

The Best of Maui

Maui, also called the Valley Isle, is just a small dot in the vast Pacific Ocean, but it has the potential to offer visitors unforgettable experiences: floating weightless through rainbows of tropical fish, standing atop a 10,000-foot volcano watching the sunrise color the sky, listening to the raindrops in a bamboo forest.

Whether you want to experience the “real” Hawaii, go on a heart-pounding adventure, or simply relax on the beach, this book is designed to help you create the vacation of your dreams.

It can be bewildering to plan your trip with so many options vying for your attention; to make your task easier, this chapter highlights what I consider the very best that Maui has to offer.

1 The Best Beaches

- **D. T. Fleming Beach Park:** This quiet, out-of-the-way beach cove, located north of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, starts at the 16th hole of the Kapalua golf course (Makalua-puna Point) and rolls around to the sea cliffs on the other side. Ironwood trees provide shade on the land side. Offshore, a shallow sandbar extends out to the edge of the surf. Generally, the waters are good for swimming and snorkeling, but sometimes, off near the sea cliffs, the waves are big enough to suit body boarders and surfers. See p. 156.
- **Kapalua Beach:** On an island of many great beaches, this one takes the prize. A golden crescent with swaying palms protected from strong winds and currents by two outstretched lava-rock promontories, Kapalua has calm waters that are perfect for snorkeling, swimming, and kayaking. Even though it borders the Kapalua Bay Hotel, the beach is long enough for everyone to enjoy. Facilities include showers, restrooms, and lifeguards. See p. 157.
- **Kaanapali Beach:** Four-mile-long Kaanapali stands out as one of Maui’s best beaches, with grainy gold sand as far as the eye can see. Most of the beach parallels the sea channel, and a paved beach walk links hotels and condos, open-air restaurants, and the Whalers Village shopping center. Summer-time swimming is excellent. The best snorkeling is around Black Rock, in front of the Sheraton; the water is clear, calm, and populated with brilliant tropical fish. See p. 157.
- **Wailea Beach:** This is the best gold-sand, crescent-shaped beach on Maui’s sunbaked southwestern coast. One of five beaches within Wailea Resort, Wailea is big, wide, and protected on both sides by black-lava points. It serves as the front yard for the Four Seasons Wailea, Maui’s most elegant hotel, and the Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, its most outrageous.

From the beach, the view out to sea is magnificent, framed by neighboring Kahoolawe and Lanai and the tiny crescent of Molokini. The clear waters tumble to shore in waves just the right size for gentle riding, with or without a board. While all the beaches on the west and south coasts are great for spotting whales and watching sunsets, Wailea, with its fairly flat sandy beach that gently slopes down to the ocean, provides exceptionally good whale-watching from shore in season (Dec–Apr), as well as unreal sunsets nightly. See p. 160.

- **Maluaka Beach (Makena Beach):** On the southern end of Maui's resort coast, development falls off dramatically, leaving a wild, dry countryside punctuated by green kiawe trees. The wide, palm-fringed crescent of golden sand is set between two black-lava points and bounded by big sand dunes topped by a grassy knoll. Makena can be perfect for swimming when it's flat and placid, but it can also offer excellent bodysurfing when the waves come rolling in. Or, if you prefer, it can be a place of serenity, with vistas of Molokini Crater and Kahoolawe off in the distance. See p. 160.
- **Waianapanapa State Park:** In east Maui, a few miles from Hana, the 120 acres of this state park offer 12 cabins, a caretaker's residence, a picnic area, a shoreline hiking trail, and, best of all, a black-sand beach (actually small black pebbles).

Swimming is generally unsafe, though, due to strong waves breaking offshore, which roll into the beach unchecked, and strong rip currents. But it's a great spot for picnicking, hiking along the shore, and simply sitting and relaxing. See p. 162.

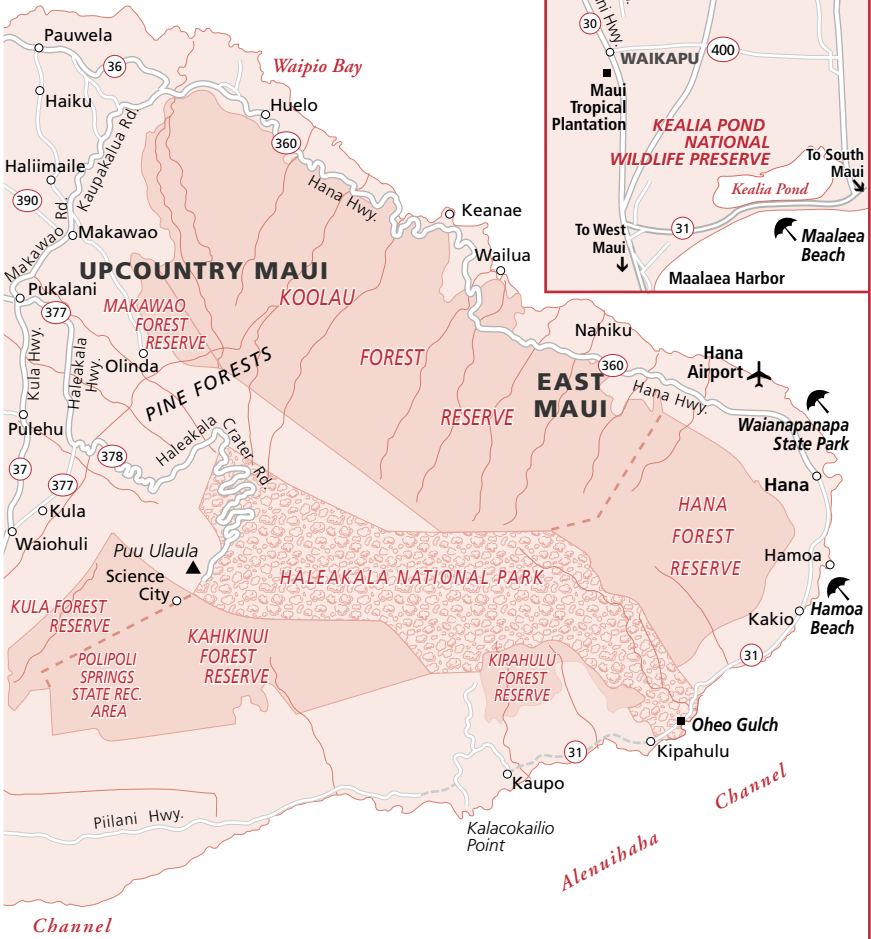
- **Hamoia Beach:** This half-moon-shaped, gray-sand beach (a mix of coral and lava) in a truly tropical setting is a favorite among sunbathers, snorkelers, and bodysurfers in Hana. The 100-foot-wide beach is three football fields long and sits below 30-foot black-lava sea cliffs. An unprotected beach open to the ocean, Hamoia is often swept by powerful rip currents. Surf breaks offshore and rolls ashore, making it a popular surfing and bodysurfing area. The calm left side is best for snorkeling in the summer. See p. 162.
- **Hulopoe Beach (Lanai):** This golden, palm-fringed beach off the south coast of Lanai gently slopes down to the azure waters of a Marine Life Conservation District, where clouds of tropical fish flourish and spinner dolphins come to play. A tide pool in the lava rocks defines one side of the bay, while the other is lorded over by the Manele Bay Hotel, which sits prominently on the hill above. Offshore, you'll find good swimming, snorkeling, and diving; onshore, there's a full complement of beach facilities, from restrooms to camping areas. See p. 294.

