

# 🌺 Kauaʻi Favorites – Curated Island Guide

Here's a full list of all the things I experienced during my trip to Kauai - Ray Martinez



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## 🌴 East Side (Your Home Base) – Kapaʻa / Wailua

### 🏠 Stay:

- **Aston Islander on the Beach** – Oceanfront, cozy, and central to everything.

### ☕ Coffee & Breakfast:

- **Java Kai** – Fun vibes, colorful decor, excellent breakfast burritos and coffee

- **Positive Coffee** – Chill spot for a morning pick-me-up
- **Passion Bakery** – Try a Loco Moco, The sandwiches also hit the spot
- **Kountry Kitchen** – Local breakfast joint with generous portions
- **Kaua‘i Bakery** – Legendary for their malasadas (dessert)



#### Treats & Light Bites:

- **Holey Grail Donuts** – Unique taro donuts made fresh in coconut oil
- **Wailua Shaved Ice** – Light, fruit-forward, and not overly sweet
- **Granola House Acai** – Refreshing and energizing



#### Things to Do:

- **Lydgate Beach** – Protected waters, great for snorkeling and families
- **Wailua Falls** – Stunning double waterfall just off the roadside
- **Kaua‘i Rum Safari Tour** – Jungle ride + rum tasting = good time
- **Garden Island Coffee** – Great pit stop for beans and caffeine



## South Shore – Poipu & Koloa



#### Beaches & Bites:

- **Poipu Beach** – Snorkeling, sunsets, and sea turtles
- **Puka Dogs** – Tropical hot dogs like you’ve never had before



#### Dinner with a View:

- **The Beach House** – Dinner, drinks, and an unbeatable oceanfront sunset



## West Side – Waimea & Kokee



### Adventure & Views:

- **Waimea Canyon** – Often called the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific”
- **Kalalau Lookout** – Mesmerizing cliffs and sweeping Nā Pali views
- **Nā Pali Coast Sunset Tour (Blue Dolphin)** – Dramatic coastline, dolphins, and a golden-hour boat ride you’ll never forget



## North Shore – Princeville, Hanalei & Beyond



### Beaches & Chill:

- **Hanalei Bay** – Iconic beach framed by emerald mountains
- **Anini Beach** – Calm, shallow waters perfect for floating or snorkeling



### Food & Drink:

- **Sushi Girl** – A roadside gem for fresh, creative sushi
- **Wishing Well Coffee & Acai** – Vintage truck serving up tasty bowls and espresso
- **1 Hotel Hanalei Bay** – Go for a sunset drink, stay for the view (or splurge on dinner!)



### Gear Up:

- **Snorkel Bob’s (Princeville)** – Friendly service and reliable snorkel rentals