

# KAUA'I - "HAWAI'I'S ISLAND OF DISCOVERY"

# HIGHLIGHTS

Capital City: Līhu'e Population: 67,000 2013 Visitor Arrivals: 1.1 million Number of Rooms: More than 4,500 Top Venue Regions: Līhu'e, Royal Coconut Coast, Po'ipū, Princeville

# DAYS OF DISCOVERY

Kaua'i, the oldest island in the Hawaiian chain, boasts amazing landscapes including sculpted mountains, rugged canyons, and pristine beaches. Kaua'i is home to the soaring cliffs of the Nāpali Coast and 3,600-foot-deep Waimea Canyon, often referred to as "The Grand Canyon of the Pacific," with unforgettable panoramic views of its deep valley gorges.

The island of discovery has surprises at every graceful turn of its quiet highways. From navigable rivers to mountain trails, the incredible natural beauty of the island is legend. There's no shortage of activities to enhance any program or encourage group bonding such as kayaking, going on expeditions to witness dozens of Hollywood movie set locations, ziplining, and helicopter tours into valleys with countless waterfalls to take in. On Kaua'i, business and rejuvenation go hand in hand.

## VENUE VARIETY

Kaua'i has more than 4,500 hotel rooms but retains its charm with relaxed towns and welcoming people. There are a number of world-class hotels and resorts on Kaua'i, as well as excellent alternatives for group meetings, incentive programs, and special events, including plantation estates, botanical gardens, and even one of the largest coffee plantations in the United States.

Experienced meeting and incentive professionals are available to help planners find the perfect venue for their needs. Meeting sites are plentiful and can be tailored to accommodate

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individual groups, and each offers a special touch of Kaua'i, with amenities that are made or grown on the island.

## LĪHU′E

In the commercial center of Kaua'i known for its cultural and historical area is Līhu'e. Līhu'e is home to Marriott Kauai's Beach Club, Kauai Lagoons Golf Club, and Kaua'i's Marriott Resort on Kalapakī Beach, which recently underwent a \$50 million upgrade with major enhancements to all guest rooms, suites, restaurants, and pool deck. The resort also boasts eight meeting rooms with a total of more than 20,000 sq. ft. of meeting space. Two stunning ballrooms, one of which comfortably accommodates more than 1,000 guests, are idyllic venues for conferences or annual meetings.

## **ROYAL COCONUT COAST**

Nestled between the mountain and the ocean on Kaua'i's east side, Courtyard by Marriott Kaua'i at Coconut Beach offers an expansive event tent with an estimated maximum capacity of 450 persons. The new beachfront venue is the perfect spot for meeting events. The Courtyard by Marriott Kaua'i at Coconut Beach also offers catering options including coffee, lunch, receptions, and dinner service.

Over at the 216-room Aston Aloha Beach Hotel, onsite meeting, convention, and catering specialists are available for business and social gatherings. With over 13,000 sq. ft. of indoor and more than 7,000 sq. ft. of outdoor function space, Aston Aloha Beach Hotel has the ideal setting for group services and meeting conventions.

The 25-acre oceanfront oasis at Aqua Kauai Beach Resort offers a variety of spectacular event venues including seven meeting rooms, landscaped courtyards, and 26,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor flexible meeting space. Providing 350 guest rooms, Aqua Kauai Beach Resort ensures standout meetings, conferences, receptions, and special events through expert meeting specialists who manage every detail to assure a successful program.

# **PO'IPŪ**

In world-renowned Po'ipū on the sunny south shore of Kaua'i, Sheraton Kauai Resort offers a variety of oceanfront and tropical garden function spaces, perfect for groups or incentives. Spanning across 20 acres along a pristine coastline, the resort boasts 394 comfortable

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guest rooms, including nine spacious oceanfront suites, over 25,000 sq. ft. of indoor function spaces and more than 40,000 sq. ft. of flexible outdoor space. The resort completed a \$16 million rejuvenation of its key facilities and amenities in 2012, further complementing its spectacular locale on Kaua'i's south shore. Nearby, Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa features 25,000 sq. ft. of flexible function space, all on one level and 40,000 sq. ft. of formal gardens, lawns, poolside and lagoon event areas, for unforgettable parties. Corporate gatherings take on an entirely new energy from the fresh breezes, lush grounds, and incredible facilities at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa.

### PRINCEVILLE

On Kaua'i's dramatic north shore is the upscale resort area of Princeville where you can indulge in world-class hospitality and play at some of Kaua'i's premier golf courses at The St. Regis Princeville Resort. Catering to events that exceed expectations, the resort contains five conference rooms offering an additional 3,128 sq. ft. for intimate gatherings. For corporate events, The St. Regis Princeville Resort provides complimentary scuba lessons, Na Pua lei making, 'ukulele lessons, and beachside bonfires with s'mores and tidepools.

Other properties provide countless options for creativity and productivity. Planners can choose from public and private venues including Na 'Aina Kai Botanical Garden, Kilohana Plantation, 'Iliahi Estate, Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall, and Kauai Veterans Center.

#### NATURAL BEAUTY

Kaua'i resorts and hotels are perfect for corporate conferences or incentive programs as well as the smaller executive retreats or board meetings. The endless variety of island adventures can bring attendees together in untold ways.

Kaua'i dazzles the senses with incomparable, natural beauty with the soaring cliffs of the Nāpali Coast, the vast chasms of Waimea Canyon, and some of Hawai'i's most pristine, sandy beaches. These and other lush, tropical settings create a rejuvenating atmosphere that invigorates meeting attendees and shapes events of every size.

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