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Why Go?

This wild, lush and sometimes posh region of Maui is home to an extraordinary concentration of variety. In a half-hour drive, you can ascend from the beaches of the North Shore (including the world's windsurfing capital) through the jungle of the lower slopes, and break out into open Upcountry hills, where cowboys still roam the range, and farmers work the island's Garden Belt. Communities change accordingly. The hip surfer town of Pa'ia gives way to Makawao's Old West architecture, which dissolves into a handful of stores in mud-on-boots Keokea, after which the road rolls on to eternity – and maybe, we've heard, to Oprah's house.

The region begs for a lazy country drive, taking in athletic surfers, artsy shops, forest trails, mountain views and organic cafes at your own pace. For the adventurous, there's plenty of ziplining, paragliding and mountain biking.

When to Go

Weather temperatures are pleasant year-round, hovering in the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit, with a slight dip in winter.

If you love cowboys and parades, plan to visit in early July and catch the Pianolo Parade.

To catch the big-wave action at Jaws near Pa'ia, plan your visit for winter, but note that the biggest surf days vary year to year.

If you're traveling with younger kids, schedule a visit for October so you can stop by the pumpkin patch and corn maze at Kula Country Farm.

North Shore & Upcountry Highlights

1 Pa'ia (p179)

Sunbathing on the wide sandy strand at HA Baldwin Beach Park, and enjoying a bird's-eye view of expert surfers and windboarders riding the waves at Ho'okipa Beach Park & Overlook.

2 Makawao Forest Reserve (p186)

Exploring moody forest trails that wind through thick stands of pines and eucalyptus trees.

3 Hali'imaile General Store (p185)

Savoring locally sourced cocktails and fusion appetizers during a new happy hour at an old favorite.

4 Hawaii Sea Spirits Organic Farm & Distillery (p189)

Learning how master distillers create fine spirits then sampling the results of their labors.

5 Kula (p190)

Shopping for fresh tropical produce at Kula Country Farms and savoring locavore dishes and the expansive view from Kula Lodge Restaurant.

6 Maui Wine

(p193) Sampling pineapple wine and strolling historic grounds once favored by a Hawaiian king.

