

MAUI

The Magic Isle™

If you spent a month on Maui and did something different every day, there would not be enough time to do everything! Here are just a few of the exciting things to do on Maui. Have fun!

Watch Whales—From Dec. - May the giant humpback whales make their winter home in Maui's offshore waters. Whale watching excursions are the #1 activity during whale season. Several shoreline sites offer excellent whale watching as well.

Windsurf—Ho'okipa Beach is the windsurfer's mecca, and the charming town of Pā'ia is its capital. Rentals and instruction are available.

Hike—Walk into a rain forest, or along a rugged lava shoreline or into mysterious sea caves. There are trails to waterfalls with pools for swimming, and walks into valleys so deep they never see the sun. There are even trails into the lunaesque landscape of Haleakalā crater.

Bike—It is possible to bicycle from the East end of the island to the West end and much of the ride is along spectacular shoreline roads. There are guided downhill bicycle tours from the summit of Haleakalā to the beach. Bicycle rentals available.

Drive—Touring takes on another dimension when the road has 54 bridges in 56 miles, the Hāna Highway. Maui's roads wind along lava shores, through old plantation towns, past miles of beaches and up through towering forests.

Dive—Dive and snorkel sites are world class. There are two marine conservation areas, Honolua Bay and Molokini, a partially submerged volcanic crater. Boats at Lāhainā and Mā'alaea offer a number of snorkel and dive excursions.

Fly—See Maui from the air, helicoptering through rainbows and into inaccessible valleys streaming with waterfalls.

Dine—There are approximately 200 restaurants on Maui. They offer every experience from lavish gourmet meals to local plate lunches.

Fish—At Lāhainā and Mā'alaea Harbor, charter boats are available on private or share basis to go after big game fish.

Sail—The breezy offshore waters of Maui, sheltered by Lāna'i and Moloka'i are ideal for sailing. Try a sailboat charter, a speedy catamaran or even a sunset cruise.

Shop—The island abounds in world-class galleries, international shops and a wide range of boutiques. Many carry items unique to Hawai'i and specific to Maui.

Swim—There are more than 80 beaches on Maui. They come in sands of gold, black, green, red and purest white.

Surf—Surfers can test themselves at Ho'okipa and Slaughterhouse. Novices can sign up for surfing lessons.

Golf—There are 16 courses on Maui. Most are championship courses and host various PGA TOUR events.

Tennis—Approximately 100 courts, both public and private are open to the public. Most are lighted for night play.

Catch a train—The Lāhainā Kā'anapali and Pacific Railroad, the old Sugar Cane Train, carries passengers between the resort of Kā'anapali and the town of Lāhainā.

Get fit—It's the perfect place. Many resorts have complete spa facilities. They offer everything from computerized fitness profiles to ancient Hawaiian lomilomi massage. Gyms are also around the island.

Love a lū'au—The traditional feast of the islands. There are many beach side lū'au featuring traditional Hawaiian foods such as kālua pig and poi, along with a buffet of more familiar foods.

Sightsee—For an island in the middle of the ocean, Maui manages to have a lot of sightseeing potential. Visit old plantation towns, tour the historic district of Lāhainā, stop at old Hawaiian churches, walk into a dormant volcanic crater and marvel at natural wonders such as 'Āo Needle, the Pools of 'Ohe'o Gulch, and just miles and miles of some of the most beautiful scenery on the planet.

Horseback ride—Guided horseback rides explore Maui's ranches, rain forests, remote beaches, Haleakalā and high meadows.