2 The Best Maui Experiences

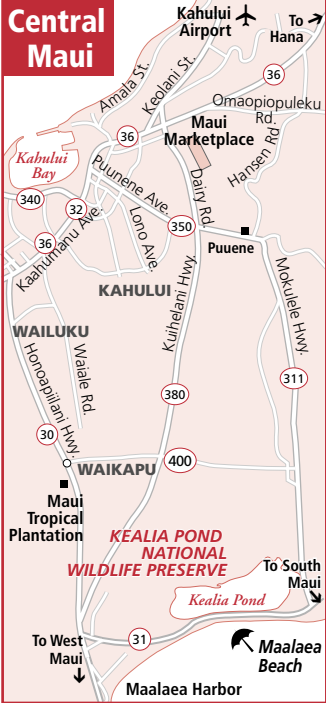
- **Taking the Plunge:** Don mask, fins, and snorkel, and explore the magical world beneath the surface of the ocean, where kaleidoscopic clouds of tropical fish flutter by exotic corals; a sea turtle might even come over to check you out.

Molokini is everyone's favorite snorkeling destination, but the shores of Maui are lined with magical spots as well. Can't swim? No problem: Hop on the **Atlantis Submarine** (☎ 800/548-6262) for a plunge beneath the waves

PACIFIC OCEAN



Central Maui



without getting wet. See “Watersports” in chapter 6 and “By Air, Land & Sea: Guided Island Adventures” in chapter 7.

- **Hunting for Whales on Land:** No need to shell out megabucks to go out to sea in search of humpback whales—you can watch these majestic mammals breach and spy hop from shore. I recommend scenic McGregor Point, at mile marker 9 along Honoapiilani Highway, just outside Maalaea in South Maui. The humpbacks arrive as early as November, but the majority travel through Maui’s waters from mid-December to mid-April. See “Watersports” in chapter 6.
- **Watching the Windsurfers:** Sit on a grassy bluff or stretch out on the sandy beach at Hookipa, on the north shore, and watch the world’s top-ranked windsurfers twirling and dancing on the wind and waves like colorful butterflies. World championship contests are held at Hookipa, one of the greatest windsurfing spots on the planet. See “Watersports” in chapter 6 and “Driving the Road to Hana” in chapter 7.
- **Experiencing Maui’s History:** Wander the historic streets of the old whaling town of Lahaina, where the 1800s are alive and well thanks to the efforts of the Lahaina Restoration Society. Drive the scenic Kahekili Highway, where the preserved village of Kahakuloa looks much as it did a century ago. Stand in awe at Piilanihale, Hawaii’s largest *heiau* (temple), located just outside Hana. See “Lahaina & West Maui” in chapter 7.
- **Greeting the Rising Sun from Haleakala’s Summit:** Bundle up in warm clothing, fill a thermos full of hot java, and drive up to the summit to watch the sky turn from inky black to muted charcoal as a small sliver of orange forms on the horizon. Standing at 10,000 feet, breathing in the rarified air, and watching the first rays of light streak across the sky is a mystical experience of the first magnitude. See “House of the Sun: Haleakala National Park” in chapter 7.
- **Exploring a Different Hawaii—Upcountry Maui:** On the slopes of Haleakala, cowboys, farmers, ranchers, and other country people make their homes in serene, neighboring communities like Makawao, Kula, and Ulupalakua—worlds away from the bustling beach resorts. Acres of onions, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, cabbage, and flowers cover the hillsides. Maui’s only winery is located here, offering the perfect place for a picnic and a chance to sample the tropical varieties of paradise. See “More in Upcountry Maui” in chapter 7.
- **Driving Through a Tropical Rainforest:** The Hana Highway is not just a “drive” but an adventure: Stop along the way to plunge into icy mountain ponds filled by cascading waterfalls; gaze upon vistas of waves pummeling soaring ocean cliffs; inhale the sweet aroma of blooming ginger; and take a walk back in time, catching a glimpse of what Hawaii looked like before concrete condos and fast-food joints washed ashore. See “Driving the Road to Hana” in chapter 7.
- **Taking a Day Trip to Lanai:** From Lahaina, join **Trilogy Excursions’ snorkel cruise** to Lanai (☎ 800/874-2666), or take the Expeditions Lahaina/Lanai Passenger Ferry over and rent a four-wheel-drive Jeep on your own. It’s a two-for-one island experience: Board in Lahaina Harbor and

admire Maui from offshore, then get off at Lanai and go snorkeling in the clear waters, tour the tiny

former plantation island, and catch the last ferry home. See chapter 11.

3 The Best Adventures

Branch out while you're in Maui; do something you wouldn't normally do—after all, you're on vacation. Below is a list of adventures I highly recommend. Some are a bit pricey, but these splurges are worth every penny.

- **Scuba Diving:** You're in love with snorkeling and the chance to view the underwater world, but it's just not enough—you want to get closer and see even more. Take an introductory scuba dive; after a brief lesson on how to use the diving equipment, you'll plunge into the deep to swim with the tropical fish and go eyeball to eyeball with other marine critters. See "Watersports" in chapter 6.
 - **Skimming over the Ocean in a Kayak:** Glide silently over the water, hearing only the sound of your paddle dipping beneath the surface. This is the way the early Hawaiians traveled along the coastline. You'll be eye level and up close and personal with the ocean and the coastline, exploring areas you can't get to any other way. Venture out on your own, or go with an experienced guide—either way, you won't be sorry. See "Watersports" in chapter 6.
 - **Exploring a Lava Tube:** Most people come to Maui to get outdoors and soak up some Hawaiian sunshine, but don't miss the opportunity to see firsthand how volcanic islands were formed. With **Maui Cave Adventures** (☎ 808/248-7308), you can hike into the subterranean passages of a huge, extinct lava tube with 40-foot ceilings—an offbeat adventure and a geology lesson you won't soon forget. See "Biking,
- Horseback Riding & Other Outdoor Activities" in chapter 6.
- **Seeing the Stars from Inside a Volcanic Crater:** Driving up to see the sunrise is a trip you'll never forget, but to *really* experience Haleakala, plan to hike in and spend the night. To get a feel for why the ancient Hawaiians considered this one of the most sacred places on the island, you simply have to wander into the heart of the dormant volcano, where you'll find some 27 miles of hiking trails, two camping sites, and three cabins. See "Hiking & Camping" in chapter 6 and "House of the Sun: Haleakala National Park" in chapter 7.
 - **Hiking to a Waterfall:** There are waterfalls, and there are waterfalls; the magnificent 400-foot Waimoku Falls, in Oheo Gulch outside of Hana, are worth the long drive and the uphill hike you have to take to get there. The falls are surrounded by lush green ferns and wild orchids, and you can even stop to take a dip in the pool at the top of Makahiku Falls on the way. See "Hiking & Camping" in chapter 6.
 - **Flying over the Remote West Maui Mountains:** Your helicopter streaks low over razor-thin cliffs, then flutters past sparkling waterfalls and down into the canyons and valleys of the inaccessible West Maui Mountains. There's so much beauty to absorb that it all goes by in a rush. You'll never want to stop flying over this spectacular, surreal landscape—and it's the only way to see the dazzling beauty of the prehistoric area of

Maui. See “By Air, Land & Sea: Guided Island Adventures” in chapter 7.

