



## Waimea Plantation Cottages Out & About Guide

The west side of Kauai is far from the crowded resort scene. The spirit of Aloha is pervasive and welcomes all visitors to our lovely island. Here you have a chance to experience extraordinary natural sights and the rich ambiance of old Hawaii. Or seek out those once-in-a-lifetime adventures.

### Adventure Abounds

Want to take a helicopter tour, a boat tour of the Nā Pali Cliffs, or enjoy a dinner luau? Visit the activity desk in our gift store, online at <http://www.kauaiactivitydesk.com>, or call **808.855.0256**. If you'd like more details on any of the activities, you may also send an email to: [info@kauaiactivitydesk.com](mailto:info@kauaiactivitydesk.com)

### Free as You Go

#### Great Hiking and Astounding Vistas: Waimea Canyon

The road to Waimea Canyon is nearby the property. Known as the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific", you can actively hike the trails or drive between the look-outs. Either way, you'll see brilliant blue ocean vistas, sparkling waterfalls, and lush landscapes.

#### Kaua'i Coffee Serves Up Great Taste

The Kauai Coffee Estate is the largest coffee farm in the U.S. On the free walking tour you'll learn how coffee is grown, harvested and roasted. Sip your complimentary coffee on the deck and view the ocean.

#### Historic Waimea

Waimea, on the list of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is a quaint town with a rich history. Captain Cook first stepped foot on the Hawaiian Islands here in the late 1770s. Enjoy the unhurried pace, architecture reflecting Hawaii's past, eclectic eateries, and interesting shops. Waimea is on the Take the walking tour on Monday mornings from the visitor center. Reservations: **808.338.1332**.

#### Kauai's Russian Fort: Fort Elisabeth

Known in Hawaiian as Pā'ula'ula, there's quite a story behind this place. Originally a heiau (Hawaiian place of devotion) in ancient times, it was rebuilt by King Kaumuali'i, the last king of Kauai, as a fort for the ships coming to trade for guns and canons! There is also a short chapter involving a shipwreck, a Russian diplomat, and the sandalwood trade circa 1816. Stop to see the star-shaped foundations originally built around the trading house. Dismantled in 1864 and declared a National Historic Landmark in 1966, it's at the mouth of the Waimea River off Highway 50.



## Beaches Made in Heaven

### **Kekaha Beach**

The longest white-sand beach in the state is just a 5-minute drive from the property. It has a lifeguard station, is fairly flat and seriously gorgeous. From here you can see Niihau, the last inhabited island in the Hawaiian chain; owned by the Robinson family since 1864.

### **Salt Pond Beach**

Take the turn off on your right as you enter Hanapepe Town. Palm trees and pavilions offer shade and there is a lifeguard station.

## Fun Spots for Dining and Socializing

Kauai is too laid-back for serious nightlife, especially here where sunset is the event of the day, but we'll mention a couple of especially fun dining spots.

### **Keoki's Paradise**

In the Poipu Shopping Village, about a 45-minute drive away, the bar and restaurant open to a lushly planted, small tropical lagoon. Keoki's features locally sourced ingredients and an extensive bar menu. The café and bar open at 11 a.m.; the restaurant opens for dinner at 4:45 p.m. Reservations are recommended for dinner. Reservations: **808.742.7534** or visit <https://www.keokisparadise.com>

### **Duke's Kauai**

On stunning Kalapaki Beach in Lihue, this establishment is a favorite of both locals and visitors. You'll enjoy the island-inspired cuisine: fresh fish, sizzling steaks and the amazing Kimo's Mud Pie. Or enjoy the Barefoot Bar's casual menu where reservations are not accepted. You'll be surrounded by surfing artifacts and art celebrating Duke Kahanamoku's surfing career. Reservations: use Open Table or call **808.246.9599**.

### **Chicken in a Barrel Restaurant**

Busy day on the island? Hungry but don't want to go very far? No car required for this one. Just walk across the grounds to the restaurant and bar on property. Sit on the lanai and look across the green lawn to the ocean. Enjoy freshly smoked BBQ plates, salads and simple entrees. They also serve pizza for dining in, taking to the table on your own lanai or to one of the picnic tables on the property.

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There are too many interesting things to see and do on the west side of Kauai to write about all of them here. To learn more: <https://www.gohawaii.com/islands/kauai/regions/west-side>

For more restaurants, please check with the front desk or see [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g29218-Kauai\\_Hawaii.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g29218-Kauai_Hawaii.html)