

## Exploring Kauai By Kayak, Boat & Tube



**Kauai may be known for its lush scenery, but the Garden Isle also boasts a wide range of water activities from kayaking and surfing to whale watching and more.**

Kauai features the only navigable rivers in Hawaii and the Wailua River along the east coast is the most popular choice for kayakers; while the Huleia River from Nawiliwili Harbor in Lihue, as well as the Hanalei River on the North Shore, are also recommended. Clients seeking a challenge can attempt ocean kayaking, with the go to spots including the South Shore's Poipu to Port Allen course, and the 17-mile Napali Coast route, for which a guide is a must. It wouldn't be a Hawaii holiday without surfing; for beginner-friendly

waves, send clients to Poipu and Kalapaki, while the experienced can attempt the island's North Shore breaks, which attract world champion surfers every Nov-Feb.

The island also offers stand-up paddle boarding, with Hanalei Bay, Poipu Beach or Kalapaki Beach popular for calm waters; and board rentals and lessons easily are available throughout the island.

Those Hawaii-bound Dec to May can add whale watching to their itinerary, with humpback whales migrating to Hawaiian waters every year to breed and give birth to new calves. Clients can schedule a tour or charter a boat, or head to popular land-based vantage points such as Poipu Beach, Kilauea Lighthouse and the Napali Coast's Kalalau Trail on the North Shore.

### Diamond Head Update



Effective from 18 Jul, reservations for Diamond Head State Park can now be made up to 30 days in advance. The park is open daily 0600-1600, with entry starting from USD5pp, plus USD10 per vehicle. For details or to make a reservation, see [HERE](#).

### ... Underwater

For those looking to explore Kauai's marine life, there are also numerous snorkelling and scuba spots for agents to recommend.

Send clients keen on snorkelling to the North Shore, with the reefs off Kee Beach and Haena Beach Park the go-to, as well as Anini Beach and Makua Beach in Haena. On the East Side, Lydgate Beach Park is recommended, as well as Poipu Beach State Park on the South Shore. For scuba, the top spots include Hanalei, Kee Beach, or Poipu Beach.

### TAAP Hawaii Webinars



The next Expedia TAAP Hawaii webinar is being held on 03 Aug from 10:30. Agents can hear the latest Hawaii news from Hawai'i Tourism Oceania's Darragh Walshe, who is just back from a trip to the rainbow state. Hawaii's main islands will be covered in the update including Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, L na'i, Maui, and the Island of Hawai'i. Register [HERE](#). Agents who missed Expedia TAAP's Hawaii webinar, held in conjunction with Marriott and Hawaiian Airlines can watch a recording of the session [HERE](#) to upskill on the latest from HA and Marriott's Hawaii portfolio.

### Breakfast On The Beach



The new Queen's Arbor at Alohilani Resort offers clients breakfast served with an insight into Hawaiian culture. The eatery has launched a sunrise breakfast and Hawaiian cultural storytelling experience, daily at 0830 across from hotel on Kuhio Beach.

It includes a farm-to-table sustainably sourced breakfast, with Hawaiian dishes such as curried Kauai shrimp and Wailua baked eggs, as well as the chance to hear from local artisans. Prices start from USD49+, and reservations are required. See more details [HERE](#).

### Living Like A Local: Lauren's Top Oahu Trail Tip



For clients looking to explore Oahu local-style, Lauren Rawlins from the Marriott Waikiki Beach is sharing one of her family favourite outings. Every week Lauren and her young son Minco head off to do the Pu'u Ma'eli'eli Trail walk near Kaneohe (pictured above). The 3.7 km hike takes around 90 mins to complete, is family-friendly and is open year-round. See more and directions to the trail [HERE](#).

On the way back Lauren also recommends a stop-off at Sunset Bowls food truck 'for an acai bowl that is made with locally sourced ingredients, not the usual acai bowls with berries that don't grow in Hawaii, these are full of bananas, mango, papaya and pineapple', as pictured inset. For the directions click [HERE](#). Lauren will be at next month's Aloha Down Under event to update agents on the new-look Marriott Waikiki Beach Resort.

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