

## **Five Reasons to Travel to Maui This Year**

When the phrase “island vacation” comes to mind, do you instantly think of Maui? If not, take a minute to read five great reasons why you should travel to Maui this year.

### **1. Maui is Top Pick Among Pacific Islands in Conde Nast Traveler Reader’s Choice Awards.**

This year’s awards list the top reasons to visit as the terrific year-round temperatures (70°-80°), variety of activities available and the sheer natural beauty of the island. Conde Nast Traveler readers loved the unique appeal of each Maui shore, catering to the wallets and interests of every kind of traveler.

It’s not just Conde Nast fans picking Maui as a favorite destination, though. According to the Orbitz Travel Blog < [http://blog.orbitz.com/orbitz\\_blog/2008/02/maui-cozumel-am.html](http://blog.orbitz.com/orbitz_blog/2008/02/maui-cozumel-am.html)>, Maui is top in winter vacation spots, based on number of reservations booked.

### **2. Hawaii condominium vacation rental offerings make Maui easy and affordable.**

Private owners rent an incredible array of vacation home offerings on Maui. Why spend money at impersonal resorts when you can stay where you’ve made a real connection with the owner? You’ll find plenty of listings on Internet websites, and free vacation rental sites allow owners to charge less for their properties.

Browse “rent from owner” vacation property websites and watch for the ability to sort by date and listings with availability calendars. This will cut your search time in half and let you narrow down your list quickly. Match flight dates and times with your “short list” and get on the phone to book your rental. Renting directly from the property owner is truly the best way to enjoy Maui!

### **3. Maui offers safe family fun for all ages**

You won’t find hordes of panhandlers and street hustlers in Maui! Our slice of paradise features safe family fun, so don’t be afraid to bring the kids.

Imagine the tales older kids will tell of snorkeling the reef off Lahaina. Active families can find adventure hiking lush trails at Iao Valley State Park. Even the little ones can play in the sun at our famous “Baby Beach.”

Mom and Dad can relax while the kids are enthralled with the sights and tastes of a luau. And what youngsters wouldn’t love being part of a whale watching cruise, catching site of humpbacks and a dolphin or two?

### **4. “Maui No Ka Oi”**

Or in the words of the Hawaiians, “Maui is the best.” They say this because they know the waterfalls, beaches and rainforests of Maui are superior to anything else in the islands.

Here are just a few of things we consider top rank here on Maui:

- The Road to Hana: the spectacular twists, turns and overlooks along the way to historic Hana Town are worth the flight to Maui. One of the most scenic roadways in the world, the Road to Hana ranks at the top of photographers' favorites.
- Along the Hana Highway on Maui is the pristine Haipuena Falls, another reason to keep your camera clicking. It's worth the short hike to see water rushing down the rocky hillside into a lush, tree-lined pool. The rest of your drive along Hana Highway won't be waterfall-deficient, either. There are simply amazing views everywhere along this scenic byway.
- Surfers, bodyboard enthusiasts and snorkelers say our beaches are first-rate. Top picks include Maluaka Beach in Makena, D. T. Fleming Beach Park in Kapalua and Kanaha Beach Park in Kahului.
- Not content to simply boast of sugar-fine white sands, we offer tourists *black and red beaches* to tempt them into the water. Red Sand Beach at Hana, also known as Ka'ihalulu, is particularly beautiful.

##### 5. Maui Gives You Hundreds of Reasons to Love the Outdoors

The number of hiking and biking trails on Maui is dizzying! Here are visitors' top picks for incredible outdoor experiences:

- **Haleakala Summit Trails:** Surrounding the dormant volcanic crater Haleakala, hikers will find thirty miles of trails ranging from easy strolls to challenging overnight hikes. For an unforgettable experience, participate in Haleakala by Sunrise or Sunset and watch the sun rise or disappear over the edge of a volcanic crater at ten thousand feet!
- **Wai'anapanapa Coastal Trail:** This three mile trail in northeast Maui offers dramatic views of the black lava coastline north of Hana Bay.
- **Skyline Trail at Mt. Haleakala:** Experienced mountain bikers will definitely find their thrill descending this trail that starts at ten thousand feet and rides over volcanic lava flow to Mamane Trail.

These are only a few of the reasons your next island vacation should be on Maui. With affordable Hawaiian condominium vacation rental offerings to keep things affordable, thrilling sights and activities throughout the island and a level of safety families will appreciate, isn't it time you made your way to Maui?