

# FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

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## Some of Our Go-To's Right Near By...

**Ferraro's, Four Seasons – Across the street:** One of our absolute favorite restaurants on the island, probably second only to Mama's Fish House. Outside seating overlooks the ocean for some spectacular sunset watching. Enjoy the fantastic Italian food while being serenaded by a violin/guitar duo most evenings. Also, while not always on the menu, the carbonara is outstanding!

**Morimoto's, Andaz – 5-minute drive:** If you've been to Morimoto's elsewhere, you know what to expect...delicious sushi and interesting variations of Japanese cuisine. We're regulars here. Located by the pool at the Andaz, you can dine outside on the terrace or indoors. Great cocktails, fantastic menu, and fun atmosphere. Make sure to save room for the beignets at the end.

**Spago's, Four Seasons – Across the street:** Like Morimoto, you can't go wrong at Spago's if you're looking for a place to have a special dinner. If you're lucky enough to get a table outside, you can enjoy some gorgeous sunset. This is our go-to for Christmas dinner!

**Duo, Four Seasons – Across the street:** Very good steak and seafood house. As with everything Four Seasons, food is great and ambiance is really nice. Just make sure to go with a big appetite. There's a secret dessert at the end that is super fun.

**Ko, Kea Lani – Short walk or 2-minute drive:** Asian fusion restaurant located in the Kea Lani. Fun atmosphere with great bar. The menu features a vast collection of ethnicities – for appetizers, you can choose from poke, lumpia, sushi, tempura, curry, bao buns, and so on. Save room for the entrees though, which are equally yummy.

**Gannon's, Wailea Golf Course (Emerald & Gold) – 5-minute drive:** As the sister restaurant to Hali'imaile General Store, the chef, Beverly Gannon, is well known across Maui. Her contemporary dishes are all inspired by the fresh local ingredients of Hawaii. Set high on the golf course, the views are expansive – be prepared to see lots of couples taking wedding photos nearby.

**Lobby Bar, Four Seasons – Across the street:** We love a casual stroll over to the Four Seasons for some appetizers and cocktails at the Lobby Bar in the Four Seasons. Wander over for some sushi, sliders, or a light salad in a casual atmosphere and enjoy the early evening entertainment. Make sure to leave room for the Malasadas (a Portuguese donut similar to a beignet found all over the island).

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**Monkeypod Kitchen, Wailea – 5-minute drive:** A perennial favorite usually with a long wait if you don't have reservations. Casual restaurant great for families and larger parties. Big bar with lots of tropical drinks. Saunter over for some delicious chicken wings, pizzas, fish & chips, saimin, or just a good ole burger. The main reason to go, however, is the strawberry cream pie. Their cream pies are famous.

**Pita Paradise, Wailea – 5-minute drive:** Another local favorite. The original Pita Paradise was a hole in the wall in Kihei, renowned for their gyros and skewers. That one closed down, but this newer, more upscale Pita Paradise still has many of the favorites. If you want a great gyro, go for lunch since it is not on the dinner menu. Whether you go for lunch or dinner, get the Ziziki Bread appetizer and the Baklava Ice Cream Cake (just trust us!).

**Matteo's Osteria, Wailea – 5-minute drive:** Tucked away behind the tennis courts, Matteo's offers reliably very good, casual Italian food. From flatbreads to pastas, you really can't go wrong. We're regulars here.

**Mulligans, Wailea Golf Course (Blue) – 5-minute drive:** This Irish Pub, with regular live music in the evenings, is fun to stop by for a Guinness and munch on some fish & chips or corn beef. Stop by, sit out on the patio with a cold beer, and grab a bit to eat after a long hot day on the golf course.

**Bistro Molokini, Grand Wailea – Across the street:** If you've over at the Grand Wailea beach for the day, stop in at the hotel's Bistro Molokini for lunch or head over for a late afternoon cocktail. The food is always good, and it's such a pleasant place to have a leisurely meal – enjoy a soft breeze as you dine while enjoying the expansive views of the ocean. If you're there for lunch, try the Buttermilk Fried Chicken Sandwich! It's the best!

**Island Gourmet Market, Shops at Wailea – Across the street and down a bit:** If you don't feel like cooking or are tired from a long day at the beach, the Island Gourmet Market has a large, varied take-out menu of prepared foods. You can get pizzas, sushi, burgers, ramen, prepared sandwiches and salads, and whatever else you may want to take back to the villa, or enjoy outside the market at their outdoor tables. Reasonably priced, the market is great for a breakfast, lunch or a quick and easy dinner.

**Other Restaurants @ The Shops at Wailea:** The Cork & Pint (the only real sports bar around); Longhi's; Lineage, Tommy Bahama; Ruth's Chris Steak House; and Cheeseburger Island Style.

## Locals' Favorites / 'Hole in the Walls' in Kihei

**Cuatro, Kihei – 10- to 15-minute drive:** Small, quiet seafood restaurant with a Latin flair. Great service and fresh seafood. Preparation is different from other seafood restaurants in Maui, which generally have more of an Asian bent. At Cuatro, you'll find items like Acapulco Shrimp Scampi and the fresh fish of the day with a salsa verde. Make sure to bring a bottle of wine since it is BYOB (with a small corkage fee). Given intimacy of place, make sure to have a reservation!

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**Miso Phat, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** Like many of the hole in the wall local restaurants, Miso Phat is in a mall. But don't be deceived by the mall or the funny name – btw, the owner is a local fisherman whose boat's name is Shiso Phat! – Miso Phat has arguably the best sushi in Kihei. Whatever your sushi preference, make sure to order the TNT roll and if you have room for dessert, try the lilikoi (passion fruit) ice cream. It's a tiny restaurant, so go early and prepare to wait for a while.

**Monsoon India, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** If you're looking for a nice change of pace and enjoy Indian food, try Monsoon India. Located in a hotel at the northern end of Kihei, this Indian restaurant literally sits on the beach. As you enjoy authentic Indian cuisine, you will hear and see the waves lapping against the sand. Afterwards, stroll out and walk along the water...it's right there.

**Kihei Caffe, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** If breakfast food is your thing, head to Kihei Caffe. Take your pick from French toast, Belgian waffles, chorizo egg scramble, fresh corned beef hash and eggs, and breakfast burritos to more local favorites like loco moco and pork fried rice and eggs. If it's a weekend, be prepared to wait.

**808 Deli, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** This is also a total locals' place for lunch. It's pretty unanimous that 808 Deli has the best sandwiches on the island. Grab a sandwich and head across the street to the beach. Again, be prepared to wait in line if it's lunchtime.

**Café Moon, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** This is the definition of a hole-in-the-wall. Located at the back of a nondescript mall, you will seriously question our recommendations. Just wait though. Order the kalbi ribs – you won't be disappointed!

**Tanpopo, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** Another hole-in-the-wall. If you like ramen, this is the place for you. Again, you're not going for the atmosphere, just to slurp some yummy noodles. Oh, and oddly the French fries are quite good too.

**Piko Cafe, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** Piko Café is a truly nondescript mall restaurant right next door to Tanpopo. If you like loco moco, though, this is the place for you. They are also known for their ube pancakes, but honestly, it's loco moco or bust for us.

**Maui Pie, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** If you like pies, whether it be fruit pies, cream pies, or chicken pot pies, stop and pick some up to bring back to the villa. Yum yum.

**Sugar Beach Bake Shop, Kihei – 15-minute drive:** If you're celebrating an occasion and need a cake or some delicious desserts, this is your destination. Only other place is to head to Whole Foods Bakery back near the airport.

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## Worth the Hike

**Mama's Fish House, Paia – 35- to 50-minute drive:** Mama's is a must! If there is only one place to splurge on, this is it. Situated on a large estate right outside of Paia, Mama's sits on a beautiful beach and even has its own inn. This is an enormous restaurant, and yet it is packed from late morning until close all year round. Advance reservations (way in advance generally) are mandatory. If you haven't made plans in advance, try calling and telling them you will take any time during your stay. Beyond the setting, the food is fantastic! There is a reason that reservations are hard to come by. Our favorites are the Fish Curry and the Antarctic Toothfish. If you're tired of seafood, our kids swear by the short ribs. And don't forget the coconut cake for dessert. Just heavenly. Honestly, this is worth the trip to Paia!

**Kula Bistro, Kula – 40-minute drive:** Another definitely-worth-the-trip restaurant. If you love breakfast, wake up and head out there early to this charming family-style restaurant located on the majestic slopes of Haleakala. Locals say Kula Bistro has the best breakfast on the island (some swear by the eggs benedict). If you're not an early bird, head to Kula Bistro for lunch or dinner. The menu is extensive, and everything is so fresh and delicious! The only two negatives – they don't take reservations and it's BYOB (no corkage fee).

**Nuka, Haiku (past Paia) – 45-minutes to 1 hour drive:** Many locals claim Nuka has the best sushi on Maui. We wouldn't disagree. Nestled in a small town on Maui's North Shore, Nuka offers 'izakaya' style Japanese food with a large selection of small plates (e.g. miso butterfish, panko fried oysters, karaage chicken, etc.) plus delectable sushi. Make sure to order the truffle edamame – some of the best edamame ever!

**Hali'imaile General Store, Makawao – 30- to 40-minute drive:** If you're venturing to upcountry to drive Haleakala or visit the Lavender Farm, stop at Hali'imaile General Store for lunch or dinner. This is one of the original farm-to-table restaurants with much of the menu locally sourced. We like to just stop by and grab some yummy appetizers (Bev's Famous Crab Pizza, Sashimi Napoleon, Asian Duck Steamed Buns).

**Café O'Lei at The Mill House, Waikapu – 30-minute drive:** This is one of the most beautiful restaurant settings ever. Honestly the reason to go is to sit outside and take in the views of the mountains beyond and the lush tropical vegetation around the property. The grounds of the old mill are simply stunning. The food at Café O'Lei is just so-so, so go and just enjoy a casual lunch rather than overpaying for dinner on the property.

**Leoda's Pie Shop, Lahaina – 35-minute drive:** If you happen to be heading to Lahaina for golf, ziplining, a boat tour, or simply to shop, stop at Leoda's Pie Shop right on the main highway. Leoda's has delicious burgers and hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, and of course a large selection of scrumptious pies (including a wonderful chicken pot pie). Stop for lunch or an early dinner – closes at 6:00pm.

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**Cool Cat Café, Lahaina – 35 minute drive:** After stopping at Leoda's for some pie and spending the day shopping or enjoying the sites in Lahaina, stop by Cool Cat Café for a burger and beer (or maybe make that a yummy shake) before heading back to Wailea. Take your pick from the more than dozen burgers on the menu and be sure to add a few onion rings to the order.

**Flatbread Company, Paia – 35- to 45-minute drive:** If you heading to Ho'okipa beach to watch the surfers or catch the turtles as they sun in the late afternoon, or if you're coming to Paia to do some shopping in the quaint surfer town, then stop at Flatbread's for a cold beer and yes, delicious pizzas and flatbreads. It's a great place to relax after a long day away from the condo.