



THE SCENE

AN EPICUREAN JOURNEY ON THE NORTH SHORE

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Idylic white sand beaches, lush scenic coastlines and everyday rainbows set the tone for North Shore's eclectic food and drink atmospheres. The edible backdrop serves up a warm community feel with charming dining experiences that display the hip, laid-back character of the quaint island. For happy hour grindz, romantic starlit nights or after beach play hunger, the North Shore's mellow mood creates an ideal ambiance for your dining pleasure with its matchless beauty and original eats.

KĪLAUEA

Kilauea Fish Market: Undoubtedly a local hotspot, the fish market is a deli-style neighborhood centerpiece with a reasonably priced menu, casual outdoor seating, and is great for takeout. The *'Ahi Wrap* or *Grilled Mahi Mahi Tacos* are where it's at.

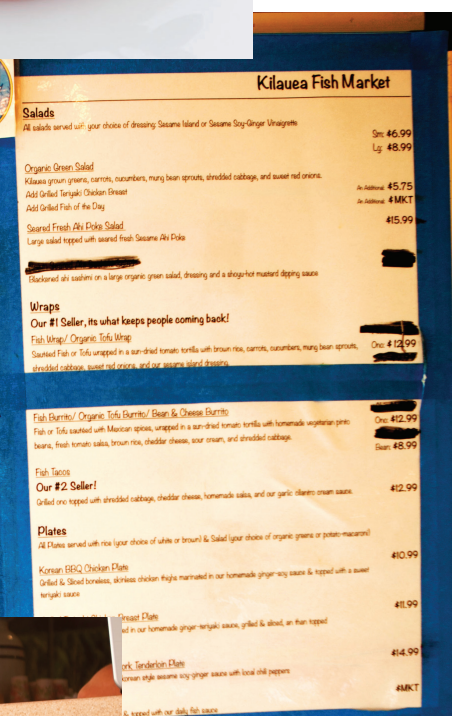
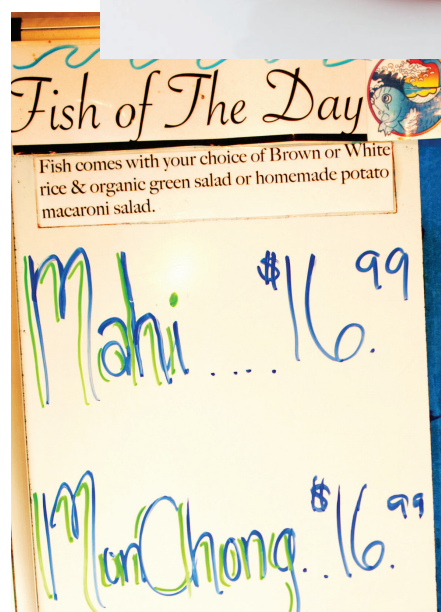
Open Monday-Saturday from 11am to 8pm. Closed Sunday. Call (808) 828-6244.

Kilauea Bakery & Pau Hana Pizza: A dual location, this sociable morning café transforms into a pizza place for lunch. Locals love their staple brews paired with breakfast *Stromboli's* or *Bialys* (Basil Pesto is awesome) and afternoon *Panini's* are a hit.

Open everyday from 6am to 9pm, lunch served at 11am. Call (808) 828-2020.

PRINCEVILLE

Kauai Grill: Panoramic views of Hanalei Bay are renowned at this fine dining locale at The St. Regis Princeville Resort. Featuring cuisine from an





internationally acclaimed chef, the *Tasting Menu* is a wise way to sample the French-inspired Asian blended fare. All cocktails are made from scratch and wines abound. Make reservations before sunset and request window seating for the full experience.

Open for dinner Tuesday-Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, and 5:30pm to 10pm Fridays and Saturdays. Call (808) 826-9644.

HANALEI

Tahiti Nui: A true Kaua‘i icon, this venue celebrates over 50 years and their nightly live music tops the scene. The specialty *Tabiti Nui Mai Tai’s*, iTi wine bar, and weekly *lū‘au* complement breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Tiki Man pizzas. Dance your heart out in the quintessential setting, but please respect the locals—this is their stomping ground.

Open for breakfast 8:30-10:30am and lunch/dinner 10:30am-10pm. Live slack key Fridays at 4:30pm, followed by entertainment from 6:30-9pm daily. Call (808) 826-6277.

Hanalei Coffee Roasters: Sip your Hawaiian-grown espresso with misty waterfall views at this combination micro-roastery and café. The central town hub flaunts popular whipped crème topped *Kaua‘i Waffles* and *Paninis* at noon. Be patient with

the long lines—it’s worth the wait.

Open daily from 6:30am-6pm, lunch served at noon. Call (808) 826-6717.

The Dolphin: A sushi lover’s paradise, this eatery has tables along Hanalei River and masterful chefs that enhance the tropical charismatic vibe. Delight in a casual lunch and cocktail or fresh-caught dinner in the tiki-lit lounge—the *Rainbow Poke Martini* or *Teriyaki ‘Abi* will hit the spot.

Open daily from 11:30am-9pm, sushi lounge from 5:30-9:30pm. Call (808) 826-6113.

Bar Acuda: Sophistication mingles with island style in this voguish tapas bistro. Focusing on seasonal ingredients, the Mediterranean-infused menu accompanies a lively ambiance. Pair an estate bottled wine with the *Local North Shore Honeycomb*, make reservations, and sit at the communal table to make new friends.

Open daily from 5:30-9:30pm. Bar closes at 10pm. Call (808) 826-7081.

Note: Hours and menu may vary by season. Please call to confirm.

