

NAWILIWILI (KAUAI), HAWAII

Already a bustling hub at the arrival of Captain Cook in 1778, Nawiliwili Bay is named for the Wiliwili tress that grew here. Movie buffs will recognize it from the movie *'Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark'*. No stranger to a rainy day, the island's Mt. Waialeale is the wettest place on Earth

KEY INFO

Currency: USD

Population: 2,064 (73,300 Kauai)

Emergency #: Dial 911

Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable

ID Requirements: Photo ID

Languages: Hawaiian, English

Drive on the: Right

Pharmacy: CVS, 4303 Nawiliwili Rd, Lihue, HI 96766

Time Zone: GMT-10 (Hawaii Standard Time)

Wi-Fi: McDonalds, Starbucks, Public Library, Walmart

PORT LOCATION

Cruise ships dock at Nawiliwili Harbor, located at the mouth of the Hule'ia Stream.

Getting Around: The public bus network (Kaua'i Bus) is fairly limited. Taxis are available, as are private car and bicycle rentals (from the airport)

www.thekauaibus.com

Port Facilities: None

Port Address: Kauai Cruise Ship Terminal, Kanoa Rd, Lihue

BEACHES NEAR NAWILIWILI

Of Hawaii's 137 islands, Kauai has the most miles of beach. For ease of access from Nawiliwili, consider:

Kalapaki Beach: Within walking distance from the ship. Good for local shopping. 10-minute walk

Lydgate Beach Park: Rock-enclosed pools make this a good option for safe swimming. 15-minute drive

Shipwreck Beach: Located at Poipu on the South Shore. Dangerous for swimming, but good for beach strolls and relaxing on the sand. 20-minute drive

SHOPPING

For something expensively local, consider a **Niihau Shell Lei**. Niihau is a private island to the West of Kauai, where the Native Hawaiian community takes great pride in their handcrafted shell leis.

For a shopping mall, akin to that in continental USA, head to **Kukui Grove Shopping Center** and **Lihue Shopping Center**. For local art, clothes and crafts, visit **Aloha Center**, a 5-minute walk from the ship.

The sales tax in Hawaii is 4.44% and is not typically included in the advertised price of goods.

For more: www.kauai.com, www.hawaii-guide.com, www.nawiliwiliharbor.com, www.gohawaii.com

BEST AROUND KAUAI

Lihū'e Downtown: Lihū'e is the largest city on the island of Kauai, about 1-mile from Nawiliwili Harbor. The government, commercial, cultural and historical hub of the island. If staying local, visit the "Alekoko Fishpond (a 1000-year-old aquaculture reservoir).

Kauai Museum: In Lihū'e, this former library has been converted into a museum sharing the history of the island of Kauai. Guided tours available at 10a (Mon, Wed, Fri). Permanent and seasonal galleries.

Open Mon-Sat (9a-4p weekdays, 9a-2p Sat) | \$15 entry

📍 www.kauaimuseum.org

Mesmerizing Waterfalls: Kauai's east side features some beautiful natural vistas, including waterfalls.

Opaekaa Falls is a 151-foot waterfall, tumbling into a tropical ravine, located just off Kuamoo Road (Hwy 580) in the Wailua River State Park. At 140-feet, **Wailua Falls** in the same park was featured in the opening of 1970s TV series Fantasy Island.

Waimea Canyon State Park: Affectionately known as the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, this canyon stretches 10 miles and rises to heights of 3,000 ft. Waimea is Hawaiian for 'reddish water', referring to the erosion of the canyon's red soil. Entry \$5 per person | Open daylight hours | 50-minute drive

📍 dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/kauai/waimea-canyon-state-park/

Na 'Aina Kai Botanical Gardens & Sculpture Park: Magical garden spread over 240 acres, decorated with 70 life-size bronze statues. Check out the poinciana maze, Japanese tea house, orchid house and even a secret beach. Open Tue-Fri | \$\$ Reservations Required | 45-minute drive

📍 www.naainakai.org

National Tropical Botanical Garden: Dedicated to preserving tropical plant diversity and stemming the tide of extinction. Three of the five outposts of the NTBG are on Kauai Island. Allerton and McBryde are on the South Shore, Limahuli is on the North Shore. Open daily (8:30a-5p) | \$\$ Reservations Required

📍 www.ntbg.org

FOOD & DRINK

Laulau: a traditional dish made of pork and butterfish, wrapped in lu'au and ti leaves. Steamed and served with rice and poi. Look for **Smiley's Local Grinds** in Lihū'e (take-out only)

Loco Moco: mounded rice, topped with a hamburger patty and an egg, smothered in gravy. There are plenty of versions of this classic Hawaiian dish, but for the original dish head to **Mark's Place** in Lihū'e

Malasadas: light and fluffy donuts rolled in granulated sugar, typically filled with a tropical fruit custard, curd or cream. There's even a Malasada Day of indulgence ahead of Lent (March 1). Try them at **Kauai Bakery** in Lihū'e

Shave Ice: with its roots in the Japanese immigrant community, shave ice is flavored ice shavings, coated with sugar or fruit juice. Grab a cup at **Skinny Mike's Ice Cream & Shave Ice** in Nawiliwili