



Activities: you will see discount places all over – They almost always have a catch – like listening to a time share presentation -- do your homework, check for internet prices and look at other sources. Many times going through a discounter will be cheaper than going direct – I know – hard to believe. One place I recommend for service and quality is Kauai Vacation Tours: <http://kauaivacationtours.com/>

A few of my personal favorites include (in no particular order):

- **Dog lovers!** Please check out this amazing thing happening at the Kauai Humane Society – called a ‘field trip’ – you can check out a dog for the day, they get a little vest that says ‘adopt me’. You can parade your little friend around and get her/him some exposure to possible adopters. We did this – it might change a life (maybe yours!?) <http://kauaihumane.org/volunteer/dogfieldtrips>
- **Na Pali Coast boat trips** – there are a lot of options. All are good. A Na Pali boat trip is a must do – but be careful of weather from about November – April, can be extremely choppy. Carefully consider the options – I don’t personally think the snorkeling is very good – but you might see turtles. Don’t get your expectations set too high for snorkeling. But the scenery is amazing! It’s a different perspective, but IMO you can do either this or the helicopter....
- **Helicopter trips** – you have to see it to believe it – we went on our honeymoon 29 years ago and are still talking about it - *which one do I recommend* – I get that question a lot. I suggest you ask about cancellation policy because weather can be a factor. Ask if they provide headphone music – can be calming if you are nervous. Ask if everyone has a window view. Ask if there are doors – yes some have no doors for better viewing!
- **Outfitters Kauai Tubing** (www.outfitterskauai.com). We did this and it was a blast. Very fun and different, relaxing and interesting outing. This is NOT a thrill ride, a gentle ride... you need tennis shoes or water shoes. You can rent them if you don’t have any with you.
- **Kauai ATV** (<http://www.kauaiatv.com>) I had a blast doing this – wish they had an ‘old folks’ version that would go slower as I really wanted to see more of the views – a completely different ‘view’ of Kauai. They have single buggies, doubles and even for 4 – perfect if you want to bring your kids. VERY BUMPY. Believe it when they tell you this. They will loan you clothes because yours will become indelibly and permanently altered by the red dirt!
- **Cruising Ke Ala Hele Makalae:** “The path that goes by the coast” - Rent and ride a bike on ‘the path’ <http://www.coconutcoasters.com/> It really is nearly flat the whole way. Don’t underestimate the heat - there is NO shade – bring water, a hat, sunscreen and get a bike with a basket for goodies. Plan a lunch at the Olympic Café, which is very nearby. It can be just an hour or can be longer if you want to stop and linger at the different beach/view spots. This is on the east side – Kapaa.
- **Coco Palms tour** – if you love Elvis or the amazing history of Elvis and Hawaii, this is a must do. There is now a 2 hour tour of the Coco Palms Hotel. The cost to tour the Coco Palms is \$25 per person and free to kama’aina every Friday. Tours begin at 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and last approximately two hours. Call Bob Jasper at 808-346-2048 Read more info here: http://thegardenisland.com/lifestyles/coco-palms-tours-offered/article_2a91c314-82ad-11e0-80dc-001cc4c03286.html
- **Waimea Canyon (the bike trip** is fun and different too – also with Outfitters) - Driving to the Pu’u Kile & Kalalau Lookouts (Waimea Canyon). Go early in the morning, as it can get foggy. I suggest one of the first days you are there, when jet lag is your friend!



- **Tasting Kauai Tour** – if you are looking for something different and really fun – consider the south shore tour of Tasting Kauai. Michelle is fabulous and really shows you a great time. Yes, you could go to the places on your own – but I guarantee you will have a much better experience on this tour. Pricey, but worth it for someone who has done it all before or a foody. Highly recommend: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60616-d6641583-Reviews-Tasting_Kauai-Kapaa_Kauai_Hawaii.html
- **Browse the gift shop** in the Kokee Lodge and the Museum (Waimea Canyon)
- **Kayak the Wailua River** and hike the waterfall trail. Consider going with a guide for safety. If it has been raining recently, beware it will be very muddy and it is relatively unpleasant to walk in deep mud.
- **Visit the Island Soap and Candle Shop** in Old Koloa town. It's where we buy our complimentary soaps and shampoos that you will have in our homes.
- **Iced Café Latte at Lapperts** Ice Cream shop at the new Kukui'ula Shopping Center
- Warm sticky buns or **anything baked** – another favorite: breakfast pizza - from Living Foods at Kukui'ula
- **Shave Ice** – we've tried them all. For our money and convenience, the little shop in Old Koloa next to the Chevron Station and near Pohaka T's is great!
- **And speaking of Pohaka T's** – it is a wonderful shop with all locally designed items – ask about the dragonfly which is only found on Kauai – I highly recommend a stop in... <http://www.yelp.com/biz/pohaku-ts-koloa>
- **McBryde and Allerton Gardens** – I've gone twice now and it is really wonderful. They have different tours for all interest levels. Very close by and really a wonderful thing to put on your 'Garden Isle' to do list. Some of the guided tours fill up – so don't wait too long. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/mcbryde-garden-and-allerton-garden-poipu-2>
<http://ntbg.org/gardens/mcbryde.php>
- **Authentic local fresh fish** at the Koloa Fish Market in Old Koloa for a lunch to go, especially Poke
- **Free hula show** at the Poipu Shopping Center (get a Puka Dog & lemonade and enjoy!)
- Walk the **grounds of the Hyatt Hotel**, especially when they are lighting the torches
- Shrimp at the **Savage Shrimp** – now in the Kukui'ula Shopping Center –used to be a local iconic food truck – still fun and funky – you can write on her wall – place to go when you don't want a burger or get dressed up. Great for take out. Also great fresh fish tacos for the non-shrimp eaters.
- **Walk anywhere** along the water in the evening – hopefully see a full moon on the water!
- **Dinner at the Beach House** don't miss this – see restaurant recommendations for more info
- Drive to the **end of the road past Princeville** – see the wet and dry caves
- Drive out to the **Light House past Waimea** – see the birds on the cliffs- borrow binoculars inside the light house. Lighthouse is closed Sunday and Monday.
- **Snorkel every day!** Best south shore spot is at Lawai Beach in front of the Beach House Restaurant. Look for the 2nd 'no parking' sign – it's easier to walk into the water there. I recommend staying where the lifeguards are unless an experienced ocean swimmer. Look for postings and take them seriously. **If in doubt – don't go.** Snorkel Bob's also rents floats for those who are less sure of themselves. Well worth it.

Well, I hope you have a fantastic trip and please let me know if I can do anything to help out.