

Restaurants! One of my favorite things to talk about....

In Poipu:

My personal all time favorite is The Beach House. It is very close drive or a longer walk. Now open all day for lunch and dinner. Check when they start serving dinner. Sitting in the bar is a great alternative to reservations. They have the same menu as the dining room and you can stay as long as you want and you can choose your view. But bring your sunglasses, because it is bright! The soup is fantastic and the mac crusted fresh fish (often mahi mahi) is fantastic! It is a bit nosier in the bar with the blender etc going on, but you can guarantee your view, which is what I like. <http://www.the-beach-house.com>

I never leave without eating at the Beach House *and* at Keoki's.

We love Keoki's Paradise. It is very casual and has great island atmosphere. It is always the first place we go when we get there to really get us in the mood. Again, we sit in the bar and have a light meal there, the dinner menu is not always served in the bar. But we love the Kalua pork sandwich and the fries are really good. They also have a fish taco that is great in the bar. The dinners in the restaurant are good, not spectacular, but have a middle price also. <http://www.keokisparadise.com/>

At the Poipu Shopping center there is a place there called Puka Dogs. <http://www.pukadog.com/menu> They are so delicious and they even have a veggie dog. I recommend getting the lemonade and recommend taking their recommendations for what is good. I loved the Hawaiian mustard, but it is a little sweet.

New at Poipu Shopping center is The Olympic Café – have eaten there for years in Kapaa, now open at the old 'Roys'. Great spot. Great food. Love the ahi nori wrap! <http://www.olympiccafekauai.com>

Also new at Poipu Shopping Center: <http://www.anuenucafe.com> Anuenu Café – Delicious doesn't accurately describe it – everything is so unique and fresh and tasty – I highly recommend trying it out. Very limited seating and all outside – so keep that in mind. I see they are on Open Table and their website takes reservations – would suggest that as well.

Papalani Gelato is a real treat – at the Poipu Shopping Village next to Puka Dogs. <http://www.papalanigelato.com>

Poipu Beach Broiler- for those of you who knew it... Now is Kalapaki Joes. Regular bar type food with tv's and all the football games on, as well as other sports too! <http://www.kalapakijoes.com>

Plantation Gardens, very close by across the street from the Sheraton, is very good, but again try to stick with the specials. I also really love the Curry-Coconut Seafood Stew. A little spicy, but really good. I have heard that the pork dish here is also very good. Try to eat outside on the patio and imagine no Sheraton Hotel and the amazing view this house once had! Wonderful orchid garden. Take time to see it in the daylight before dinner. <http://www.pgrerestaurant.com>

The Hyatt has a Asian food restaurant, Yum Cha, is sadly gone. For those of you who might be looking for it! It's a real loss...

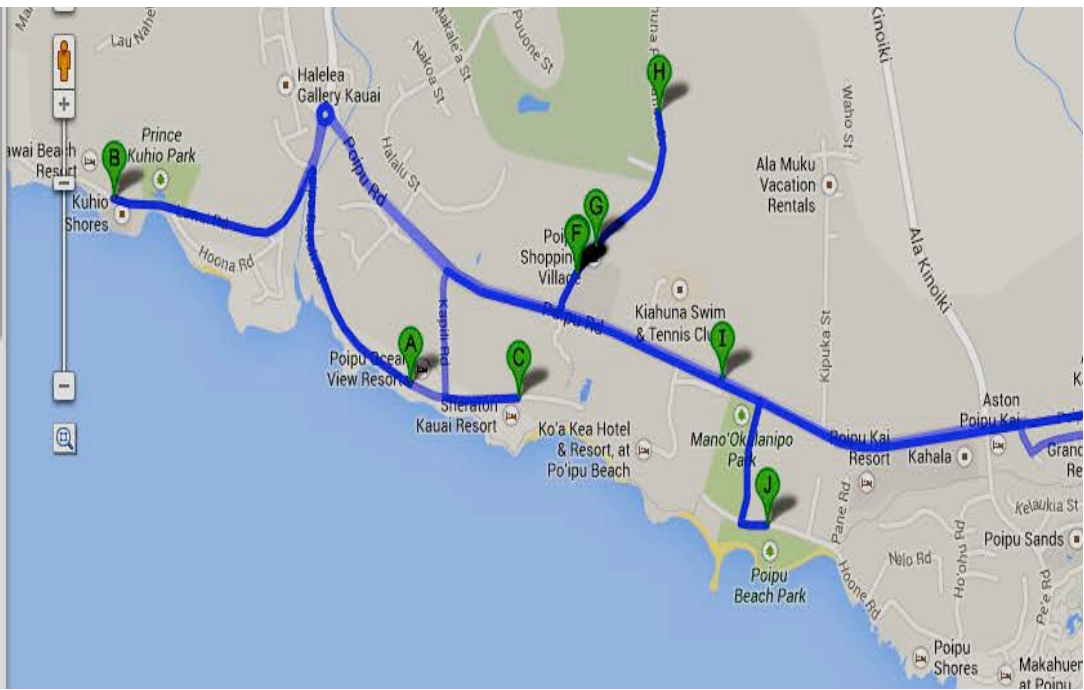
Inside the Hyatt is Tidepools, which is very fancy and pretty good too. I highly recommend walking around the Hyatt grounds, especially at night - and grab a covered double lounge chair and just sit and watch the water. I love doing that! <http://www.grandhyattkauai.com>

