

Nawiliwili, Kauai, Hawaii, USA

Kauai's main cruise harbor opens the door to the Garden Isle — towering Na Pali cliffs, the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, and a beach steps from the pier.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs USD English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside pier at Nawiliwili Harbor — no tender required

Walk to center: Kalapaki Beach 10 min; Anchor Cove shops 10 min; Lihue ~2 mi (taxi/rideshare)

Best For: Helicopter tours, Na Pali Coast sails, Waimea Canyon, beach time

Don't Miss: Fern Grotto river cruise or a helicopter flight over the Na Pali Coast

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$15–19 to Lihue town center · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Clark's Hawaii Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Na Pali Coast Snorkel & Sail** — Board a catamaran or raft from Port Allen (~35 min drive) and cruise along the dramatic Na Pali cliffs, snorkel pristine reefs, and watch for spinner...
- **Helicopter Tour Over Kauai** — See Waialeale Crater, Na Pali Coast, and Waimea Canyon from the air — Kauai's rugged interior is largely inaccessible by road, making helicopter the...
- **Waimea Canyon Drive** — Drive to the 'Grand Canyon of the Pacific' — 3,600 feet deep with vivid red rock walls and lush green ridges.
- **Wailua River & Fern Grotto** — A peaceful river cruise up the Wailua River to a natural lava-rock fern grotto draped in tropical ferns.
- **Poipu Beach Day** — Consistently ranked one of America's best beaches, Poipu offers calm swimming, snorkeling, and regular sightings of Hawaiian monk seals and green sea...

