

# *Sea Level Photography's* Maui Guide







# Aloha

I never appreciated Maui growing up. Not because it was awful, but because it was all I ever knew. When I left the island, I didn't think I'd ever come back. The world seemed so big. The first time I took a trip home from college to visit my family I started to have some "ah-ha" moments. With each visit after that, or journey I took elsewhere, I understood it more and more. I realized how beautiful and unique these islands are, especially this island. I'm so grateful my husband brought me back home to Maui after my college days. Now we are raising our kids here, the way we were raised here, and there's nowhere else I would rather be!

I would love to share a few of my favorite tips with you, as well as activities and great places to eat. I have linked most recommendations for your convenience.

For every activity you will find a price range.

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*\$-won't break the bank*

*\$\$-a little splurge*

*\$\$\$-living large*







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## things to do

with or without kids

### **Molokini snorkel trip**

Check out my favorite sailing cats [Ali'i Nui](#) or [Trilogy](#). If you book in the winter, your snorkel trip will double as a whale watch. \$\$

### **Sunset at Haleakala**

Most people go for sunrise, but if you aren't a morning person, sunset is just as magical. \$

### **Twin Falls**

These falls are on a private farm that allows public access for free. Be sure to get a fresh coconut on the way out. F

### **Ali'i Kula Lavendar Farm**

Make sure to try their lavender scone with lilikoi jelly, and don't forget to bring a light jacket. \$

### **Luau**

I highly recommend [Feast at Lele](#) or [Old Lahaina Lu'au](#) for the most authentic experience. \$\$\$

### **Helicopter ride**

This is hands down my number one recommendation! Best views you can get of Maui! \$\$\$

### **Surf lessons**

[Lahaina Surf Shack](#) is where its at! \$\$

### **Ukulele lessons**

At [Maui Music Mission](#) you can take lessons and purchase an ukulele as a souvenir to take home with you. \$

### **Maui Ocean Center**

Learn about ocean life that is only found in these waters. The whale experience is worth it too! \$

### **Hang out at the many amazing beaches**



# Beaches

These are my top three beaches that everyone can enjoy.



## Ka'anapali

Ka'anapali Beach has been rated "best beach in the world" multiple times. It's no surprise why. Be sure to walk down to Pu'u Keka'a (Black Rock) to snorkel and jump off the rock.

## Big Beach

There are three entrances to Big Beach that are all great. There is a park fee, but the nice thing is that there is a bunch of space for people to spread out.

Be mindful of the giant shore break in the summer.



## Hamoia

If you are feeling super adventurous and want to take a drive through Hana, Hamoia is the beach you want to spend a good chunk of the day at. You will find crystal clear waters and usually fun bodyboarding waves.





# Places to eat

## breakfast

808 Grindz Cafe- Local flavors, always a line, call in your order to-go and enjoy at the beach. \$

Dukes Beach House- Hawaii regional cuisine with a view. \$\$

Kihei Caffe- Tastes like a local home cooked meal. \$



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## lunch

Leoda's- Sandwiches and pies made 100% in house. \$\$

Tamura's Fine Wine- The best poke bowls in all the land! \$

Maui Brew Co.- Take a tour of the brewery at the Kihei location before enjoying lunch. \$\$



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Mama's Fish House - Most people go here in the evening but if you go for lunch you'll get to enjoy the oceanfront view. \$\$\$

A'a Roots- The best vegan food and drinks on Maui. \$



## dinner

Paia Fish Market- Fresh fish in a casual environment. \$\$

Isana- The absolute best and most fresh sushi on Maui. \$\$\$

Merriman's Kapalua- Make reservations before sunset to enjoy the insane sunset view. \$\$\$

Joey's Kitchen Napili- Casual sit down or takeout local food. \$

Hula Grill- Another yummy, oceanfront, Hawaiian regional cuisine restaurant. \$\$

## drinks

Monkeypod Kitchen- They use fresh squeezed juices in their cocktails. \$\$

Mala Tavern- enjoy your drinks while looking for turtles oceanfront. \$\$

## sweet treats

Ululani's Shave Ice- The fluffiest shave ice with tons of flavors and toppings to choose from. \$

Roy's- Chocolate souffle. It takes 20 minutes to cook, so grab a glass of red wine while you wait. \$\$



## *Some dos*

- Be sure to make reservations for any activities and restaurants that you want to enjoy before you come.
- Wear reef safe sunscreen.
- Take lots of photos.
- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Be respectful to the locals.
- Be considerate of other's space and private property.
- Love and take care of Maui as if it were your own.
- Take in every moment, sight, sound and feeling.



## *Some don'ts*

- Don't forget sunscreen and a hat. The sun's UV rays can be brutal, even if it's cloudy.
- Don't eat at a chain restaurant. We have so many delectable offerings you can't find anywhere else.
- Don't slow down when driving on the highway if you see something cool. Pull over instead.
- Don't turn your back to the ocean. The waves and currents can take you by surprise.
- Don't get too close or ever touch a turtle or monk seal. Both of these are protected animals who have been on the endangered list.
- Don't honk your horn or be an aggressive driver.





AS ALWAYS, I'M  
HERE FOR YOU.

If you have questions about anything in this guide or if you need more details about anything on Maui, please reach out!

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