



THE HAWAII TEAM

## Restaurant Hot List

### Open Air Dining

#### **HUGGO'S**

Oceanfront off Ali'i Drive in Kailua Village, Huggo's is a one of Kona's perennial favorites. Open for dinner only, the award-winning restaurant features daily menu specials, fresh fish and its signature teriyaki steak, a menu favorite for nearly 50 years.

808-329-1493 | [bit.ly/huggos](http://bit.ly/huggos)

#### **BEACH TREE**

If you enjoy dining in an open-air setting head to the Beach Tree at the Four Seasons Resort Hualālai. Open for lunch and dinner, at the Beach Tree you can dine on the sand or in the open-air dining room as you enjoy California cuisine with an Italian twist.

808-325-8000 | [bit.ly/beach-tree](http://bit.ly/beach-tree)

#### **CANOEHOUSE**

This storied restaurant at the beautiful Mauna Lani Bay Hotel offers Japanese-inspired cuisine using diverse ingredients from around the world. Open for dinner, the venue enjoys an oceanfront setting and gorgeous sunset views.

855-201-3179 | [bit.ly/canoehouse](http://bit.ly/canoehouse)

#### **MERIDIA**

Meridia at the Westin Hapuna in the Mauna Kea Resort offers a Mediterranean-inspired menu and a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean. Meridia's fresh, seasonal menu is complemented by al fresco seating, a charcuterie and crudo bar, and house made artisanal bread nook. Sunset cocktails and late-night handcrafted libations add to Meridia's appeal.

808-880-1111 | [bit.ly/meridia-restaurant](http://bit.ly/meridia-restaurant)

#### **MERRIMAN'S WAIMEA**

Chef Peter Merriman is an icon in Hawai'i's food scene. Merriman's, his flagship restaurant in Waimea on the Big Island, has withstood the test of time. Located at 65-1227 Opelo Rd., Merriman's is a fine dining experience which features menu items from local sources, supporting Big Island farmers, fishermen, and ranchers. Complementing the restaurant's outstanding menu is an incredible wine list.

808-885-6822 | [bit.ly/merrimans-waimea](http://bit.ly/merrimans-waimea)

### **KAMUELA PROVISION COMPANY**

This ocean front restaurant, located in the Hilton Waikoloa Village, is the perfect place indulge in delicious prime steaks and fresh island seafood while you watch the sun makes its grand departure over the azure water of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy outdoor dining with the Chef's Menu or Indoor Ala Carte Dining.

808-886-1234 | [bit.ly/kamuela-provision](https://bit.ly/kamuela-provision)

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## *Casual Dining*

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### **CIPRIANO'S KITCHEN IN KAWAIHAE**

Located in Kawaihae, just north of the Kohala Coast resorts, this restaurant offers a menu featuring fresh ingredients and a relaxed atmosphere for breakfast or lunch. The pizza-like fugazzas, pastries, salads, paninis, Peruvian specials, pastas are desserts are on the menu, as well as coffees, wines, and cocktails.

808-657-4700 | [bit.ly/ciprianos-kitchen](https://bit.ly/ciprianos-kitchen)

### **FOSTER'S KITCHEN**

Foster's Kitchen is a "scratch kitchen" recently referred to as "slow-food". What that means is it produces a vast majority of its menu items in-house and from scratch. Located in both Coconut Grove in Kona and Kings' Shop Center in Waikoloa Beach Resort, and open for lunch and dinner, the menu at Foster's Kitchen includes burgers, beautiful salads, pasta, fresh fish, barbecue, a wide range of appetizers and a broad and imaginative bar menu.

Kona 808-326-1600 or Waikoloa 808-657-4500 | [bit.ly/fosters-kitchen](https://bit.ly/fosters-kitchen)

### **LAVALAVA BEACH CLUB**

This recently refreshed restaurant is located beachside in the beautiful Waikoloa Beach Resort. Open for lunch and dinner, LavaLava Beach Club's toes-in-the-sand menu features "relaxed island cuisine" and a varied menu with options for light dining on fresh fish tacos and burgers as well as the Chef's creative preparations of steak, Hawaiian seafood and more upscale options.

808-769-5282 | [bit.ly/lava-lava](https://bit.ly/lava-lava)

### **KAI EATS & DRINKS**

This restaurant sits oceanfront in the heart of Kailua Village and offers a fun and casual vibe. Open for breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., and lunch and dinner starting a noon, Kai Eats & Drinks' menu features burgers, pizza, salads and tacos, as well as a full bar with all your favorite tropical drinks.