- **Taking a Drive on the Wild Side:** Mother Nature’s wild side, that is—on the Kahekili Highway on Maui’s northeast coast. This back-to-nature experience will take you past ancient Hawaiian *heiau* (temples); along steep ravines; and by rolling pastures, tumbling waterfalls, exploding blowholes, crashing surf, and jagged lava coastlines. You’ll wander through the tiny Hawaiian village of Kahakuloa and around the “head” of Maui to the Marine Life Conservation Area of Honolua-Mokuleia and on to the resort of Kapalua. You’ll remember this

adventure for years. See “Lahaina & West Maui” in chapter 7.

- **Riding a Mule to Kalaupapa:** Even if you have only 1 day to spend on Molokai, spend it on a mule. The **Molokai Mule Ride** (☎ 800/567-7550) trek from “topside” Molokai to the Kalaupapa National Historic Park (Father Damien’s world-famous leper colony) is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. The cliffs are taller than 300-story skyscrapers, and the narrow 3-mile trail includes 26 dizzying switchbacks, but Buzzy Sproat has never lost one of his trustworthy mules (or any riders) on the difficult trail. The mules make the trek daily, rain or shine. See “Seeing the Sights” in chapter 10.

4 The Best of Underwater Maui

An entirely different Maui greets anyone with a face mask, snorkel, and fins. Under the sea, you’ll find schools of brilliant tropical fish, green sea turtles, quick-moving game fish, slack-jawed moray eels, and prehistoric-looking coral. It’s a kaleidoscope of color and wonder.

- **Black Rock:** This spot, located on the Kaanapali Beach just off the Sheraton Maui Resort, is excellent for beginner snorkelers during the day and for scuba divers at night. Schools of fish congregate at the base of the rock and are so used to snorkelers that they go about their business as if no one were around. If you take the time to look closely at the crannies of the rock, you’ll find lion fish in fairly shallow water. At night (when a few outfitters run night dives here), lobsters, Spanish dancers, and eels come out. See “Kaanapali Beach” under “Beaches” in chapter 6.
- **Olowalu:** When the wind is blowing and the waves are crashing everywhere else, Olowalu, the small area 5 miles south of Lahaina, can be a scene of total calm—perfect for snorkeling and diving. You’ll find a good snorkeling area around mile marker 14. You might have to swim about 50 to 75 feet; when you get to the large field of finger coral in 10 to 15 feet of water, you’re there. You’ll see a turtle-cleaning station here, where turtles line up to have small cleaner wrasses pick off small parasites. This is also a good spot to see crown-of-thorns starfish, puffer fish, and lots of juvenile fish. See “Watersports” in chapter 6 and “Lahaina & West Maui” in chapter 7.
- **Hawaiian Reef:** Scuba divers love this area off the Kihei-Wailea coast because it has a good cross-section of topography and marine life typical of Hawaiian waters. Diving to depths of 85 feet, you’ll see everything from lava formations and coral reef to sand and

ubble, plus a diverse range of both shallow- and deep-water creatures. See the box “An Expert Shares His Secrets: Maui’s Best Dives” in chapter 6.

- **Third Tank:** Scuba divers looking for a photo opportunity will find it at this artificial reef, located off Makena Beach at 80 feet. This World War II tank acts like a fish magnet—because it’s the only large solid object in the area, any fish or invertebrate looking for a safe home comes here. Surrounding the tank is a cloak of schooling snappers and goatfish just waiting for a photographer with a wide-angle lens. It’s small, but the Third Tank is loaded with more marine life per square inch than any site off Maui. See the box “An Expert Shares His Secrets: Maui’s Best Dives” in chapter 6.
- **Molokini:** Shaped like a crescent moon, this islet’s shallow concave side serves as a sheltering backstop against sea currents for tiny tropical fish; on its opposite side is a

deep-water cliff inhabited by spiny lobsters, moray eels, and white-tipped sharks. Neophyte snorkelers report to the concave side; experienced scuba divers, the cliff side. Either way, the clear water and abundant marine life make this islet off the Makena coast one of Hawaii’s most popular dive spots. See “Watersports” in chapter 6.

- **Ahihi-Kinau Natural Preserve:** Fishing is strictly *kapu* (forbidden) in Ahihi Bay (at the end of the road in South Maui), and the fish seem to know it; they’re everywhere in this series of rocky coves and black-lava tide pools. The black, barren, lunarlike land stands in stark contrast to the green-blue water, which is home to a sparkling mosaic of tropical fish. Scuba divers might want to check out **La Pérouse Pinnacle** in the middle of La Pérouse Bay; clouds of damsel fish and triggerfish will greet you on the surface. See “Watersports” in chapter 6.

5 The Best Golf Courses

- **Kaanapali Courses** (☎ 808/661-3691): All golfers, from high handicappers to near-pros, will love these two challenging courses. The North Course is a true Robert Trent Jones, Jr. design: an abundance of wide bunkers; several long, stretched-out tees; and the largest, most contoured greens on Maui. The South Course is an Arthur Jack Snyder design; although shorter than the North Course, it does require more accuracy on the narrow, hilly fairways. Just like its sibling course, it has a water hazard on its final hole, so don’t tally up your score card until you sink your final putt. See p. 181.
- **Kapalua Resort Courses** (☎ 877/527-2582): Kapalua is probably the best nationally known golf resort in Hawaii, due to the PGA Kapalua Mercedes played here each January. The Bay Course and the Village Course are vintage Arnold Palmer designs; the new Plantation Course is a strong entry from Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore. All sit on Maui’s windswept northwestern shore, at the rolling foothills of Puu Kukui, the summit of the West Maui Mountains. See p. 181.
- **Wailea Courses** (☎ 888/328-MAUI): On the sunbaked south shore of Maui stands Wailea Resort, *the* hot spot for golf in the

islands. You'll find great golf at these three resort courses: The Blue course is an Arthur Jack Snyder design, and the Emerald and Gold courses are both by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. All boast outstanding views of the Pacific and the mid-Hawaiian Islands. See p. 182.