New favorite: Brennecke's Beach Broiler. Love the Kahula Pork Nacho's, during lunch only they have fresh catch fish and chips. Also good. Cheap beers during happy hour. Great views over Poipu Beach Park. Good rooster & people watching. Friendly owner and staff. They do have a stiff 'to go' fee. <http://www.brenneckes.com>

Joe's on the Green - great breakfast place. You will probably meet Joe - very friendly comes around and meets everyone. At the Poipu Golf course up past the Poipu Shopping Village. Great outdoor space overlooking golf course and a few views of the ocean still left. Great breakfast burrito's and all good standard breakfast food. <http://www.joesonthegreen.com/>

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In Koloa

Fish Market

Can be a little unfriendly, but if you want great fish for your BBQ, I recommend going here. Great local Fresh fish, sashimi, seared ahi, smoked marlin. Hawaiian, American and local meals to go. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Fri; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. Located across from the Koloa Post Office.

Pizetta's – The most obnoxious owner/manager anywhere I've ever been. After waiting 2 hours for 1 pizza and then telling him that we were unhappy about it, he told us we could eat somewhere else if we didn't like it. Needless to say, I would not recommend it.

La Spezia - <http://www.laspeziakauai.com/cocktails-and-wine/> Loved it. Feels a little more upscale than typical – but still casual. Delicious Italian food. Have only been for dinner, they serve breakfast too.

[Kukui'ula Village](#) (Poipu)

Josselin's Tapas – Be warned! The Sangria is delicious and dangerously hard to detect the alcohol. They bring it around on a cart, you can taste each for free. Choose wisely – you can also mix ½ and ½. I enjoyed my meal here and would definitely eat here again. The food was all delicious except one dish we didn't enjoy. Obviously fun with more people to more variety. <http://josselins.com/>

Merriman's Poipu – I ate here with 2 friends. We had a nice view table, but the sun could be a killer – so be careful. The price was outrageous and the food mediocre. If you try it, be warned. Everything is ala carte.

www.merrimanshawaii.com/merrimans-kauai.php

Eating House 1849 (by Roy's) - <http://www.eatinghouse1849.com> I've been here a few times – had great meals. I ordered off the appetizer menu and that was plenty for me which gave me room for dessert – which was amazing! Highly recommend, but hold on to your wallet – its not low priced – similar to Merrimans or The Beach House.

Merriman's Café (downstairs) – A casual and extremely tasty option to upstairs more pricey option. They attempt to buy everything local and fresh. Everything I've had here is delicious. Some tables have a fantastic sunset view.

Tortilla Republic – I have had a terrible meal and terrible service here. I have heard others say they have enjoyed it. I would say, be careful. Mixed reviews. Downstairs is a more casual environment, but pricey!

