



Magnificent Moloka'i preserves and honors the traditions of "old-style Hawai'i." Accessible by air from Kahului or by ferry from Lāhainā, this small, pristine Island is protected by 38 miles of fringed reef on the southern shore and three miles of white sand on the western shore. The world's largest sea cliffs tower above turquoise water and a 250-foot jungle waterfall plunges to a pool below. Hiking, mule riding, kayaking and extraordinary snorkeling open a window onto an Island undisturbed by time.

ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Ali'i Fishponds

Moloka'i has many well preserved examples of fishponds, the oldest dating back to the early 13th century. You'll find the most extensive examples of their ingenuity along Moloka'i's southern shore. Two of the fishponds have been designated National Historical Landmarks, Keawanui and 'Ualapu'e.

Camping

For camping information and permits for Pāpōhaku Beach Park and One Ali'i Beach Park, contact: City & County Parks Department, 808-553-3204. For Pālā'au State Park, contact: Maui Division of State Parks at 808-984-8109.

Church Row

Alongside Route 460—about three miles southwest of the airport—is a row of churches, all of different denominations. Examine their unique architecture, which dates back to the late 18th century.

Fishing

Cast off from Kaunakakai pier, the longest wharf in Hawai'i. Experienced fishermen will love the thrills of deep-sea, big-game fishing in Moloka'i's fertile waters, but first-timers will also be in for some fun as Moloka'i boat captains help you with everything.

Hālawa Valley

Hikers are astounded by Hālawa's rich flora and beautiful vistas. At the end of the trail is the impressive, double-tiered

250-foot Mo'oula Falls, a perfect place to rest and have lunch. The hike is fairly vigorous and the only way to explore the area is with a guide, as the trail crosses private property.

Ironwood Hills Golf Club

Unique nine-hole course in Kualapu'u offers play set amidst the Island's rugged, natural beauty.

Kalaupapa National Historical Park

This peaceful national park is a place of preservation and education, and is accessible by air, foot or mule by reservations only. You'll be greeted by a tour guide and learn about the history of this remarkable town. You'll also learn about Saint Damien, the Belgian priest who courageously served the colony. Guided tours Monday to Saturday (closed Sunday).

Kamakou Preserve

Kamakou Preserve is a 3,000-acre mountain forest that's home to endangered native plants and rare birds. See more than 200 rare plants that can only be found in Kamakou. For more information, contact the Nature Conservancy at 808-553-5236.

Kamehameha V House

On the western side of the Kaunakakai Wharf are the stone foundations of the Kamehameha V house, known as Mālamalama.

Kapuāiwa Coconut Beach Park

The Hawaiian coconut grove here was planted in the 1860s during the reign of King Kamehameha V. This is an amazing spot for a spectacular sunset view.

Kaunakakai

Kaunakakai's long wharf forms the Island's main harbor, where you'll find charter boats for fishing, snorkeling and whale watching. Kaunakakai has a little bit of everything, including groceries, hardware, a pharmacy, a gourmet wine and spirits shop, an art gallery, a gift shop and the Kanemitsu Bakery, whose bread is world-famous.

Pāpōhaku Beach Park

Want some space for your beach towel? Moloka'i's Pāpōhaku Beach is one of Hawai'i's largest white-sand beaches, so there's plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the ambience. You'll also find a grassy park for picnicking and camping.

Saint Damien

In 1873, Saint Damien dedicated himself to the Hansen's disease (leprosy) patients who were quarantined for life in Kalaupapa. He helped build houses, an orphanage and church while organizing religious associations, a children's band and choir. Saint Damien's influence is felt

throughout Moloka'i where he built several churches. Two of these churches remain, St. Joseph of Kamalo and Our Lady of Seven Sorrows of Kalua'aha, which hosts weekly Sunday Services.

Shoreline Whale Watching

The shallow waters of the 'Au'au Channel between Moloka'i, Maui and Lāna'i offer some of the best whale watching in the world. You can charter sightseeing boats out of Kaunakakai Harbor. On land, keep your eyes open on the beaches along Moloka'i's south shore.

- Kalaupapa Overlook (north)
- Kaunakakai (south)
- Kūmimi Beach (east)
- Pāpōhaku Beach (west)

You can also spot whales on the ferry between Kaunakakai Harbor and Lāhainā Harbor in Maui during whale season (December through May). Ferry service on the Moloka'i Princess crosses the channel twice a day, once in the morning, once in the late afternoon. Travel time is approximately 90 minutes.

Snorkeling & Diving

Moloka'i's southern shore is home to Hawai'i's longest continuous fringing reef. Full of natural coral and reef fish, this is a fantastic place for snorkeling and scuba diving when the waters are calm. Arrangements can be made through the activities desk in Kaunakakai.