- **Makena Courses** (☎ 808/879-3344): Here you'll find 36 holes by "Mr. Hawaii Golf"—Robert Trent Jones, Jr.—at his best. Add to that spectacular views: Molokini islet looms in the background, humpback whales gambol offshore in winter, and the tropical sunsets are spectacular. The South Course has magnificent views (bring your camera) and is kinder to golfers who haven't played for a while. The North Course is more difficult but also more stunning. The 13th hole, located partway up the mountain, has a view that makes

most golfers stop and stare. The next hole is even more memorable: a 200-foot drop between tee and green. See p. 182.

- **The Lanai Courses:** For quality and seclusion, nothing in Hawaii can touch Lanai's two golf-resort offerings. **The Experience at Koele** (☎ 800/321-4666), designed by Ted Robinson and Greg Norman, and **The Challenge at Manele** (☎ 800/321-4666), a wonderful Jack Nicklaus course with ocean views from every hole, both rate among Hawaii's best courses. Both are tremendous fun to play, with The Experience featuring the par-four 8th hole, which drops some 150 yards from tee to fairway, and The Challenge boasting the par-three 12th, which plays from one cliff side to another over a Pacific inlet—one of the most stunning holes in Hawaii. See p. 298.

6 The Best Luxury Hotels & Resorts

- **Ritz-Carlton Kapalua** (☎ 800/262-8440 or 808/669-6200; www.ritzcarlton.com): With its great location, style, and loads of hospitality, this is the best Ritz anywhere. Situated on the coast below the picturesque West Maui Mountains, this grand, breezy hotel overlooks the Pacific and Molokai across the channel. The natural setting, on an old coastal pineapple plantation, is the picture of tranquillity. The service is legendary; the golf courses are daunting; and the nearby beaches are perfect for snorkeling, diving, and just relaxing. See p. 101.
- **Sheraton Maui** (☎ 800/782-9488 or 808/661-0031; www.sheraton-maui.com): Offering the best location on Kaanapali Beach, recent renovations, and a great "hassle-free" experience, the Sheraton is my pick of Kaanapali

hotels. This is the place for travelers who just want to arrive, have everything ready for them, and get on with their vacation. (Sheraton has a "no-hassle" check-in: The valet takes you and your luggage straight to your room, which means no time wasted standing in line at registration.) See p. 92.

- **Kaanapali Alii** (☎ 800/642-6284 or 808/661-3330; www.kaanapali-ali.com): The height of luxury, these oceanfront condominium units (right on Kaanapali Beach) combine all the amenities of a luxury hotel (including a 24-hr. front desk) with the convenience of a condominium. One-bedroom units (1,500 sq. ft.) start at \$350 for four. The beachside recreation area includes a swimming pool, plus a separate children's pool, whirlpool, gas barbecue grills and picnic areas, exercise

rooms, saunas, and tennis courts. See p. 92.

- **Hyatt Regency Maui** (☎ 800/233-1234 or 808/661-1234; www.maui.hyatt.com): Spa-goers will love Hawaii's only oceanfront spa. The 806 rooms of this fantasy resort have undergone \$19 million in renovations. Spread out among three towers, the rooms have very comfortable separate sitting areas and private lanais with eye-popping views. This huge place covers some 40 acres; even if you don't stay here, you might want to walk through the expansive tree-filled atrium and the parklike grounds. See p. 89.
- **Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea** (☎ 800/334-MAUI [6284] or 808/874-8000; www.fshr.com): This is the ultimate beach hotel for latter-day royals, offering excellent cuisine, spacious rooms, gracious service, and Wailea Beach—one of Maui's best gold-sand beaches—right outside the front door. Every room has at least a partial ocean view from a private lanai. The luxury suites are as big as some Honolulu condos, and full of marble and deluxe appointments. See p. 110.
- **Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa** (☎ 800/888-6100 or 808/875-1234; www.grandwailea.com): There's nothing subtle or understated about it, but many travelers adore this over-the-top fantasy resort. It has 10,000 tropical plants in the lobby; a fabulous pool with slides, waterfalls, and rapids; Hawaii's largest spa; plush oceanview rooms; and a superb location on a gorgeous stretch of beach. See p. 111.
- **The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui** (☎ 800/659-4100 or 808/875-4100; www.kealani.com): This all-suite luxury hotel in Wailea has 840-square-foot suites featuring kitchenettes with microwaves and coffeemakers; living rooms with high-tech media centers and pull-out sofa beds (great if you have the kids in tow); marble wet bars; and spacious bedrooms. The oversize marble bathrooms have separate showers big enough for a party. Large lanais off the bedrooms and living rooms overlook the pools and lawns, with views that sweep right down to the white-sand beach. See p. 110.
- **Hotel Hana-Maui** (☎ 800/321-HANA or 808/248-8211; www.hotelhanamaui.com): Picture Shangri-La, Hawaiian-style: 66 acres rolling down to the sea in a remote Hawaiian village, with a wellness center, two pools, and access to one of the best beaches in Hana. This is the atmosphere, the landscape, and the culture of old Hawaii set in the latest accommodations of the 21st century. A white-sand beach just a 5-minute shuttle away, top-notch wellness center, and numerous activities (horseback riding, mountain bicycles, tennis, pitch and putt golf) all add up to make this one of the top resorts in the state. See p. 121.
- **The Lodge at Koele** (Lanai; ☎ 800/321-4666; www.lanai-resorts.com): The Lodge, as folks here call it, stands in a 21-acre grove of Norfolk Island pines at 1,700 feet above sea level, 8 miles inland from any beach. The 102-room resort resembles a grand English country estate. Inside, heavy timbers, beamed ceilings, and the two huge stone fireplaces of the Great Hall complete the look. The guest rooms continue the English theme with four-poster beds, sitting areas (complete with window seats), flowery

wallpaper, formal writing desks, and luxury bathrooms with over-size tubs. There are plenty of

activities here and at the sister resort down the hill, on the ocean, the Manele Bay Resort. See p 288.

