


(a Portuguese donut) 3 for \$1. They also have decent blueberry scones and cocoa puffs. \$2–\$3. Open at 6 a.m. Closed Sunday.


Hawaiian Blizzard

4-1105 Kuhio Hwy

 This is simply a shave ice stand in front of Big Save in Kapa'a at the Kapa'a Shopping Center on Hwy 56 near the 8 mile marker. Though selection is limited and they don't offer ice cream on the bottom (our preferred way), they keep their ice blade especially sharp, creating extraordinarily fine shave ice. \$3. Flexible hours means they're not always there.

Kaua'i Bakery & Cinnamons

3-2600 Kaumualii Hwy • 246-4765

 Located in Lihu'e's Kukui Grove Shopping Center, they have a sparse selection but outstanding quality on some items. Their apple turnovers are the best on the planet. (*Pretty strong words, Andy!*) Other items not as stellar. They open at 7 a.m. and may run out of many things by 11. You won't find bubbly service, *but da grinds broke da mouf, brah.*

Kaua'i Fruit & Flower


3-4684 Kuhio Hwy • 245-1814

On Hwy 56 near the airport. \$9 for a pineapple! Need we say more?

SOUTH SHORE AMERICAN

Beach House Restaurant

5022 Lawai Rd. • 742-1424

 A longtime south shore landmark. Steak and seafood with exceptional ocean views—they are right next to the water. Nice sunsets from here. Tables are reasonably spaced. The food quality is usually

very good. (Steak is probably their weakest offering—stick with the seafood.) Vast wine list. Dinner, with entrées like lamb, fresh fish, steak and the like, will run you \$28–\$45. On Lawai Road in Po'ipu on way to Spouting Horn. Almost always a memorable meal, this is one of the best restaurants on the south shore. Reservations *strongly* recommended days in advance.

Brennecke's Beach Broiler


2100 Hoone Rd. • 742-7588

Their motto is "right on the beach" (actually they're across the street from Po'ipu Beach Park, but the view is still awesome) and "right on the price" (which is, unfortunately, dead wrong). We think they rely too much on the view. Reader comments are consistently two to one against this long-time landmark, and that matches our experience. Sometimes good service, but not usually. Sometimes good food, but too pricey. Brennecke's is still *capable* of great seafood and steak memories, but they need to stop resting on their laurels and get more consistent. They still pour some of the better drinks on the south shore (with legendary mai tais), and their chowder is pretty tasty. \$12–\$22 for lunch, \$20–\$35 for dinner. Next to Po'ipu Beach Park.

Downstairs and next door, their **Brennecke's Deli** has breakfast items before 10 a.m., sandwiches, hot dogs and bad shave ice. Though the food's certainly not gourmet, it's amazing how much better it'll taste if you take it across the street to one of the beach park tables and gaze at the delicious scenery. \$5–\$9.

Ilima Terrace

1571 Poipu Rd. • 742-1234

 Located at the Hyatt in Po'ipu, they offer good food in a beautiful, open-air setting near a Hyatt waterfall. Breakfast is overpriced (how else can you describe \$15 pancakes

or \$18 loco moco?). And at lunch you have burgers or a cobb salad for \$16 or pricier dinner-style entrées for more. They also have a fairly good Sunday breakfast buffet for \$28. A bargain? No. But the location helps take the sting out of it and garners them the ONO. The setting is fantastic—ask for the table next to the waterfall. Reservations recommended.

Joe's on the Green

2545 Kiahuna Pl. • 742-9696

On the Kiahuna Golf Course next to the driving range, the open-air feel and views of mountains give it a pretty and relaxing atmosphere. Breakfast is your best bet. Lunch is sandwiches (love the Bruddah Reuben and the Marta's Melt), salads and fish and chips. Service is friendly. \$8–\$15 for breakfast and lunch. From Po'ipu Road take the road into Po'ipu Shopping Village, drive past it into Kiahuna Golf Course.


Kalaheo Café & Coffee Co.

2-2560 Kaumualii Hwy • 332-5858

 Quality breakfast choices and a large list of coffee drinks make this a good spot to stop on your way to a boat tour on the west side. We like the bonzo burrito and the bagel benny. Their cinnamon knuckles are deadly and best eaten hot. Sandwiches and salads at lunch. Dinner offers an eclectic menu. We like the open-face enchilada, but the coconut shrimp will have us coming back. \$6–\$11 for breakfast, \$14–\$30 for dinner. On highway in Kalaheo. Open at 6:30 a.m.


Kalaheo Steak House

4444 Ppapalina Rd. • 332-7217

 It's good enough for an ono—usually. When it's good, the steak is really good. Seafood isn't their best work—stick with the beef. You can get a whopping 24 ounces of prime rib (though it's \$34). No reservations. Dinner only. No view. \$20–\$40.


Keoki's Paradise

2360 Kiahuna Plantation • 742-7534

 This is a special sort of place that people either love or hate (we love it). The ambiance is the story here with plants everywhere, a large fish lagoon, waterfalls and thatched roof booths (try to say *that* three times fast). It's the South Pacific that never really existed except in movies. The exotic bar area serves burgers, sandwiches and ribs at lunch and dinner for \$8–\$14. Some people wait there for a table while others make a meal of it to save money. The tables in the main area are arranged on several levels. Purists will sniff that the ambiance is not real—so what?! It's still exotic inside. If you are in the right mood, this is the sort of place you will remember for a long time. As for the food, it's a steak and seafood restaurant with above average food and service. Quite good, but not great. Several of the entrées, such as the prime rib, are only served as long as they last. They have a 26-ounce prime rib for those who swam here from O'ahu. The hula pie is equally large. The place can get pretty busy, which can have an effect on the service. Reservations strongly recommended. \$20–\$35 for dinner. Located in the Po'ipu Shopping Village in Po'ipu.

Plantation Garden

2253 Poipu Rd. • 742-2121

 A very relaxing tropical cactus garden setting with mostly outdoor tables (which are preferred). Dinner is a fairly small selection of steak and seafood, but flavors are well-conceived. The kalua pork lettuce wrap is a tasty appetizer if you can get past the inherent saltiness. The seafood lau lau is great if a bit generous with the scallops at the expense of the fresh fish. They don't do as well with steaks. They seem to lean toward slightly undercooking, so