808-900-3328 | [bit.ly/kai-eats](https://bit.ly/kai-eats)



### **NĀPUA AT MAUNA LANI BEACH CLUB**

Enjoy farm-to-table island cuisine featuring the freshest local ingredients at the oceanfront Nāpua Restaurant at the Mauna Lani Resort. Many of the menu items come straight from the restaurant owners' farmlands, the Kaunamano Farm. On their land they raise organic Berkshire pigs, plus grow tons of fresh fruit and veggies for diners to enjoy. The restaurant opens daily from 5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. each day. Reservations are highly recommended.

808-885-5910 | [bit.ly/napua-restaurant](https://bit.ly/napua-restaurant)

### **PUEO'S OSTERIA**

Located in the newly completed Waikoloa Plaza in Waikoloa Village, Pueo's Osteria is a modern Italian restaurant featuring the authentic, invigorating flavors of Italy. It offers a locally inspired menu focusing on fresh, local products to develop menu items that fit its Regional, Seasonal, Artisanal approach. Chef/owner James Babian has 30 plus culinary years of experience to draw on and loves partnering with local farmers and fishermen. Open daily for dinner. Reservations are recommended.

808-339-756 | [bit.ly/pueos](https://bit.ly/pueos)

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## *Local Favorites*

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### **PINE TREE CAFE**

Pick up breakfast in the morning; a lunchtime burger or plate lunch; or a to-go on your way to the airport. Whatever the occasion, Pine Tree Café is a local favorite with all ages. Conveniently located off Queen Kaahumanu Highway in the Kohanaiki Industrial area, Pine Tree Café is open daily. Do as the locals do and save time by ordering ahead.

808-327-1234 | [bit.ly/pine-tree-cafe](https://bit.ly/pine-tree-cafe)

### **SUSHI SHIONO KONA**

Serving only the highest quality, fresh seafood and seasonal delicacies from the Kona Coast, this sushi restaurant, located in historic Kailua Village, will not disappoint. Located in the Ali'i Sunset Plaza, there is seating in their dining room, at the sushi bar and on the patio. The menu showcases top-tier offerings, including sushi, nigiri, sashimi, tempura, and rolls, plus steak, chicken and seafood dishes, and features Hawai'i Island beef and fresh veggies from Waimea. Dinner hours are 5:30 to 9 p.m., with their last seating at 8:45 p.m. They are closed Wednesday and Thursday.

808-326-1696 | [bit.ly/sushi-shiono](https://bit.ly/sushi-shiono)

### **TESHIMA'S**

Teshima's is a favorite with locals for its Japanese cuisine, including shrimp and vegetable tempura (a favorite). A friendly, family-run restaurant located in Honalo, it is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Some other favorites are pork tofu served in an iron kettle, misoyaki butterfish and tasty miso soup. Order to-go meals and bentos.

808-322-9140 | [bit.ly/teshimas](https://bit.ly/teshimas)

### **MANAGO'S RESTAURANT**

Famed for their pork chops and family-style meals, this restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and located in Captain Cook, South Kona. Families love to gather here for a meal in the big, open dining room of this family-run hotel/restaurant which has been a part of the community since 1917. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

808-323-2642 | [bit.ly/managos](https://bit.ly/managos)

### **BIG ISLAND GRILL**

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast and lunch, Big Island Grill is a favorite go-to restaurant for the community. Hearty meals, quick and friendly service are hallmarks, as well as their menu of local "plate lunch" favorites. Closed on Sunday and Monday, take-out is available.

808-326-1153 | [bit.ly/big-island-grill](https://bit.ly/big-island-grill)

### **ROYAL THAI CAFÉ**

Royal Thai Café, located in the Keauhou Shopping Village, has been serving up great Thai cuisine for years. Their chef, who has more than 20 years of cooking experience, sources his ingredients from local farmer markets, ensuring each menu offering is filled with the freshest, island produce. Appetizers, soups, salads, lunch specials and a full range of the most popular Thai dishes are all available.

808-322-8424 | [bit.ly/royal-thai](https://bit.ly/royal-thai)

### **THE COFFEE SHACK**

A popular place for breakfast or lunch, The Coffee Shack is located in South Kona, roadside on Mamalahoa Highway and overlooking Kealahou Bay. They are known for their cinnamon rolls, but the restaurant offers up a variety of breakfast favorites, sandwiches, salads and pizzas. It is open Thursday – Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; closed on Wednesdays.

808-328-9555 | [bit.ly/coffee-shack](https://bit.ly/coffee-shack)

## *Activity Hot List*

### **BLUE HAWAIIAN HELICOPTERS**

One of the best ways to see the Big Island, or any of the Hawaiian Islands, is from the air. Blue Hawaiian flies comfortable A-Star and Eco-Star helicopters out of Waikoloa and their heli-pad is located directly across from the north entrance to Waikoloa Beach Resort; they also have an operation in Hilo. They offer the option of customizing trips to include landing near one of the waterfalls so you can get out and roam around. Go to their website and learn about the Big Island Spectacular, the Circle of Fire or the Kohala Coast Adventure.

808-961-5600 | [bit.ly/blue-hawaiian-heli](https://bit.ly/blue-hawaiian-heli)



### **UMAUMA ZIPLINING EXPERIENCE**

Ziplining in Hawai'i is an extraordinary experience, one sure to create lasting family memories. This experience will have you zipping up to 65 miles per hour on 9 longlines, over 14 rushing waterfalls, suspension bridges, and treetops. You will have exhilarating panoramic views of the Hamakua Coast.

808-930-9477 | [bit.ly/umauma-zip](https://bit.ly/umauma-zip)

### **JACK'S DIVING LOCKER**

Jack's Diving Locker, with shop locations at Honokohau Harbor and on Ali'i Dr. in Kailua-Kona, has been teaching people how to enjoy the ocean since 1981! They will teach you and your children how to snorkel and SCUBA and they have all the gear you need to learn from their talented and experienced team. They offer boat diving, shore diving, private or group charters, gear rentals, dive gear servicing and dive travel. They also have programs for kids, including kids camp programs, pool parties and SCUBA for kids.

808-329-7585 | [bit.ly/jacks-diving](https://bit.ly/jacks-diving)

### **MAUNA KEA SUMMIT SUNSET AND STARS**

Watch the sunset from the highest point in the Pacific when you join Hawai'i Island Holidays on a jaunt to the summit of Mauna Kea. Your guide will transport you to a location situated amidst the world's largest collection of research telescopes in a comfortable 4X4 van. Following sunset, sip a hot beverage while enjoying a private star show and planetary viewing via a Celestron telescope. Don't have cold weather gear for the 13,000-foot-plus elevation? No worries, the tour includes jackets and gloves to keep you warm.

808-747-1221 | [bit.ly/mauna-kea-tour](https://bit.ly/mauna-kea-tour)

### **HAWAII FOREST AND TRAIL VOLCANO TOUR**

Visit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with Hawaii Forest and Trail, a company that offers premier guided tours to the island's most visited national park. The tour is a journey through an incredible range of ecosystems and climate zones before you arrive at the park. Hawai'i Forest and Trails' National Park Certified Guides take guests off-the-beaten path to sites which provide the best observation points for Kilauea caldera, sharing along the way a mix of natural and cultural history about the island's formation, illuminating the stories behind the ever-changing landscape of this island.

808-331-8505 | [bit.ly/hawaii-forest](https://bit.ly/hawaii-forest)

### **GREENWELL COFFEE FARM**

Coffee aficionados will want to make a point of taking a tour of Greenwell Farms and sampling their award-winning 100% Kona Coffee. Greenwell's, located in Kealahou, offers free, guided tours of its coffee farm and processing facilities daily from 9:00am-3:00pm. From seed to cup, guests are given an inside look at the history, farming, and processing of coffee before sampling Greenwell Farms 100% Kona Coffee. No reservations are required for the free tours. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your desired tour time.

808-323-9616 | [bit.ly/greenwell-farms](https://bit.ly/greenwell-farms)

### **PU'UHONUA O HONAUNAU NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK**

Also known as "The City of Refuge," Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historic Park in South Kona is a site of great importance in the Hawaiian culture. It is one of five national parks on the island its name is in keeping with how Native Hawaiians lived and were governed in ancient times. A self-guided tour through the park will explain the importance of the site and the protection it afforded as an asylum to rule breakers. The park is open daily, 8:15 a.m. to sunset.

808-328-2326 | [bit.ly/puho-park](https://bit.ly/puho-park)

### **HIKE TO MAKALAWENA BEACH**

With some of the least populated stretches of beach, palm tree lined shores, and the most extensive sand dunes in the Kona district, Makalawena beach, is a beautiful and memorable day trip. Located north of Kailua-Kona on the island's leeward side, you can park at Kekaha Kai State Park, located just a couple of miles north of the Kona International Airport between mile markers 90 and 91 on Highway 19. Watch for a sign on the highway. Plan on arriving early as parking can fill up, especially on the weekend.

808-961-9540 | [bit.ly/kekaha-kai-park](https://bit.ly/kekaha-kai-park)

### **UFO PARASAIL**

Parasailing is one of Hawai'i's top-rated activities and in Kona you can get a birds-eye view of the coast with UFO Parasail. Everyone ages 5 and up are welcome to have a Parasail experience! UFO Parasail offers flights throughout the day, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

808-359-4836 | [bit.ly/ufo-parasail](https://bit.ly/ufo-parasail)

### **FARMER'S MARKETS**

What better way to spend a Saturday morning than strolling through a farmer's market and choosing fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and other local products. Supporting island-based businesses and taking home the freshest products is a win-win. Some of West Hawai'i's favorite markets are: **Kona – Keauhou Farmer's Market** in the Keauhou Shopping Center, Saturday, 8 a.m. to Noon; **South Kona Green Market** in Captain Cook, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Waimea - Kamuela Farmer's Market**, Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, Pukalani Stables; **Waimea Town Market**, Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, Parker School.

[bit.ly/farmers-markets-hi](https://bit.ly/farmers-markets-hi)

### **SNORKEL CRUISE**

Family owned and operated since 1971, Fair Wind Cruises provides daily snorkel tours in Kona out of Keauhou Bay. A favorite snorkel sail is the morning cruise south to Kealakekua Bay and its pristine waters and marine bounty. For the more experienced and adventurous snorkelers, Fairwinds offer evening manta ray dives.

808-322-2788 | [bit.ly/fair-wind](https://bit.ly/fair-wind)

### **WHALE WATCHING**

Captain Zodiac is Hawaii's original rafting tour company with over 45 years of experience. For Captain Zodiac whale watching season is never over; the company offers year round Pelagic Wildlife Tours along the Kona Coast where sightings of up to 17 different resident whale and dolphin species, turtles, sharks, and Hawaiian Monk seals are possible.

808-329-3199 | [bit.ly/captain-zodiac-raft](https://bit.ly/captain-zodiac-raft)



## GOLF

There are many options available for golfers within a 30-mile radius of Kona.

### Public Courses:

Kona Country Club oceanfront course in Keauhou 808-322-2595 | [bit.ly/kona-cc](http://bit.ly/kona-cc)

Makani golf course in Pu'uwa'awa'a 808-325-5044 | [bit.ly/makani-golf-kona](http://bit.ly/makani-golf-kona)

### Oceanfront resort courses:

Waikoloa Beach Resort 808-886-7888 | [bit.ly/wbr-golf](http://bit.ly/wbr-golf)

Mauna Lani Resort 808-885-6655 | [bit.ly/maunalani-golf](http://bit.ly/maunalani-golf)

Mauna Kea Resort 808-882-5400 | [bit.ly/maunakea-golf](http://bit.ly/maunakea-golf)

## ʻIMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

This educational facility in Hilo showcases the connections between the Hawaiian culture and the astronomical research conducted at the summit of Maunakea. ʻImiloa links early Polynesian navigation and knowledge of the night skies, today's renaissance of Hawaiian culture and wayfinding and the growth of astronomy and scientific development through interactive family friendly displays, native garden and a planetarium. Open Thursday – Sunday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

808-932-8901 | [bit.ly/imiloa-center](http://bit.ly/imiloa-center)

## HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

The best way to explore and learn about Hawaiʻi Island's volcanoes is a visit to the Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Established in 1916, Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park encompasses 335,259 acres or about 523 square miles. The park climbs from sea level to more than 13,000-feet, encompasses two volcanoes – Kīlauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes and Maunaloa, the world's largest subaerial volcano – and six of Earth's climate zones. The park is a place of environments and landscapes that encourage exploration of lava fields, rainforest flora and fauna, lava tubes and craters, coastline meetings of lava rock and ocean, Hawaiian cultural sites, ash-covered deserts, and even alpine tundra.

808-985-6011 | [bit.ly/volcanoes-park](http://bit.ly/volcanoes-park)



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