7 The Best Moderately Priced Accommodations

- **Napili Kai Beach Resort** (☎ 800/367-5030 or 808/669-6271; www.napilikai.com): Nestled in its own private white-sand cove, this property gives you a chance to experience what Maui was like 30 years ago. Composed of a range of units (from hotel rooms to 2-bedroom suites), Napili Kai has all the comforts of home (including full kitchens), plus a restaurant on the property, and it's within walking distance to Kapalua's top restaurants, shops, golf, and tennis. Prices start at \$190. See p. 94.
- **Kahana Sunset** (☎ 800/669-1488 or 808/669-8011; www.kahanasunset.com): This is a great choice for families, featuring a series of wooden condo units stair-stepping down the side of a hill to a postcard-perfect white-sand beach. The units feature full kitchens, washers/dryers, large lanais with terrific views, and sleeper sofas (starting at \$130 for 4). See p. 97.
- **Lahaina Inn** (☎ 800/669-3444 or 808/661-0577; www.lahaina.inn.com): If the romance of historic Lahaina catches your fancy, a stay here will really complete the experience. Built in 1938 as a general store, it has been restored as a charming, Victorian antique-filled inn right in the heart of town, with rooms as low as \$119. Downstairs you'll find one of Hawaii's most popular storefront bistros, David Paul's Lahaina Grill. See p. 86.
- **Plantation Inn** (☎ 800/433-6815 or 808/667-9225; www.theplantationinn.com): Attention romantic couples: You need look no further. This charming Lahaina hotel looks like it's been here 100 years or more, but looks can be deceiving. The Victorian-style inn is actually of 1990s vintage—an artful deception. The rooms are romantic to the max, tastefully done with period furniture, hardwood floors, stained glass, ceiling fans, and four-poster canopy beds. The rooms wrap around the large pool and deck; also on-site are a spa and an elegant pavilion lounge, where breakfast is served, all starting at \$157 double. See p. 87.
- **Maui Coast Hotel** (☎ 800/895-MAUI or 808/874-6284; www.mauicoasthotel.com): This off-beach mid-rise is one of the only moderately priced hotels in Kihei (though the Kihei area has lots of affordable condo complexes). One chief advantage of this hotel is its location: It's about a block from Kamaole Beach Park I, with plenty of bars, restaurants, and shopping within walking distance (Jamison's Grill & Bar is next door). A \$2.5 million renovation of all the furniture and soft goods in the rooms plus the remodeled public areas (lobby, pool, restaurant, bar) have made this moderate hotel into a luxury resort with a reasonable price tag (starting at \$165). See p. 105.
- **Punahoa Beach Apartments** (☎ 800/564-4380 or 808/879-2720; www.punahoa.com): This small ocean-side Kihei condo complex is hidden on a quiet side street; the grassy lawn out front rolls about 50 feet down to the beach. You'll find great snorkeling just offshore and a popular surfing spot next door, with shopping and

restaurants all within walking distance. Every well-decorated unit features a lanai with fabulous ocean views, from \$94. See p.106.

- **Paniolo Hale** (Molokai; ☎ 800/367-2984 or 808/552-2731; www.paniolohaleresort.com): This is far and away Molokai's most charming lodging, and probably its best value. The two-story Old Hawaii ranch-house design is airy and homey, with oak floors and walls of folding-glass doors that open to huge screened verandas. The whole place overlooks the Kaluakoi Golf Course, a green

barrier that separates these condos (which start at \$95 for two) from the rest of Kaluakoi Resort. See p. 256.

- **Hotel Lanai** (Lanai; ☎ 800/795-7211 or 808/565-7211; www.hotellanai.com): Lanai's only budget lodging is a simple, down-home, plantation-era relic that has recently been Laura Ashley-ized. The Hotel Lanai is homey, funky, and fun—and, best of all, a real bargain (starting at \$105 for two) compared to its ritzy neighbors. See p. 289.

8 The Best Bed & Breakfasts

- **Old Wailuku Inn at Ulupono** (☎ 800/305-4899 or 808/244-5897; www.mauinn.com): Located in historic Wailuku, the most charming town in central Maui, this restored 1924 former plantation manager's home is the place to stay if you're looking for a night in the old Hawaii of the 1920s. The guest rooms are wide and spacious, with exotic ohia-wood floors and traditional Hawaiian quilts, starting at \$120. The morning meal is a full gourmet breakfast served on the enclosed back lanai, or on a tray delivered to your room if you prefer. See p. 83.
- **Guest House** (☎ 800/621-8942 or 808/661-8085; www.mauiguesthouse.com): This is one of the great bed-and-breakfast deals in Lahaina: a charming inn offering more amenities than the expensive Kaanapali hotels just down the road. The spacious home features floor-to-ceiling windows, parquet floors, and a large swimming pool. Guest rooms have quiet lanais and romantic hot tubs. Breakfasts are a gourmet affair. All units are \$129 double. See p. 89.
- **Two Mermaids on the Sunnyside of Maui B&B** (☎ 800/262-9912 or 808/985-7488; www.bestbnb.com): Two avid scuba divers are the hosts at this very friendly Kihei B&B, professionally decorated in brilliant, tropical colors, complete with hand-painted art of the island (above and below the water) in a quiet neighborhood just a short 10-minute walk from the beach. Comfy rooms from \$115 with breakfast. See p. 109.
- **What a Wonderful World B&B** (☎ 800/943-5804 or 808/879-9103; www.amauibedandbreakfast.com): Another one of Kihei's best B&Bs offers a great central location in town—just a half mile to Kamaole II Beach Park, 5 minutes from Wailea golf courses, and convenient to shopping and restaurants. All rooms boast cooking facilities and private entrances, bathrooms, and phones. A family-style breakfast (eggs Benedict, Alaskan waffles, skillet eggs with mushroom sauce, fruit blintzes) is served on the lanai, which has views of white-sand beaches, the West Maui Mountains, and Haleakala. From \$75. See p. 109.

- **Nona Lani Cottages** (☎ 800/733-2688 or 808/879-2497; www.nonalanicottages.com): Picture this: a grassy expanse dotted with eight cottages tucked among palm, fruit, and sweet-smelling flower trees, right across the street from a white-sand beach. This is one of the great hidden deals in Kihei. The cottages are tiny but contain everything you'll need. At \$75 a night, this is a deal. See p. 108.
- **Wild Ginger Falls** (☎ 808/573-1173; www.wildgingerfalls.com): This cozy, romantic, intimate cottage, hidden in Miliko Gulch, just outside of Haliimaile, overlooks a stream with a waterfall, bamboo, sweet-smelling ginger and banana trees. It's perfect for honeymooners, lovers, and fans of Hawaiian art. You will be delighted at the carefully placed memorabilia throughout this 400-square-foot artistically decorated Hawaiian cottage (with additional 156-sq.-ft. screened deck). Priced at \$125 double. See p. 118.
- **Olinda Country Cottages & Inn** (☎ 800/932-3435 or 808/572-1453; www.mauibnbcottages.com): Breathe the crisp, clean air of Olinda at this charming B&B, located on an 8½-acre protea farm on the slopes of Haleakala and surrounded by 35,000 acres of ranch lands (with miles of great hiking). The 5,000-square-foot Tudor mansion, refurbished and outfitted with priceless antiques, has large windows with incredible panoramic views of all of Maui. In addition to the guest rooms in the country house, two cozy cottages and a romantic country suite are also available. From \$140 with breakfast. See p. 113.
- **Malu Manu** (☎ 888/878-6161 or 808/878-6111; www.mauu.net/~alive): Tucked into the side of Haleakala Volcano at 4,000 feet, in the Kula region, is this old Hawaiian estate. It offers a single-room cabin with a full kitchen, fireplace, and antiques for just \$150. Built as a writer's retreat in the early 1900s, it's one of the most romantic places to stay on Maui, with a panoramic view of the entire island from the front door. See p. 114.
- **Kili's Cottage** (☎ 800/262-9912 or 808/985-7488; www.bestbnb.com): If you're looking for a quiet getaway in the cool upcountry elevation of Kula, this sweet three-bedroom cottage with a large lanai, situated on 2 acres, is the perfect place. The price is right (just \$105), and the numerous amenities make this a great place for families: full kitchen, gas barbecue, washer/dryer, even toys for the kids. See p. 116.
- **Ekena** (☎ 808/248-7047; www.ekenamaui.com): Situated on 8½ acres in the hills above Hana, this Hawaiian-style wooden pole house, with 360-degree views of the coastline, the ocean, and Hana's verdant rainforest, is perfect for those in search of a quiet, peaceful vacation. Inside, the elegantly furnished home features floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass doors and a fully equipped kitchen (starting at \$185 for two); outside, hiking trails into the rainforest start right on the property. Beaches, waterfalls, and pools are mere minutes away. See p. 121.
- **Hamoia Bay Bungalow** (☎ 808/248-7884; www.hamoabay.com): This enchanting retreat sits on 4 verdant acres within walking distance of Hamoia Beach, just outside Hana. The romantic, 600-square-foot, Balinese-style cottage has a full kitchen and hot tub. This very private place is perfect for honeymooners. The price? Just \$250. See p. 122.

- **Heavenly Hana Inn** (☎ 808/248-8442; www.heavenlyhanainn.com): Just a stone's throw from the center of Hana is this tiny Japanese-style inn, where no attention to detail has been spared. Flowers are everywhere, ceiling fans keep the rooms cool, and the delicious gourmet breakfast is served in a setting filled with art. The 2 acres of grounds are impeccable, with tiny bridges over a meandering stream and Japanese gardens. Rooms start at \$190. See p. 123.
- **Aloha Beach House** (☎ 888/828-1008 or 808/828-1100; www.molokaivacation.com): Nestled on the lush East End of Molokai lies this Hawaiian-style beach house sitting right on the white-sand beach of Waialua. Perfect for families, this impeccably decorated two-bedroom, 1,600-square-foot beach house has a huge open living/dining/kitchen area that opens out to an old-fashioned porch for meals or just sitting in the comfy chairs and watching the clouds roll by. Just \$220 for up to five. See p. 256.

9 The Best Resort Spas

- **The Health Centre at the Four Seasons Resort Maui** (☎ 800/334-MAUI [6284] or 808/874-8000; www.fshr.com): Imagine the sounds of the waves rolling on Wailea Beach as you are soothingly massaged in the privacy of your cabana, tucked into the beachside foliage. This is the place to come to be absolutely spoiled. Yes, there's an excellent workout area and tons of great classes, but their specialty is hedonistic indulgence. See p. 110.
- **Spa Grande at the Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa** (☎ 800/888-6100 or 808/875-1234; www.grandwailea.com): This is Hawaii's biggest spa, at 50,000 square feet, with 40 treatment rooms. The spa incorporates the best of the Old World (romantic ceiling murals, larger-than-life Roman-style sculptures, mammoth Greek columns, huge European tubs), the finest Eastern traditions (a full Japanese-style traditional bath and various exotic treatments from India), and the lure of the islands (tropical foliage, ancient Hawaiian treatments, and island products). This spa has everything from a top fitness center to a menu of classes and is constantly on the cutting edge of the latest trends. See p. 111.
- **Spa Kea Lani at The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui** (☎ 800/659-4100 or 808/875-4100; www.kealani.com): This intimate, Art Deco boutique spa (just a little over 5,000 sq. ft., with nine treatment rooms), which opened in 1999, is the place for personal and private attention. The fitness center next door is open 24 hours (a rarity in Hawaiian resorts) with a personal trainer on duty some 14 hours a day. See p. 110.
- **Spa Moana at the Hyatt Regency Maui** (☎ 800/233-1234 or 808/661-1234; www.maui.hyatt.com): The island's first oceanfront spa, a 9,000-square-foot facility, opened recently with a \$3.5 million price tag. The new spa offers an open-air exercise lanai, wet treatment rooms, massage rooms, a relaxation lounge, sauna and steam rooms, a Roman pool illuminated by overhead skylights, and a duet treatment suite for couples. See p. 89.
- **Spa at Ritz-Carlton Kapalua** (☎ 800/262-8440 or 808/669-6200; www.ritzcarlton.com): Book

Moments Pampering in Paradise

Hawaii's spas have raised the art of relaxation and healing to a new level. The traditional Greco-Roman-style spas, with lots of marble and big tubs in closed rooms, have evolved into airy, open facilities that embrace the tropics. Spa goers in Hawaii are looking for a sense of place, seeped in the culture. They want to hear the sound of the ocean, smell the salt air, and feel the caress of the warm breeze. They want to experience Hawaiian products and traditional treatments they can get only in the islands.

The spas of Hawaii, once nearly exclusively patronized by women, are now attracting more male clients. There are special massages for children and pregnant women, and some spas have created programs to nurture and relax brides on their big day.

Today's spas offer a wide diversity of treatments. There is no longer plain, ordinary massage, but Hawaiian lomilomi, Swedish, aromatherapy (with sweet-smelling oils), craniosacral (massaging the head), shiatsu (no oil, just deep thumb pressure on acupuncture points), Thai (another oilless massage involving stretching), and hot stone (with heated, and sometimes cold, rocks). There are even side-by-side massages for couples. The truly decadent might even try a duo massage—not one, but two massage therapists working on you at once.

Massages are just the beginning. Body treatments, for the entire body or for just the face, involve a variety of herbal wraps, masks, or scrubs using a range of ingredients from seaweed to salt to mud, with or without accompanying aromatherapy, lights, and music.

a massage on the beach. The spa itself is welcoming and wonderful, but there is nothing like smelling the salt in the air and feeling the

gentle caressing of the wind in your hair while experiencing a true Hawaiian massage. See p. 101.

10 The Best Restaurants

- **Mañana Garage** (☎ 808/873-0220): It's great fun dining here, and the food is fantastic, too. Tuck into fabulous *arepas* (cornmeal-cheese griddle cakes with smoked salmon), fried green tomatoes, excellent ceviche, and a host of new flavors in an ambience of spirited color and industrial edge. You'll dine among vertical garage doors, hubcap table bases, cobalt walls, and chrome accents, with *Buena Vista Social Club* on the sound system and very hip servers who will bring you the best
- desserts in this neck of the woods—Kahului, of all places! The chef, Tom Lelli, came here from Haliimaile General Store. See p. 125.
- **A Saigon Cafe** (☎ 808/243-9560): Jennifer Nguyen's unmarked dining room in an odd corner of Wailuku is always packed, a tribute to her clean, crisp Vietnamese cuisine—and the Maui grapevine. Grab a round of rice paper and wrap your own Vietnamese "burrito" of tofu, noodles, and vegetables. Lemongrass

After you have been rubbed and scrubbed, most spas offer an array of water treatments—a sort of hydromassage in a tub with jets and an assortment of colored crystals, oils, and scents.

Those are just the traditional treatments. Most spas also offer a range of alternative healthcare like acupuncture, chiropractic, and other exotic treatments like ayurvedic and siddha from India or reiki from Japan. Many places offer specialized, cutting-edge treatments, like the Grand Wailea Resort's full-spectrum color-light therapy pod (based on NASA's work with astronauts).

Once your body has been pampered, spas also offer a range of fitness facilities (weight-training equipment, racquetball, tennis, golf, and so on) and classes (yoga, aerobics, step, spinning, stretch, tai chi, kickboxing, aquacize, and so on). Several even offer adventure fitness packages (from bicycling to snorkeling). For the nonadventurous, most spas have salons dedicated to hair and nail care and makeup.

If all this sounds a bit overwhelming, not to worry; all the spas in Hawaii have individual consultants who will help you design an appropriate treatment program to fit your individual needs.

Of course, all this pampering doesn't come cheap. Massages are generally \$95 to \$130 for 50 minutes and \$145 to \$180 for 80 minutes; body treatments are in the \$120 to \$165 range; and alternative healthcare treatments can be as high as \$150 to \$220. But you may think it's worth the expense to banish your tension and stress.

shrimp, curries, and Nhung Dam, the Vietnamese version of fondue, are among the solid hits, but the spicy, crisped Dungeness crab is tops. See p. 127.

- **Café O'Lei** (☎ 808/661-9492): The delicious, creative cuisine of Dana Pastula, who managed fancy restaurants on Lanai and in Wailea before opening her own, has two restaurants serving her fresh, healthy cuisine: Café O'Lei Lahaina (p. 132) and the Ma'alaea Grill (p. 144). For reasonably priced, interesting, and memorable meals, don't miss the chance to eat at the O'Leis.
- **David Paul's Lahaina Grill** (☎ 808/667-5117): Tirelessly popular and universally appreciated for its high quality, David Paul's is still most folks' favorite

Maui eatery—even without David Paul. No one seems to tire of the kalua duck he turned into a Maui institution, or the Kona coffee-roasted rack of lamb, or the much-imitated tequila shrimp. The menu changes often, but thank goodness the room doesn't; its pressed-tin ceilings and 1890s decor continue to intrigue. See p. 129.

- **Gerard's** (☎ 808/661-8939): Proving that French is fabulous, particularly in the land of sushi and sashimi, Gerard Reversade is the Gallic gastronome who delivers ecstasy with every bite. From the rack of lamb to the spinach salad and oyster mushrooms in puff pastry, every meal is memorable. The fairy lights on the veranda in the balmy outdoor

- Lahaina setting are the icing on the gâteau. See p. 130.
- **Swan Court** (☎ 808/661-1234): For a romantic setting with candlelight, a Japanese garden, and swans gliding by serenely, this is the ticket. It isn't often that I find a fine dining experience in a hotel that is terrific, but this is the exception to the rule. In addition to excellent seafood, impeccable service, and a dreamy ocean view, Swan Court is a wonderful change of pace, a year-round Valentine dinner where you can dress up and impress your date. See p. 137.
 - **Roy's Kahana Bar & Grill/Roy's Nicolina Restaurant** (☎ 808/669-6999; www.roysrestaurant.com): These sibling restaurants are next door to each other, offer the same menu, and are busy, busy, busy. They bustle with young, hip servers impeccably trained to deliver blackened ahi or perfectly seared lemongrass *shutome* (broadbill swordfish) hot to your table, in rooms that sizzle with cross-cultural tastings. See p. 140.
 - **Vino** (☎ 808/661-VINO): Probably the best Italian food on Maui is served at this exquisite restaurant, overlooking the rolling hills of the Kapalua Golf Course. The surprise is that it's run by two Japanese guys—D.K. Kodama, chef and owner of Sansei Seafood Restaurant and Sushi Bar (p. 142) and master sommelier Chuck Furuya. The two teamed up to create a culinary adventure for foodies. Every dish is perfectly paired with wine (the wine list alone features more than 150 selections, many of them estate wines exclusive to Vino). The menu changes constantly but always has homemade pastas and seafood masterpieces. See p. 143.
 - **The Bay Club** (☎ 808/669-8008): The first thing you notice is the remarkable view: The sun sets behind the rolling surf of Kapalua Bay, with the island of Molokai in the background. The view alone would be worth eating here, but luckily, the food, especially the seafood, promises a memorable dining experience. This intimate restaurant (with a piano bar at one end) features such culinary masterpieces as steamed Kona lobster in banana leaf; ahi and cured salmon sashimi; macadamia-nut-crusted mahimahi with papaya pineapple salsa and passion fruit salsa; and Hawaiian seafood bouillabaisse. Not to be missed. See p. 141.
 - **Sansei Seafood Restaurant and Sushi Bar** (☎ 808/669-6286 in Kapalua and 808/879-0004 in Kihei): Relentlessly popular, Sansei serves sushi, and then some: hand rolls warm and cold, udon and ramen, and the signature Asian rock-shrimp cake with the oh-so-complex lime chili butter and cilantro pesto. This Kapalua choice is flavor central—simplicity is not the strong suit, so be prepared for some busy tasting. Another branch has opened in Kihei. See p. 142.
 - **Plantation House Restaurant** (☎ 808/669-6299): At Plantation House, there are teak tables, a fireplace, open sides, mountain and ocean views, and chef Alex Stanislaw's love for Mediterranean flavors and preparations. It's a friendly, comfortable restaurant with great food from breakfast to dinner, from sublime eggs Mediterranean to polenta, crab cakes, several preparations of fish, pork tenderloin, filet mignon, and other delights at dinner. The ambience is superb. See p. 141.

Moments **A Night to Remember: Maui's Top Luau**

The **Old Lahaina Luau** (☎ 800/248-5828 or 808/667-1998) has always been at the leading edge of cultural entertainment in Hawaii; it's one-third entertainment, one-third good food, and one-third ambience. At its new and more spacious location at the northern end of Lahaina, there's more of everything, particularly those qualities I've come to love: authenticity, intimacy, hospitality, cultural integrity, and sheer romantic beauty. This is Maui's top luau and one of my two favorites in the state. With the expansion of the luau in its 1-acre site just ocean-side of the Lahaina Cannery, what was peerless has become even better.

Local craftspeople display their wares only a few feet from the ocean. Seating is provided on lauhala mats for those wishing to dine as the traditional Hawaiians did, but there are tables for everyone else. Staging has been thoughtfully planned, so that the audience faces the ocean as well as the show; hidden underground dressing rooms allow the dancers dramatic entrances and exits. Thatched buildings, amphitheater seating, and the backdrop of a Lahaina sunset are among the event's unforgettable features.

The luau begins at sunset and features Tahitian and Hawaiian entertainment, including ancient hula, hula from the missionary era, modern hula, and an intelligent narrative on the dance's rocky course of survival into modern times. The sophisticated entertainment is both educational *and* riveting, even for jaded locals, and the top-quality food is as much Pacific Rim as authentically Hawaiian, served from an open-air thatched structure. No watered-down mai tais, either—these are the real thing. You won't soon forget the genuine hospitality and enthusiasm of the staff. The cost is \$82 for adults, \$52 for children 12 and under, plus tax.

- **Joe's Bar & Grill** (☎ 808/875-7767; www.joesbarandgrill.com): The 360-degree view spans the Wailea golf course, tennis courts, ocean, and Haleakala—a worthy setting for Beverly Gannon's style of American home cooking with a regional twist (also see Haliimaile General Store below). The hearty staples include excellent mashed potatoes, lobster, fresh fish, and filet mignon, but the meatloaf (a whole loaf, like Mom used to make) seems to upstage them all. See p. 147.
- **Moana Bakery & Café** (☎ 808/579-9999): In the unlikely location of Paia, the Moana gets high

marks for its stylish concrete floors, high ceilings, booths and café tables, and fabulous food. Don Richey, formerly a chef at Haliimaile General Store, has created the perfect Paia eatery, a casual bakery-café that highlights his stellar skills. It may not look like much from the outside, but don't be fooled. This innovative eatery serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and offers live entertainment at night. See p. 153.

- **Haliimaile General Store** (☎ 808/572-2666): More than a decade later, Bev Gannon, one of the 12 original Hawaii Regional Cuisine chefs, is still going strong

at her foodie haven in the pineapple fields. You'll dine at tables set on old wood floors under high ceilings. The food, a blend of eclectic American with ethnic touches, bridges Hawaii with Gannon's Texas roots and puts an innovative spin on Hawaii Regional Cuisine. Examples include sashimi napoleon and the house salad—*island greens with mandarin oranges, onions, toasted walnuts, and blue-cheese crumble.* See p. 149.

- **Casanova Italian Restaurant** (☎ 808/572-0220): Yes, I still love Casanova in upcountry Makawao, and for more than one reason: garlic spinach topped with Parmesan and pine nuts, polenta with radicchio, tiramisu, and the spaghetti fradiavolo. This is pasta heaven and the center of night-life on this half of the island. See p. 149.
- **Henry Clay's Rotisserie** (Hotel Lanai, Lanai City; ☎ 808/565-7211): Henry Clay Richardson,

a New Orleans native, has made some welcome changes to Lanai's dining landscape with his rustic inn in the middle of Lanai City. The menu focuses on French country fare: fresh meats, seafood, and local produce in assertive preparations. The decor consists of plates on the pine-paneled walls, chintz curtains, peach tablecloths and hunter-green napkins, and a roaring fireplace. See p. 292.

- **Pele's Other Garden** (☎ 808/565-9628): You do not have to spend a fortune at the high-priced eateries at the two resorts on Lanai; this charming bistro in the heart of Lanai City has a full-scale New York deli (yummy pizzas), and you can also get box lunches and picnic baskets to go. Dinner is now served on china, not paper, with tablecloths under sconces—a real dining room! See p. 293.

11 The Best Shops & Galleries

- **Summerhouse** (☎ 808/871-1320): Bright and sassy tropical wear, and the jewelry and accessories to go with it, are a cut above at Kahului's Summerhouse. T-shirts are tailored and in day-to-evening colors, while dresses are good for either the office or a night out. See p. 226.
- **Bailey House Gift Shop** (☎ 808/244-3326): You can travel Hawaii and peruse its past with the assemblage of made-in-Hawaii items at this museum gift shop in Wailuku. Tropical preserves, Hawaiian music, pareus, prints by esteemed Hawaiian artists, cookbooks, hatbands, and magnificent wood bowls reflect a discerning standard of selection. Unequaled for Hawaiian treasures on Maui. See p. 226.
- **Brown-Kobayashi** (☎ 808/242-0804): At this quiet, tasteful, and elegant Asian shop in Wailuku, the selection of antiques and collectibles changes constantly but reflects an unwavering sense of gracious living. There are old and new European and Hawaiian objects, from koa furniture (which disappears fast) to lacquerware, Bakelite jewelry, Peking glass beads, and a few priceless pieces of antique ivory. Every square inch is a treasure trove. See p. 227.
- **Sig Zane Designs Wailuku** (☎ 808/249-8997): This Hilo icon didn't skip a beat in winning the hearts of Maui residents when he moved to Wailuku. Located on Wailuku's Market Street, his new shop of aloha wear and Hawaiian

lifestyle treasures is a boon to historic Wailuku. See p. 227.

- **Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center** (☎ 808/572-6560): Half the experience is the center itself, one of Maui's historic treasures: a strikingly designed 1917 *kamaaina* (native-born or old-timer) estate on 9 acres in Makawao; two of Maui's largest hybrid Cook and Norfolk pines; and an art center with classes, exhibitions, and demonstrations. The gift shop is as memorable as the rest of it. You'll find one-of-a-kind works by local artists, from prints to jewelry and pottery. See "Upcountry Maui" in chapter 8.
- **Village Galleries** (☎ 808/661-4402 in Lahaina, or 808/669-1800 in Kapalua): Maui's oldest galleries have maintained high standards and the respect of a public that is increasingly impatient with clichéd island art. On exhibit are the finest contemporary Maui artists in all media, with a discerning selection of hand-crafted jewelry. In Lahaina, the new contemporary gallery has a larger selection of jewelry, ceramics, glass, and gift items, as well as paintings and prints. See p. 230 and p. 232.
- **Viewpoints Gallery** (☎ 808/572-5979): I love this airy, well-designed Makawao gallery and its helpful staff, which complement the fine Maui art: paintings, sculpture, jewelry, prints, woods, and glass. This is Maui's only fine-arts cooperative, showcasing the work of dozens of local artists. See p. 236.
- **Hana Coast Gallery** (☎ 808/248-8636): This gallery is a good reason to go to Hana: It's an esthetic and cultural experience that informs as it enlightens. Tucked away in the posh hide-away hotel, the gallery is known for its high level of curatorship and commitment to the cultural art of Hawaii. The 3,000-square-foot gallery is devoted entirely to Hawaiian artists. Dozens of well-established local artists display their sculptures, paintings, prints, feather work, stonework, and carvings in displays that are so natural they could well exist in someone's home. The award-winning gallery has steered clear of trendiness and unfortunate tastes. See p. 237.
- **Dis 'N Dat** (☎ 866-DISNDAT or 808/565-9170, www.disdatlanai.com): This is my favorite shop on Lanai, where Barry (Dis) and Susie (Dat) have collected the unusual, the bizarre and the hilariously funny. You'll find everything from finely-crafted teak and exotic wood sculptures and carvings to mobiles and wind chimes (the more outrageous, the better), plus an impressive line of hand-made jewelry, stained glass, and more. See p. 303.
- **The Local Gentry** (☎ 808/565-9130): This wonderful boutique, on the island of Lanai, features clothing and accessories that are not the standard resort-shop fare. You'll find fabulous silk aloha shirts by Iolani; Putumayo separates (perfect for Hawaii) in easy-care fabrics; a fabulous line of silk aloha shirts by Tiki; top-quality hemp-linen camp shirts; inexpensive sarongs; fabulous socks; and the Tommy Bahama line for men and women. There are also great T-shirts, swimwear, jewelry, bath products, picture frames, jeans, chic sunglasses, and offbeat sandals. The most recent additions are wonderful children's clothes. See p. 304.