



# Lana'i & Moloka'i

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## Why Go?

Among Hawaii's six main islands, the two with the smallest populations and the least number of visitors could not be more different. Sure, Lana'i and Moloka'i are easily seen from the other across the narrow channel that separates them, but that's where any similarities stop.

Lana'i was never home to many people – its most active time in history was fairly recently when it fully earned its moniker 'the pineapple island' as much of it was given over to cultivation of the spiky fruit. Today, under the ownership of billionaire Larry Ellison, it offers a very low-key island escape from islands that are already an escape.

Moloka'i is a much more varied place. It has a strong cultural past, with many ancient Hawaiian sites and a strong and, at times, almost militant reverence for its heritage. It has great and rugged natural beauty, but remains off the radar for most travelers.

## When to Go

From November through to March, jackets are needed at night in lofty, temperate Lana'i City, while east Moloka'i gets very rainy. Beaches stay balmy.

Come April, winter rains have stopped and the islands enjoy breezy tropical comfort until August.

In September and October, Lana'i City and central Moloka'i stay in the sunny 70s (°F), while the coasts are in the lovely low 80s.



## Lana'i & Moloka'i Highlights

- 1 Hulopo'e Beach** (p251) Snorkeling the protected reef at the island's best beach.
- 2 Lana'i City** (p249) Browsing the shops, then sample the simple cafes, before dozing off in Dole Park.
- 3 Munro Trail** (p244) Hiking Lana'i's small, lush heart, stretching above Lana'i City.
- 4 Keomuku Road** (p253) Getting lost on this unpaved track to Naha, where you'll find a ghost town and idyllic beaches awaiting discovery.
- 5 Halawa Valley** (p261) Hearing echoes of Hawaii's past while hiking in this pristine and deeply spiritual setting of waterfalls.
- 6 Twenty Mile Beach** (p260) Discovering underwater delights, or lazing.
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