



HAWAII 2 DAY ADVENTURE

48 Hours in Kaua'i

the Garden Isle: Valleys, Waterfalls & Wild Shores A Young Couple's Guide to Adventure

Stay: Hilton Garden Inn Kaua'i Waleua Bay

Vibe: Rugged Adventure, Tropical Lushness & Epic Vistas

Travel Tips from Suzi @ Nothing Ventured

- The August "Dry" Side:** August is peak summer. While Kaua'i is famous for rain, the South and West sides will be sunny and hot. Perfect for your car rental explorations!
- The Na Pali Rule:** You cannot drive to the Na Pali coast. You must see it by boat or helicopter. I recommend booking a morning snorkel boat for the best light and calmer seas.
- Park Reservations:** If you plan to visit Ha'ena State Park (North Shore), you must **book your parking/entry voucher exactly 30 days in advance**. They sell out in minutes!
- Go Local:** Stop at the roadside "Sunshine Markets" for fresh lychee and mango, August is prime fruit season.



Day 1: The Grand Canyon & South Shore Sands

- Morning: The Grand Canyon of the Pacific**
 - 8:30 AM:** Drive West to **Waimea Canyon State Park**. The red dirt against the lush green cliffs is mind-blowing. Stop at the **Waimea Canyon Lookout** and then continue to **Puu Hinahina Lookout**.
 - The Hike:** Continue to the end of the road to **Koke'e State Park** for the **Kalepa Ridge Trail**. It's an unofficial-feeling path that offers the most breathtaking, narrow-ridge views of the Na Pali coast from above.
- Lunch: Shrimp & Shave Ice**
 - Head back down the mountain to **Waimea Town**. Grab a plate of garlic shrimp from the famous **Shrimp Station** and follow it up with a mountain of shave ice from JoJo's.
- Afternoon: Spouting Horn & Secret Coves**
 - Drive to the South Shore to see **Spouting Horn**, a blowhole that shoots sea water high into the air.
 - Relax:** Head to **Poipu Beach Park**. It's the best spot to see Hawaiian Monk Seals basking on the sand.
- Evening: Sunset & Sushi**
 - 6:00 PM:** Grab a cocktail at The Beach House in Lawai for the best sunset view on the island.
 - Dinner:** Head back toward Wailua (near your hotel) and eat at **Sleeping Giant Grill** or **Pono Market** for authentic Poke bowls that the locals swear by.

Day 2: North Shore Magic & Tropical Rivers

- Morning: Waterfalls & River Vibes**
 - 9:00 AM:** Since you are staying right there, start at **Wailua Falls** (the "Fantasy Island" waterfall). It's a drive-up lookout, so no hiking required for this epic photo.
 - Adventure:** Rent a double kayak and paddle up the **Wailua River** to the trailhead for Secret Falls (Uluwehi Falls). It's a 20-minute paddle and a 30-minute hike through the jungle to a 100ft waterfall you can swim in.
- Lunch: Food Truck Heaven**
 - Drive North to **Hanalei Town**. This is the quintessential surf town. Grab lunch at the **Hanalei Taro & Juice Co.** truck or **Pat's Taqueria** parked near the pier.
- Afternoon: Hanalei Bay & Tropical Gardens**
 - Spend your afternoon at **Hanalei Bay**. Walk to the end of the historic pier and look back at the mountains, this is the most "Instagrammable" spot on the island.
 - Quick Stop:** On the way back, stop at the **Kilauea Lighthouse**. In August, you'll see thousands of nesting seabirds and potentially dolphins leaping in the distance.
- Evening: Farewell Mai Tais**
 - 6:30 PM:** Celebrate your final night with dinner at **Bar Acuda** in Hanalei for tapas-style dining, or head back to the hotel area for **Smith's Tropical Paradise Luau** if you want the full traditional Hawaiian experience with fire dancing.

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