

A Guide To The Garden Isle's Food

Kaua'i may be known as the Garden Isle, but it also has plenty to offer budding foodies, thanks to Tasting Kaua'i.

The tour operator offers a range of food experiences around the island, designed to empower and support local restaurants, farmers and ranchers. There are seven tours each available on specific days of the week.

On Mon and Tue is the *Kilauea Food Tour*, exploring Kaua'i's lush North Side. Clients will sample local fruit, teas, grass-fed beef, and fresh-caught fish. On Wed the *Waimea Walking Food Tour* explores the Waimea Canyon and the beaches on the west side of the island, while sampling local food and meeting local people. Also on Wed is the *South Shore Food Tour*, which includes food inspired by Hawai'i's diverse cultures, including Japanese cuisine.

For those in Kaua'i on a Thu, the *Royal Coconut Coast Food Tour* explores the island's east side with a



focus on the food locals eat on a day-to-day basis, including stops at local hidden gems in the heart of Kapā'a. The *Hanapepe Walking Food Tour* is on a Fri, delving into the history of the town and some of the modern cuisines available. This wraps up just at the start of Hanapepe's weekly Friday Art Night.

On Sat the *Downtown Lihue Food Tour* offers the chance to learn more about the agricultural connection to food on the island, stopping at local restaurants and meeting chefs. The tours wrap up on Sun with the *Hanalei Walking Food Tour*, where participants sample food and meet the chefs, business owners, and locals that make up the community. Each tour is around three hours long, and prices are around USD114pp. See details [HERE](#).

New At Outrigger

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort has a new boss. Craig A. Waterman is the new gm at the iconic beachfront hotel. His appointment follows on from the completion of the property's USD85 million transformation. Waterman has more than two decades of hospitality experience, stepping into the top role after starting out his career in housekeeping.



Hamakua Hotel



Hamakua Hotel has made its debut on Hawai'i Island's Hamakua Coast. Set on 25 acres, the property boasts eight oceanfront rooms as well as an Estate House for groups. Experience-wise, guests will find indoor and outdoor dining, beach access, and a resort-style infinity pool. Find out more [HERE](#).

Aloha HA Fares

Hawaiian Airlines has US fares on sale to 22 Oct. Return levels ex Auckland to Los Angeles, Ontario and Long Beach, San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, are from \$1245 inclusive. Las Vegas, and Seattle fares ex AKL are from \$1585 return in G class, while return New York and Boston fares are from \$1745. The flights are for travel 16 Nov-28 Dec, 14 Jan-22 Feb and 04 Mar-30 Apr. Fares can be combined on a half return/open jaw basis, and a stopover in Honolulu is permitted at no extra fee in one direction.

Surf At Wai Kai



Wai Kai offers learn to surf sessions on its static wave for those who have never 'hung 10' before. The 45-minute sessions are available for anyone aged 10 years or older. Prices start from USD125pp. See more [HERE](#).

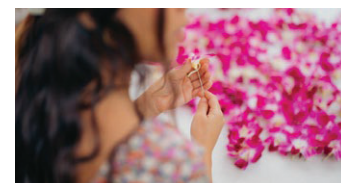
Aqua Aston Webinar



Linkd Tourism is hosting a webinar on 29 Oct, covering Aqua-Aston Hospitality's properties across the Hawaiian Islands, which include Aston Waikiki Beach Tower, Espacio, Ilikai Hotel and Luxury Suites, Aston Circle Hotel, Aston Sunset and Banyan, Kaanapali Shores and Aston at the Whaler on Kaanapali Beach.

The session will give agents updates, insights, and tools to successfully promote Hawai'i and these properties. It starts at 1330, and attendees will be in to win one of two \$50 e-gift cards. Sign up [HERE](#).

The Heritage Center



Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa's The Heritage Center, offers a range of activities every Wed, offering an insight into Hawaiian culture led by the resort's culture advisor Leilani Kupahu-Marino Kaho'ano. Highlights include learning an Hawaiian form of chanting, contemporary hula lessons, Hawaiian language lessons, history and Hawaiian floral design. For clients looking to go all out, recommend the *Traditional Featherwork Experience*, which is offered in partnership with Na Lima Milu No'eau, a third-generation Hawaiian featherwork group. Find out more [HERE](#).

The Kahala Awarded



The Kahala Hotel & Resort has been named the Best Hotel in Hawai'i in the prestigious 2024 *Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Awards*. The resort, located in Honolulu's Kahala district, offers accommodation in a range of rooms and suites, as well as multiple eateries and bars, a spa and an oceanfront pool. See details [HERE](#).

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