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Kalapaki Beach** 0.5 mi · 10 min · Easy — Walk from the pier exit along the harbor road to Kalapaki Beach — a crescent of calm sand with Duke's Kauai restaurant right on the sand, perfect for a quick swim or...
- **Kalapaki to Anchor Cove & Lihue Center** 0.7 mi · 15 min · Easy — From Kalapaki Beach stroll along Rice Street to Anchor Cove Shopping Center and Harbor Mall for coffee, souvenirs, and tour operator check-ins.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	77°	70°	21d
Jun	80°	73°	23d
Aug	82°	75°	24d
Sep	82°	75°	23d
Oct	81°	73°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:17AM–6:57PM · Jun 5:54AM–7:22PM · Aug 6:15AM–7:07PM · Sep 6:24AM–6:39PM · Oct 6:33AM–6:11PM	
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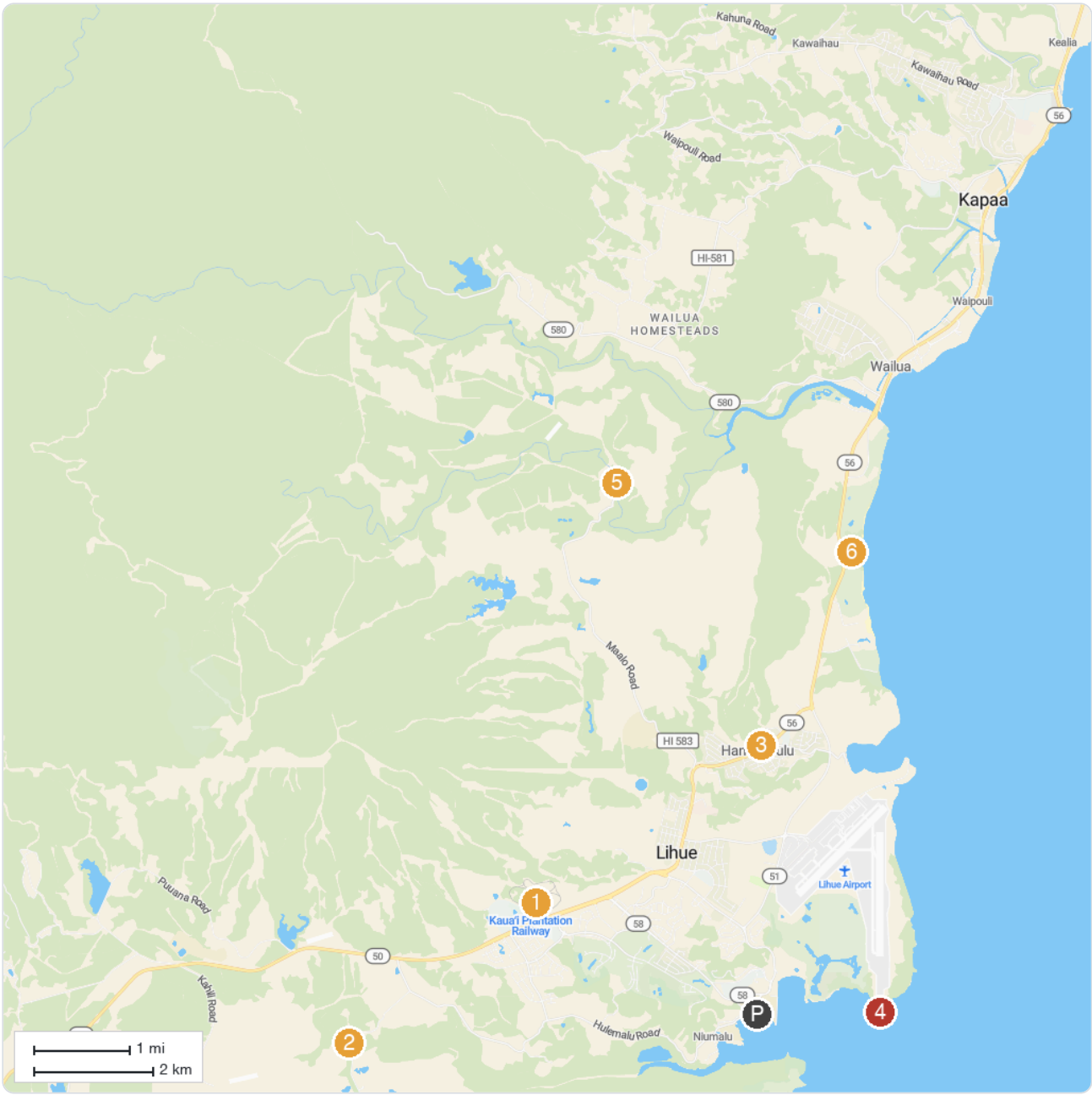
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Na Pali and helicopter tours early. These sell out weeks in advance — especially in summer. Book before you board the ship.
- Rent a car if you want to explore freely. Kauai has limited rideshares; book rental cars 6+ months ahead — inventory is notoriously tight.
- Pack a light rain jacket. Kauai is the wettest Hawaiian island — the north shore and interior can pour while the south shore stays sunny. Layers help.
- Watch your departure time. Most ships must leave by sunset. Build in a 1–1.5 hour buffer, especially for tours to the west side (Waimea Canyon is 1.5 hrs away).
- Kalapaki Beach is walkable from the pier and calmer than most Hawaii beaches — great if you only have a few hours or want a no-fuss swim right at the port.
- Duke's Kauai at Kalapaki Beach is iconic — famous for hula pie, mai tais, and a great outdoor deck. Arrive early; it fills up fast on ship days.

Nawiliwili, Kauai, 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 Kilohana | Historic plantation estate with shops, dining, and train rides. | 2 Kipu Ranch Adventures | Private ranch offering ATV and UTV adventure tours. |
| 3 Kauai Backcountry Adventures | Ziplining, tubing, and waterfall tours through historic ditches. | 4 Ninini Point Lighthouse | Active lighthouse offering scenic ocean and harbor views. |
| 5 Wailua Falls | Beautiful twin waterfalls easily viewed from a roadside lookout. | 6 Wailua Golf Course | Public 18-hole championship golf course near the ocean. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |