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Kauai Restaurants And Dining With Princeville And Poipu Beach



Synopsis

This inclusive guide to the special restaurants and dining spots on the Island of Kauai is an essential for food enthusiasts, travel adventurers and culinary vagabonds. Inside the authors take us on a tour of over 75 establishments ranging from posh formal dining venues to hole-in-the-walls. Each member of this personal A-list gets a full page write-up loaded with information designed to empower the reader. Rounding things out enhancements appear covering interests like Family Friendly and Old Haunts with cultural background provided by Island Cuisines and Hawaii Glossaries. Readers can expect a data-rich compilation covering the Kauai dining scene unlike anything assembled before. It all begins with a positive approach that is combined with a travelogue style to produce a light, enjoyable read. Local residents and island visitors should all appreciate the resulting calabash. Those looking for a great companion title might also consider Hawaii Budget Restaurants And Value Dining 2011.

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Customer Reviews

Hawaii dining can be a truly fascinating adventure. This IS the crossroads of the Pacific where cultural influences from around the world have converged to create a blend of cuisines unlike any other found on earth. Terms like Pacific Rim and Hawaii Regional Cuisine have been coined to describe some of the various culinary spins. Beyond the neo-fusion experience lays the roots of it all where you'll find an amazing variety of authentic ethnic eateries. Then there's always the Hawaiian Everyman's favorite Islanders simple call Local Food. Kauai Restaurants and Dining takes you on a tour of the special places you will encounter while exploring the island restaurant and dining scene.

The establishments we've chosen range from posh formal dining venues to hole-in-the-walls - but there's one thing you can count on - in their own way they are all quite special. Come join us now on our journey down the back roads and boulevards of America's Pacific Paradise as we pursue exciting new culinary experiences on the magical island of Kauai.

This book was incredibly useful during my trip to Kaua'i. I thought the reviews were spot on and I was thankful to have a book I was confident would lead me in the right direction - especially since meals are so expensive in Kaua'i. I thought the organization could have been better. Restaurants are listed alphabetically rather than by region. There is a list of restaurants by region in the back but I think it would be better organized by region initially. Nevertheless, this is a must have for your trip.

This is the second version of this book we have purchased and it gives simple but honest opinions of a large number of local restaurants. Reviewers are dependable sources and the book is worth the price...

This book was very helpful, especially used in conjunction with " The Ultimate Kauai Guidebook" since the second book does a better job of rating. The Restaurant book is more of a good directory.

I do not recommend this book. It's coverage was not very broad and we simply did not agree with its ratings. As an example, we loved Duke's, great food, best Mai Tai's we found, and an incredible setting on the beach. Yet the author only gave it a 2 out of 5 rating. Based on the crowds waiting to get in, I think the author missed the mark. We found very little use for this book. We found the Ultimate Kauai Guidebook to be much more complete, more accurate and more user friendly.

We just got back from Kauai 2 weeks ago and we do not recommend this book at all. We love food and were so excited when we bought it a month before our trip. We mapped out our 8 days of activity around places to eat. After 2 days worth of lousy meals from the book, we stopped trusting it and started asking the locals. They gave us 3 great well established and tasty places that were not in the book and saved us money as well! Won't be using that book again.

Used in conjunction with other guide books and we got a pretty good feel for eating places before seeing or trying them in person. Wish the books would include if the restaurants have a gluten-free menu or will prepare some gluten free items as we have 3 folks in our family who have Celiac

disease. Some great spots for gluten free on Kauai are Sweet Marie's Bakery in Kapaa and Verde's Restaurant in Kapaa. The Beach House in Poipu was also very accommodating. Many of the restaurants were willing to try to figure out something for our Celiac stricken crew...

This is truly a must have guide for those wanting to make the most of their dining experiences while visiting the island of Kauai. The guide is comprehensive and well written, yet easy to use and small enough to keep in my wife's purse while traveling around the island. The restaurants are broken down by region and category. Are you vacationing with your entire family, interested in seeing a luau or maybe you want to hit a watering hole or two. Those lists are there as well. All the important location info is included, with pricing, sample menus and most importantly, Bob and Cindy Carpenter's overall impressions. Most guide books will tell you a place is good or a local favorite, but the Carpenters have taken it a step further. They actually list their personal favorites. In addition, all the establishments in the book are places the Carpenters would return to. My wife and I thought that was great and found their descriptions and recommendations to be spot on accurate. Forget about chain restaurants, I want to eat the local foods, eat as many meals on/near the water as possible and experience the cuisines that Hawaii has to offer. For us, this is just as important as the sites we see. But what we didn't know (until visiting Hawaii and reading the Carpenters books) was how diverse the Hawaiian dining experience can be. It is truly an adventure and this is what the Carpenters so eloquently explain. They describe eleven different cuisines as well as provide a glossary of Hawaiian food, culture and seafood terms. The glossary was invaluable to us. I can't tell you how many times we referred to it while dining. As is written on the back cover of the guide book, Hawaii dining "IS the crossroads of the Pacific where cultural influences from around the world have converged to create a blend of cuisines unlike any other found on earth." So, for those new to the island, as well as the seasoned veterans, bring your appetite and this guide book...in my opinion, you'll have lots of GREAT dining adventures.

I think its time for Bob and Cindy Carpenter to broaden their horizons and set out across the world to create more restaurant guide series! This little treasure, Kauai Restaurants and Dining is a pocket book that is a must for anyone traveling to or thinking of traveling the Hawaiian Islands and or to Kauai. Packed with information such as: Diverse Island Cuisines, Regional Dining, Watering Holes, Hawaii Food & Culture Glossary the guide is as easy to read as it is helpful. Looking for the beachfront bistro, excellent views, leisurely dining or Island Icon, its all in this little gem of a foodie guide. If you think Hawaiian Cuisine is just about bananas, coconuts and the Luaus think again.

First, Cindy and Bob educate the reader about the rich diverse ethnic cuisines that make the island of Kauai a "food lovers" destination. Next in a brilliant and easy format the restaurant collection includes everything from hours, style, dress, phone numbers, prices and more to a menu sampler and their own impressions. When in Rome do as the Romans do...when in Kauai check out the wonderful diverse ethnic cuisines with the help of this Restaurant Guide book.

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