



# Maui

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## Best Snorkeling

- ➔ Honolua Bay (p344)
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## Why Go?

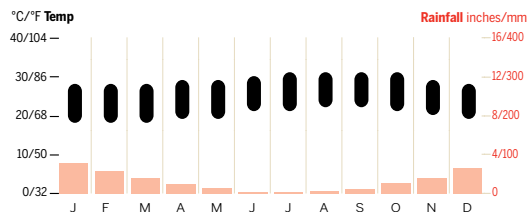
When it comes to outdoor adventure, Maui wins best in show. Just check out that zipliner launching into a canopy of green. Or the mountain biker hurtling past eucalyptus and pine. Hikers have it darn good too, with trails winding through lava flows and bamboo forests. Along the coast, surfers barrel through waves, windboarders skim across whitecaps and snorkelers glide beside green turtles.

And we haven't even mentioned Maui's most iconic adventures – all of them flanked by once-in-a-lifetime backdrops. Along the Road to Hana, lofty waterfalls plunge into shimmering pools. A mesmerizing sunrise illuminates the cindery summit of Haleakalā. And the view from Makena Bay? Downright sublime in winter when kayakers share the sea with frolicking humpback whales.

Top-notch restaurants and lodging enhance the island's natural charms. From food trucks to white-linen dining, eateries embrace local food and its traditions. Resorts wow guests with impeccable service and prime seaside locations.

## When to Go

### Lahaina



**Jan–Mar** Watch humpback whales frolic along the coast in winter.

**Jul** Maui celebrates July 4 with a big rodeo and *paniolo* (cowboy) parade.

**Oct–Nov** A quiet season with good weather and lower hotel prices.



## Maui Highlights

- 1** Catch a soulful crater-rim sunrise at **Haleakalā National Park** (p397).
- 2** Swoop across 54 one-lane bridges on the dramatic **Road to Hana** (p406).
- 3** Snorkel the pristine waters of **Honolua Bay** (p344).
- 4** Sail among breaching humpbacks on a **whale-watching cruise** (p324).
- 5** Savor a traditional feast at **Old Lahaina Luau** (p328).
- 6** Photograph Maui's favorite green landmark at **'Iao Valley State Park** (p360).