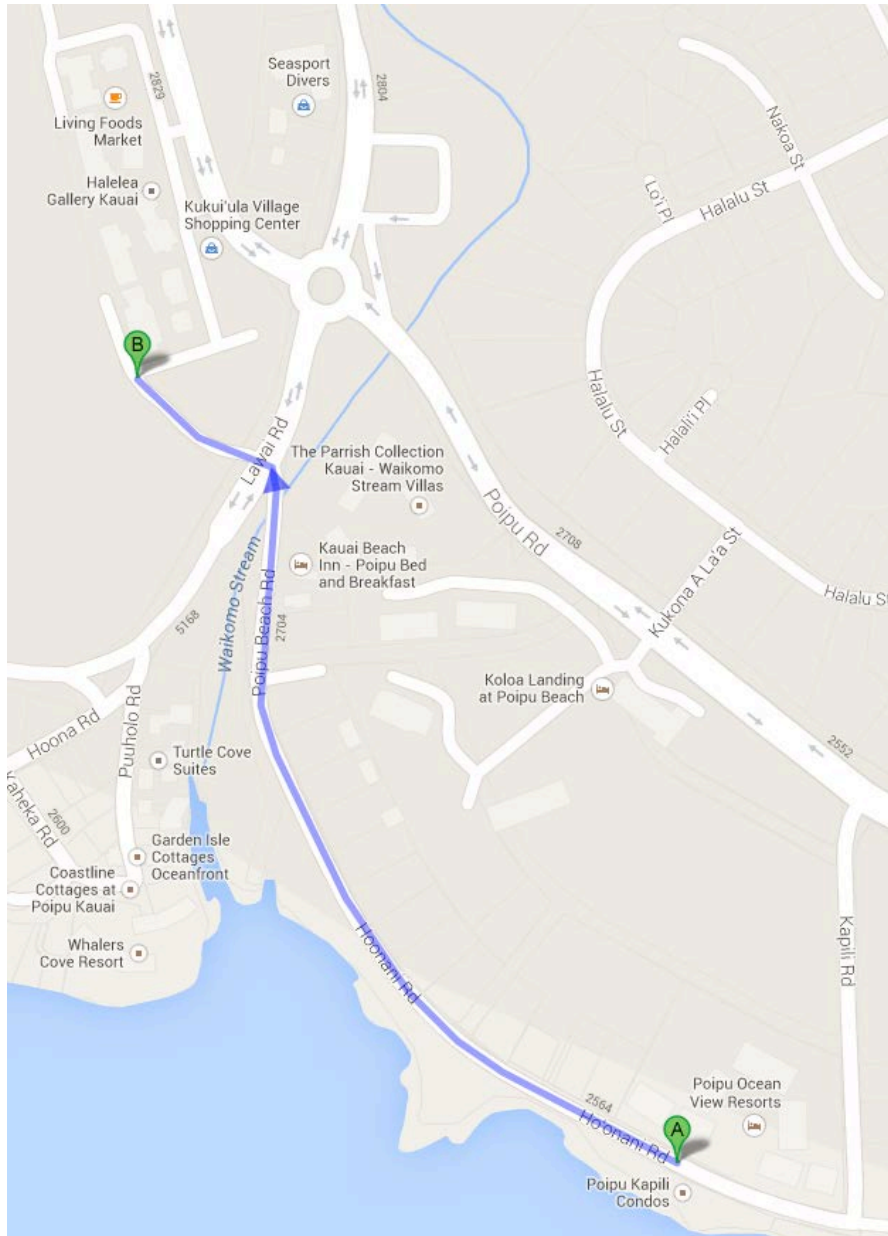
Bubba Burgers – we have had great burgers here. Buy a t-shirt and get free soda drinks any time you come in. I've found them to be very friendly.

Savage Shrimp – used to be a food truck, now a permanent spot – write on the wall! Read the wall! Its fun. I love the Bahia, but the garlic is really good too. A great meal to take to go.

Dolphin Sushi – pretty good food. A middle price, not super high but not budget either. Nice outside area with some sunset views.

Uncle's Shave Ice – nice people, shave ice is ok. If you are a connoisseur you will probably make another choice. But not bad for the convenience. Super delicious carmel apples.

Living Foods Market- PLEASE try this place out. Super friendly owners and helpful staff. Delicious food! Wonderful variety and different options. Great breakfast burrito, out of this world cinnamon rolls and sticky buns. Great baked good and really great espresso drinks. Market items are a little pricey, shop wisely. But the restaurant foods are great. Wonderful interior patio to enjoy your food or sit out front for more sun. <http://livingfoodskauai.com/>

