

Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii, USA

The Friendly Isle resists resort culture entirely. Kaunakakai's wooden storefronts, royal coconut grove, and fiercely protected Native Hawaiian way of life make this the most genuine stop in all of Hawaii.

 Docked at pier (small ships only)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  USD  English / Hawaiian  No chain stores or traffic lights

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Kaunakakai Wharf (1,900 ft pier); small expedition ships dock; some anchor and skiff ashore

Best For: Native Hawaiian culture, unspoiled scenery, local food, history

Walk to center: ~1 mile (1.6 km) flat paved walk from pier end to Ala Malama Ave; no shade

Don't Miss: Kapuaiwa Coconut Grove, Kanemitsu Bakery hot bread, Kalaupapa Lookout

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~1/mile ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Halawa Valley Cultural Hike** — One of Hawaii's oldest inhabited valleys, reachable only with a local guide from the Solatorio family, the valley's last resident lineage.
- **Kalaupapa Lookout at Palaau State Park** — A short forest walk at Palaau State Park leads to a dramatic overlook of the Kalaupapa Peninsula — the isolated settlement where people with Hansen's...
- **Kapuaiwa Coconut Grove & Church Row** — Planted in the 1860s for King Kamehameha V, this royal coconut grove is one of the last in Hawaii.
- **Molokai Plumeria Farm** — Just five minutes from the pier, this fragrant working farm lets you pick plumerias and learn to string a traditional Hawaiian lei under staff...
- **Purdy's Macadamia Nut Farm** — A family-run organic farm in Hoolehua where you crack raw macadamia nuts straight off the tree.

BEST WALKS

- **Ala Malama Avenue Town Stroll** 0.5 mi · Flat · 30 min · Free — Walk the full length of Kaunakakai's main street from the harbor end to the far shops.
- **Pier to Coconut Grove Walk** ~2.5 mi one-way · Flat · 45-60 min · Free — Head west along Kamehameha V Highway from the wharf entrance to reach Kapuaiwa Coconut Grove and Church Row.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		81°	71°
Jun		85°	74°
Aug		87°	76°
Sep		87°	76°
Oct		85°	75°
			Rain
			6d
			2d
			4d
			4d
			6d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:08AM–6:47PM · Jun 5:46AM–7:10PM · Aug 6:07AM–6:57PM · Sep 6:15AM–6:30PM · Oct 6:23AM–6:03PM	
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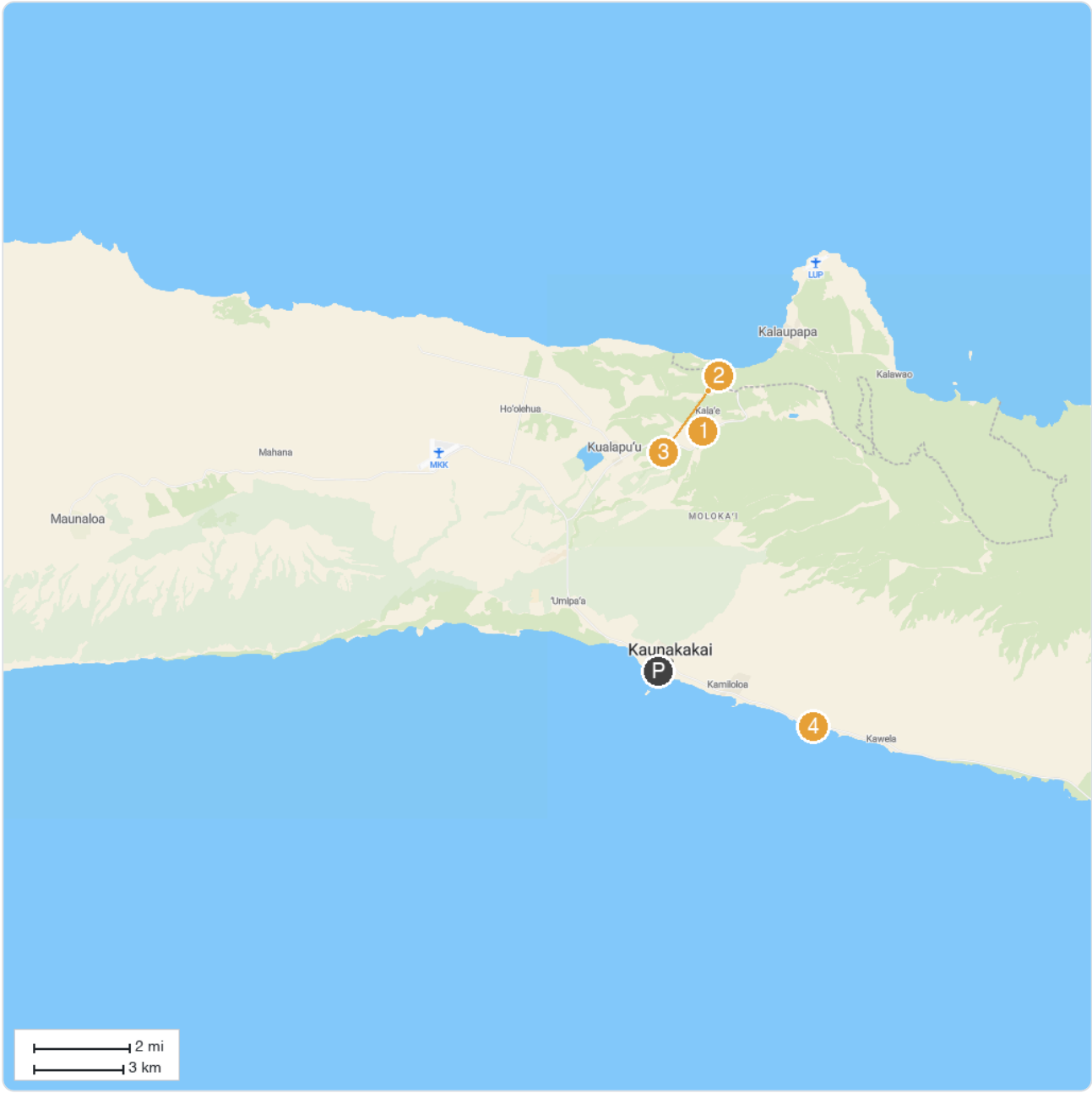
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No Uber, no Lyft. Molokai has zero rideshare. Pre-book a taxi or your ship's excursions for anything beyond walking distance. Rental cars sell out months ahead.
- Sunday closures are real. If your ship calls on Sunday, most of Kaunakakai town shuts completely — including grocery stores, most restaurants, and many shops.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. Hawaii law bans oxybenzone and octinoxate. Bring mineral sunscreen (zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) or buy it locally.
- Kanemitsu Bakery is the local institution — open daily for pastries and local breakfast. Their famous hot bread with cream cheese runs after 7:30 PM (if your ship stays late, it's a must).
- Respect the culture. Molokai residents actively limit mass tourism. Don't photograph locals without permission, obey 'Kapu' signs, and avoid honking if you rent a car — it's considered very rude here.
- Beaches near town are not swim beaches. The fringing reef keeps water around Kaunakakai shallow and silty. Head to Dixie Maru Cove on the west end (35 min drive) for safe swimming.

Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Molokai Museum & Cultural Center | Explore Molokai's history and culture at this museum. | 2 Kalaupapa Lookout | Scenic overlook offering views of the Kalaupapa peninsula. |
| 3 Pālā'au State Park | Forested state park with trails and the Kalaupapa Lookout. | 4 One Ali'i Park | Beach park for swimming, picnicking, and camping. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |