

MELE KAI

KONA, HAWAII

ALOHA, WELCOME TO MELE KAI

"From your moment of arrival to your time of departure, we hope you feel like a part of our 'ohana, our family. We first visited Hawaii on our honeymoon and decided to stay. We were drawn by our tremendous love of the ocean and the people who live here. 17 years later, we still believe Kona is paradise on earth and look forward to sharing it with you."

— Sona & Ben —

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BEACHES TOWARDS THE NORTH

Beaches are best in the morning

White Sands Beach AKA Magic Sands or La' Aloa Bay
1 Mile North

White Sands Beach is a convenient stop for those looking to experience both the water and delicious dining at Magic Sands Beach Grill.

Kua Bay Beach
19 Miles North

Owner's Favorite! A pristine Hawaiian beach with clear water, great waves for body surfing and boogie boarding, and plenty of sand for sunning.

Kuki'o Golf and Beach Club
19 Miles North

Great for children and families, no signage from highway.

Kekaha Kai State Park or Maniniowali Beach
19 Miles North

A secluded and small white sand beach at Kua Bay, just north of Kona. Four wheel drive is suggested.

Beach 69
36 Miles North

Great for sun, shade and snorkeling.

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Four Seasons Resort Hualalai

20 Miles North

White sand beach at The Four Seasons Resort. Various food & beverage offerings are available.

Mauna Lani Resort Beach

35 Miles North

Lovely beach with resort amenities at Mauna Lani, an Auberge Resorts Collection.

Hāpuna Resorts Beach

37 Miles North

Hāpuna Beach, located at The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort, has consistently been rated on international Top Ten lists of the islands' best beaches.

Mauna Kea Resort Beach

38.5 Miles North

A quintessential Hawaiian beach paradise. Enjoy dining options at the Mauna Kea Resort.

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BEACHES TOWARDS THE SOUTH

Beaches are best in the morning

Kahalu'u Beach Park

1 Mile South

One of the best snorkeling beaches on the island.

Two Steps at Honaunau Bay

18 Miles South

A world-class destination for snorkeling and scuba diving.

Ho'okena Beach Park (Gray Sands Beach)

19 Miles South

A favorite beach for locals, this is a great choice for swimming, snorkeling and kayaking.

Mahana Beach (Green Sands Beach)

60 Miles South + 2 Mile Trail Walk

One of the only green sands beaches in the world. Find the beach by hiking down a 2-mile trail and then descending down a ledge until you reach the sand.

Waipi'o Punalu'u (Black Sands Beach)

63 miles

Hawaii's most famous black sand beach. It is ideal for swimming, snorkeling, coastal hiking, camping (with permit), or picnicing.

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LUAUS

A luau is a traditional Hawaiian party containing a feast of popular Hawaiian dishes, traditional music and hula. It originated in 1819 when King Kamehameha broke tradition that prohibited men and women from dining together and had a feast for men and women alike. The name “luau” is in reference to the taro leaves that make an appearance in a favorite traditional meal: the leaves of the taro plant are combined with chicken and baked in coconut milk to produce the “luau.” The luau became a massive event, the largest being King Kalakaua's, “the merry monarch”, 1500 person birthday luau in 1847. The luau gained popularity internationally during the 1930s-1950s when tourism to Hawaii boomed. Hula girls with ukuleles became an icon of Hawaiian culture and people visited from far and wide to experience such a lavish party. Modern luaus display not only Hawaiian rituals but connections with other Polynesian cultures. Luaus are one of the most festive ways to experience a taste of Hawaiian history in a culturally connected world. [More information on local luaus can be found here.](#)

Island Breeze Luau

Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel
(808) 326-4969

Voyagers of the Pacific Luau

75-5852 Ali'i Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
(808) 867-3237

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SHOPPING

WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

37 Miles North

Waikoloa Village is a resort destination providing visitors with the opportunity to experience a variety of activities, cultural attractions, shopping and dining experiences. [Learn more about Waikoloa Village here.](#)

Queens Marketplace

69-201 Waikoloa Beach Drive, Waikoloa, HI 96738

This beautiful resort-style mall offers over 35 charming shops, premier dining and entertainment. Your options are unlimited, from renting any equipment you need for your adventures (Bike Works Hawaii), to supporting local businesses, to attending a beach yoga session or lei making workshop, to enjoying a free hula show. You can find it all at the Queen's Marketplace.

King's Shops

69-250 Waikoloa Beach Drive, Waikoloa, HI 96738

King's Shops is Hawaii's premier shopping center. It contains a collection of luxury brand-name stores such as Michael Kors and Tiffany & Co. as well as Hawaii's finest art galleries. Enjoy a self-guided petroglyph tour or explore the weekly farmer's market and find some fresh produce and hand-made goods.

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KEAUHOU SHOPPING CENTER

1 Mile South

78-6831 Ali'i Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Located just one mile south, Keauhou Shopping Center is where you'll find the closest grocery store, pharmacy and urgent care among other shops, restaurants and a movie theatre.

Farmers Market Saturdays: 8am-12pm

Urgent Care: (808) 322-2544

KTA Super Market: (808) 322-2311

Longs Drugs: (808) 322-6627

Movie Theatre Regal Keauhou: (808) 324-0172

[Learn more about Keauhou Shopping Center here.](#)

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RESTAURANTS

Magics Beach Grill — 77-6452 Ali'i Drive
Da Poke Shack — 76-6246 Ali'i Drive
Don's Mai Tai Bar & Restaurant — 75-5852 Ali'i Drive
Don the Beachcomber — 75-5852 Ali'i Drive
Huggo's — 75-5828 Ali'i Dr. *favorite
On The Rocks — 75-5828 Ali'i Drive
Humpy's Big Island Alehouse — 75-5815 Ali'i Drive
Fosters Kitchen — 75-5805 Ali'i Drive
Island Lava Java — 75-5801 Ali'i Drive
Outback Steak House — 75-5809 Ali'i Drive
Sushi Shiono — 75-5799 Ali'i Drive
Thai Rin Restaurant — 75-5799 Ali'i Drive C1
Gecko Girlz Shaved Ice — 75-5595 Palani Rd.
A-Bay's on Alii — 75-5799 Ali'i Drive
Kai Eats & Drinks — 75-5776 Ali'i Drive
Kamana Indian Cuisine — 75-5770 Ali'i Drive
Papa Kona — 75-5770 Ali'i Drive
Kona Inn Restaurant — 75-5744 Ali'i Drive
Kona Canoe House — 75-5744 Alii Drive
Puncho & Lefty's Cantina — 75-5725 Ali'i Drive
Gertrude's Jazz & Bar — 75-5699 Ali'i Drive
Fish Hopper Seafood & Steaks — 75-5683 Ali'i Drive
Big Kahuna Beach Grill — 75-5663 Palani Rd.

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TK Noodle House Kona — 75-5722 Hanama Pl. Ste 1103

Krua Thai Cuisine — 75-5705 Kuakini Hwy

Jackie Rey's Ohana Grill — 75-5995 Kuakini Hwy *favorite

La Bourgogne French Restaurant — 77-6400 Nalani St.

Kona Brewing Company — 74-5612 Pawai Pl.

Cheers Tapas Bar — 74-5563 Kaiwi St.

HiCO – Hawaiian Coffee — 74-5599 Pawai Pl. Ste. B3

Izakaya Shiono Kona — 74-5599 Pawai Pl.

Willie's Hot Chicken — 74-5599 Pawai Pl.

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RESTAURANTS - RESORTS

FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI

20 Miles North

[Learn more and make reservations here.](#)

Beach Tree — Californian with Italian influence

'Ulu Ocean Grill — Locally sourced seafood

Hualalai Grille — Steakhouse

'Ulu Sushi Lounge — Sushi and Cocktails

MAUNA LANI, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION

34 Miles North

[Learn more and make reservations here.](#)

CanoeHouse — Oceanfront with farm-to-table cuisine

HāLani — Island inspired breakfast, lunch and dinner

Hā Bar and Grill — Lighter fare and craft cocktails

FAIRMONT ORCHID HAWAII

34 Miles North

[Learn more and make reservations here.](#)

Brown's Beach House — Fine dining with magnificent views

Binchotan Bar & Grill — Traditional northern Japanese grill

MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL

39 Miles North

[Learn more and make reservations here.](#)

Manta — Locally sourced specials and award-winning wines

Copper Bar — Contemporary cuisine and creative cocktails

Hau Tree — Relaxed, beachside lunch menu

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[Hawaii Islands home page](#) offers a grand overview of the islands, things to do, areas to explore, and foods to eat.

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