

Po'ipu & the South Shore

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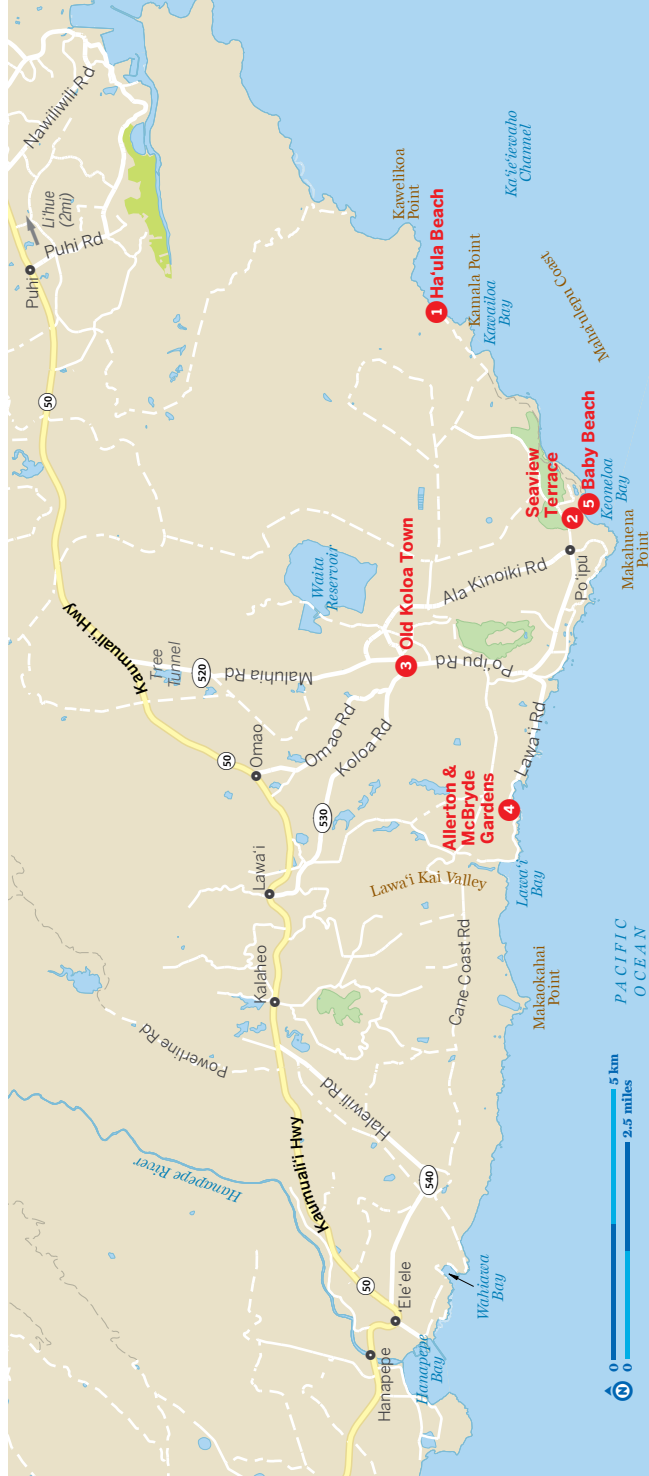
Why Go?

Po'ipu is the nexus of South Shore tourism...and with good reason. This is one of the sunniest spots on the island – with notably less rain (and less green) than other spots to the north. There are amazing sun-kissed brown-baby beaches, plenty of top-end resorts and vacation rental condos, plus some of Kaua'i's best restaurants.

While most vacations here center on the beaches and waterborne activities such as surfing, diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding or just beach bumming, the South Shore also has two world-renowned botanical gardens that showcase beautiful collections of endemic species. The undeveloped Maha'ulepu Coast has lithified sand-dune cliffs and pounding surf that make for an unforgettable walk. And in between, you have the lasting remnants of the sugar-plantation area, with friendly arts galleries, intimate restaurants and interesting historic perspectives in the cozy centers of Koloa and Kalaheo.

When to Go

- ➔ The weather is generally sunnier here than in other parts of the island, making it a good option for the rainy season months of October to March.
- ➔ You'll save on hotel costs outside the main seasons and holidays in February to May, or August to October.
- ➔ Surfing is best here during the summer months (June to August).



Po'ipu & the South Shore Highlights

- 1 Ha'ula Beach** (p193)
Indulging your inner Robinson Crusoe at Ha'ula Beach, a wild and secluded cove.
- 2 Seaview Terrace** (p202)
Marveling at the views from the bar at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort, which evokes grandeur among all the cookie-cutter condos of Po'ipu.
- 3 Old Koloa Town** (p184)
Stepping back in time in Hawaii's first sugar plantation. Established in the 1830s, it forever changed the way of life across the Hawaiian Islands.
- 4 Allerton & McBryde Gardens** (p189)
Tramping through paradise lost at the National Tropical Botanical Garden where you'll quickly forget Shangri-La.
- 5 Baby Beach** (p192)
Snorkeling just off Baby Beach – the South Shore offers some of the island's best snorkeling, and you can reach several hot spots right from shore.