

# **Hana & East Maui**

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#### **Best Places to Eat**

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### Why Go?

Rugged and remote, East Maui is the go-to spot for Mauians looking to get away from it all. Instead of golf courses and beach resorts, you'll see a place that's hardly changed in ages. Overgrown jungles, lonely churches and narrow roads to the coast - it's wild yet welcoming. In slow-moving Hana you'll learn to talk story - l-o-n-g story - with people who take a personal approach to everything. You'll want more than a few hours here. If you keep going - and you should - you'll reach Haleakala National Park, followed by sleepy Kipahulu, which makes Hana look urban. Then it's a wild drive on the Pi'ilani Hwy to Kaupo, where the main street has one building. Finally you'll disappear into miles of open country on the back side of Haleakalā: one spectacular drive. From beginning to end you'll find off-the-grid farms, under-the-radar restaurants, secluded beaches and voices from the past.

#### When to Go

Hana never feels crowded, but the Road to Hana does get busy. Popular food trucks will have lines at lunch and top attractions get busier as the day goes on. Leave early for your day trip or spend the night in Hana to get a jump on the crowds.

In April Hana hosts the East Maui Taro Festival (p236), the region's biggest party.

Hana is on the rainy side of the island, and you will encounter rain year-round – but it usually passes quickly.

For slightly lighter crowds, visit in Maui's off-season (April, May, September through mid-December).



## Hana & East Maui Highlights

- Hamoa Beach (p235) Sunning and surfing on picture-perfect tropical shores.
- 2 Hana Farms (p238) Joining locals for delicious clay-oven pizza topped with produce fresh from the field.
- **3 Wailua Falls** (p240) Ogling the most dramatic

- cascade on a drive full of drama.
- 4 Ono Organic Farms (p240) Tasting exotic fruit on a tour of an oh-so-local farm.
- **5 Pu'u o Kahaula Hill** (p235) Hiking to a hilltop with sweeping views of Hana.
- 6 Hana Burger Food Truck
- (p238) Biting into a juicy grass-fed burger beside the Hana Hwy.
- **7 Kaupo** (p241) Pulling off the Pi'ilani Hwy to savor a photogenic view of green pastures, black lava and blue sea.