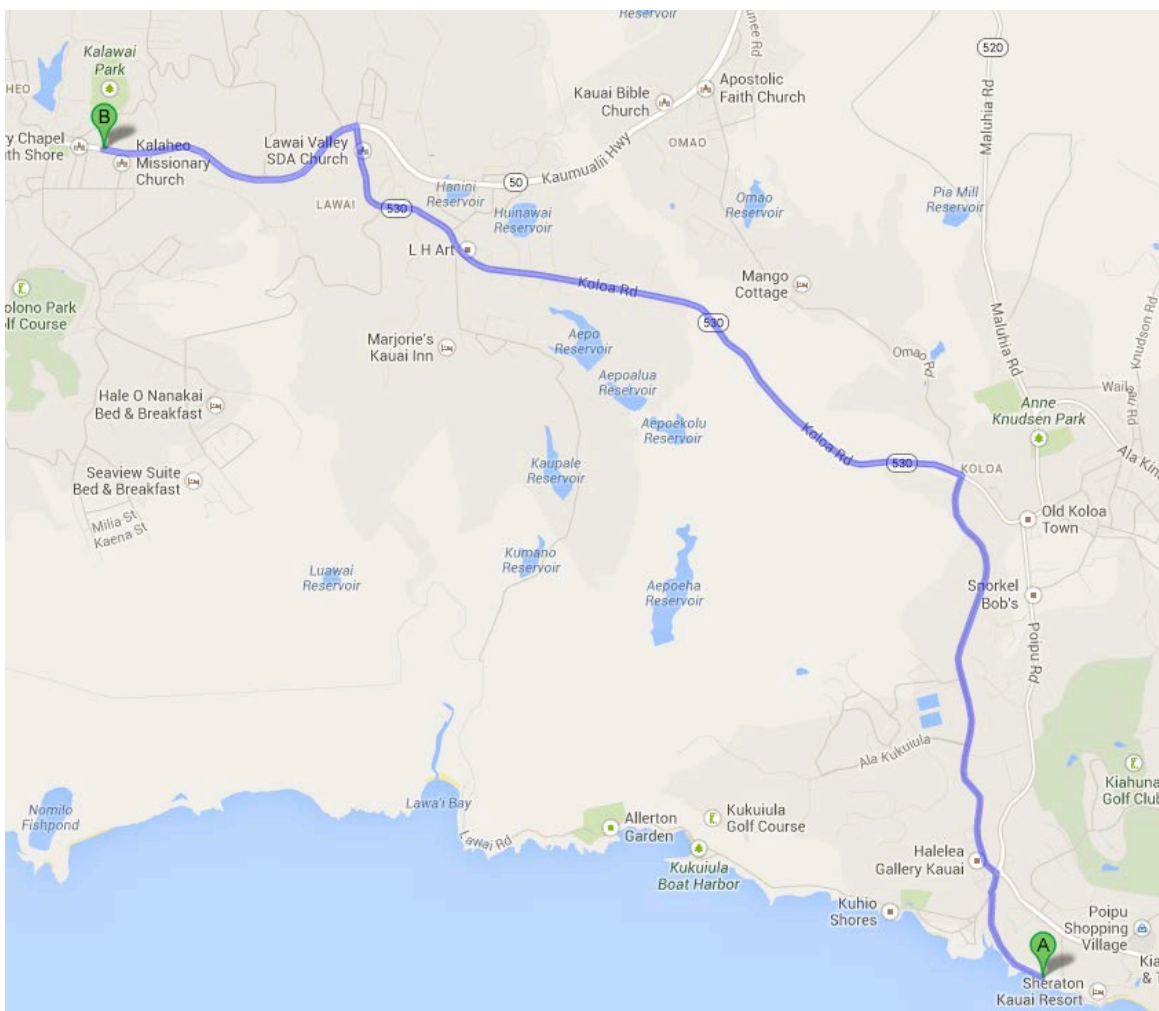


In Kalaheo – up the road but worth the drive –

Kalaheo Café and Coffee – delicious breakfast. No atmosphere, but nice outside patio and comfortable inside eating too www.kalaheo.com/

Kalaheo Steak House - have not eaten here but read other reviews before deciding to go. I've heard not great things about it. Check out the latest reviews for an opinion.

Brick Oven – great buffet specials if you want a lot of regular food for a cheap price. If you need to have pizza, better than Pizzetta.



