



Lana'i

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Best Places to Eat

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Best Adventures

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Why Go?

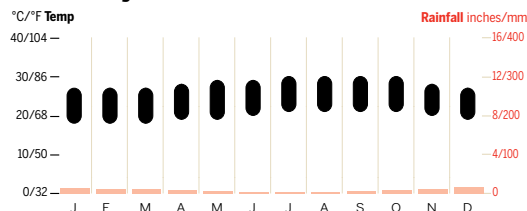
Although Lana'i is the most central of the Hawaiian Islands (on a clear day you can see five islands from here), it's also the least 'Hawaiian' of the islands. Now-closed pineapple plantations are its main historic legacy, and the locals are a mix of people descended from immigrant field workers from around the world.

Its signature (imported) Norfolk and Cook Island pines give the island a feel that could just as well come from a remote corner of the South Pacific. And therein lies the charm of Lana'i, a small island (at its widest point only 18 miles across) that's an off-the-beaten-path destination. Hidden beaches, archaeological sites, oddball geology and a sense of isolation let you get away from it all, without going far.

Of course, looming over Lana'i is billionaire owner Larry Ellison, who is determined to transform the island, even if the details change by the week.

When to Go

Lana'i City



Nov–Mar Jackets are needed at night in lofty, temperate Lana'i City, while the beaches stay balmy.

Apr–Aug Winter rains have stopped and the entire island enjoys breezy tropical comfort.

Sep–Oct Lana'i City stays in the sunny 70s (°F), while Hulopo'e Beach is in the lovely low 80s.



Lana'i Highlights

- 1 Snorkel the protected reef at the island's best beach, **Hulopo'e Beach** (p430).
- 2 Browse the choices, then enjoy simple but good food and drink at Lana'i City's many **cafes** (p428).
- 3 Stroll the square at **Dole Park** (p425), picking up

local gossip about the many changes sweeping the island.

- 4 Explore the island's history, culture and natural beauty on one of the hikes offered by **Hike Lana'i** (p424).
- 5 Hike the **Munro Trail** (p430) through the island's small but lush heart, stretching above Lana'i City.

- 6 Get lost on the unpaved Keomuku Road to **Naha** (p435), where ancient fishponds lie offshore and idyllic beaches await discovery.
- 7 Count the other islands from the otherworldly heights of the **Garden of the Gods** (p435), then ponder its weird rocks.