LAVENDER FARMS – Located in Kula, on 13.5 acres, at approximately 4,000 feet above sea level lies this beautiful Lavender farm. Admission is \$3.00 per person to explore on your own, and there are guided walking tours and they are \$10.00 to \$12.00. The gardens are enchanting. They also sell their products such as spices, rubs, bath and body products. They offer a picnic lunch which is \$20.00 per person with advanced reservations required. They also offer craft classes. Their website is: www.aliikulalavender.com, and their phone number is (808) 878-3004 to make your reservations for this beautiful farm and tours.

SURFING GOAT DAIRY – Located on Omaopio Road just below Kula. This is a fun and unique experience for the whole family. Surfing Goat Dairy has produced award winning cheeses for over 10 years. The tours are \$7.00 to \$25.00 per tour depending on which tour you choose. Their phone number is (808) 878-2870.

KULA BOTANICAL GARDEN – Located in Kula. This is a beautiful property with flowers and foliage from the tropics. The botanical garden encompasses 8 acres of colorful and unique plants, amazing rock formations, a covered bridge, waterfalls, koi pond, aviary and new attractions including the carved tiki exhibit. Included in the garden is a collection of native Hawaiian plants. Children especially will enjoy the Jackson Chameleon exhibit, native Nene Geese, and Aviary. Admission is \$3.00 to \$10.00, and their phone number is (808) 878-1715.

MAUI OCEAN CENTER – Located in Maalaea. This is an Aquarium focused on Hawaii's unique under water world. If snorkeling or diving is not your thing, but you still want to get face to face with Hawaii's amazing ocean life, visit the Maui Ocean Center. Admission is \$18.00 to \$25.00. Or you can visit their website at www.mauiocceancenter.com or call them directly at (808) 270-7000 and they would be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have for them.

SPA'S ON MAUI – Most of the major hotels have spa treatment facilities. We like the Grand Wailea, the Ritz Carlton Kapalua, and the new Montage Spa at Kapalua (Just changed over from the Kapalua Spa when Montage took over managing the property at Kapalua for the new owners). If you go to one of the hotels for a spa treatment, some of

them allow you to use their pool facilities. The new Montage Spa at Kapalua has a gym, spa treatment rooms, a health bar to get some of the best smoothies on Maui, as well as sauna, steam rooms, and it is one of my all time favorite spas on Maui period. The setting is incredible looking over Kapalua Bay which was rated by Conde Naste Magazine as the best beach in the world!

GOLFING ON MAUI – Some of our favorite courses on the island are the Wailea Golf Courses, Ka'anapali Golf Courses, Kapalua Golf Courses, as well as the Kahili Golf Course, and the Pukalani Golf Course. There are other courses which are less expensive like the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course and the Sprecklesville Golf Course, these are less money and the Sprecklesville course is only a 9 hole course right outside of Paia town near Baldwin Park on the ocean.

HELICOPTER RIDES ON MAUI – This is an amazing way to see parts of Maui that you simply cannot see by foot, car or boat. The waterfalls are incredible after a rain storm. Some helicopter tours will take you to the active volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii. Don't take too many photo's on the flight as your may not have the same experience as you would just looking and enjoying the scenery, and it may cause you to not feel so good looking through that lens the whole time. Just a tip from someone that enjoys helicopter rides a lot and wants to share his experience with you so you have a great trip. One of my favorite trips is at sunset when you come down Haleakala as the sun is setting over the ocean and you can see the entire center of the Valley Isle, amazing!