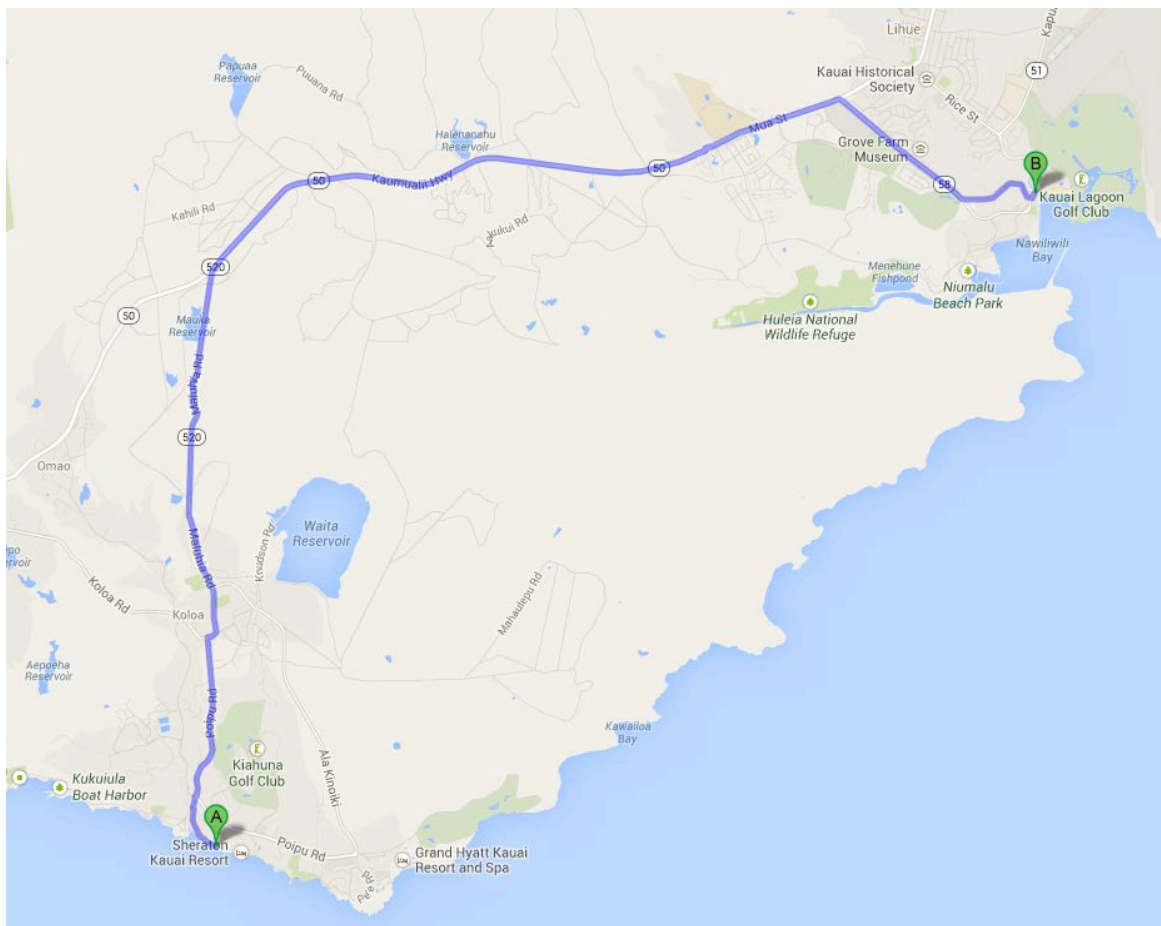
In Lihue:

Another hearty recommendation for lunch is JJ'S Broiler. As soon as I get off the plane, we head to JJ's for the 'ahhhh, I'm here' feeling. The servings there are gigantic - definitely recommend sharing. Great fries. I love the crab cake wrap. I love the view from here, it is right on Kalapaki Beach near Duke's. www.jjsbroiler.com

Speaking of Dukes, I went there for the first time recently and really loved it. It is very much like Keoki's but more upscale and have a great salad bar and wonderful views of Kalapaki Beach, just a different angle then at JJ's. www.dukeskauai.com/

Kalapaki Beach Hut – Yummy! Very, very casual – almost sticky casual. Love the Ono 'burger'. Sit upstairs if you can. [Kalapaki Beach Hut](#)

Another place that is in Lihue that has great food and 0 atmosphere is Kauai Pasta, which has a lot more than just pasta. The salads there are great. Is right across the street from MacDonalds in Lihue, near Two Frogs Hugging - that is hard to miss. <http://www.kauaipasta.com/>



Best luau:

is Smith's - make your reservations now, they definitely sell out.

www.smithskauai.com/luau.html

There is a free show at the Poipu Shopping Center, but it is minimal and the Sheraton offers free standing room for their shows too.

North Shore - or on the way:

In Kapaa - Love the Olympic Café - sit on the 2nd floor and look out over the mountains and the busy street below. Love the Ahi tuna wrap. All food is good. Weekends they have a Bloody Mary bar. Kind of fun and different.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/olympic-cafe-kapaa>

If you are headed to the north shore and in the mood for a messy but very good burger, go to Duane's Ono Burger on the way out of Kapaa on the right hand side. It is a road side stand - no bathrooms or place to wash hands. Bring your own handi-wipes. Grungy tables, so use extra napkins. But very delicious and moist burgers. Also very good fruit shakes.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/duanes-ono-char-burger-anahola>

Check out Postcards - www.postcardscafe.com Love the Taro chips.

Great tapas - Bar Acuda - www.restaurantbaracuda.com/

