



Whalers Village Whets the Appetite

KĀ'ANAPALI, Maui - Sampling the vibrant flavors at Whalers Village Fine Shops & Restaurants provides a journey for the palate, in and of itself. From gourmet seafood cuisine and tropical dining to an all-American hamburger or a hearty sandwich, from luscious coffee and yummy ice cream to superb wines and carefree desserts, Maui's premier beachfront shopping destination has foods, snacks, and drinks for every mood, budget, and taste. Relax on the terrace of one of its three oceanfront restaurants, have fun in its food court, call it a meal with a pizza or pastry, or celebrate the famed Maui Onion during the Village's signature festival.

Restaurants

Hula Grill: Chef Peter Merriman serves the exciting flavors of Hawai'i Regional Seafood Cuisine oceanfront, in a nostalgic plantation-era beachhouse setting with koa wood walls, hula girl figurines, and Hawaiian memorabilia. Fresh produce from Maui's farms and seafood from the ocean merge with the cultural cooking traditions of the islands. The aromas of the kiawe wood-burning oven entice guests from midmorning until well after sunset. The classy dining room is complemented by a cool and casual sand-floor hangout known as the Barefoot Bar, and daily guests enjoy exotic music with hula dance. (Lunch: 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Opening hours for Barefoot Bar with all-day menu: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; drinks 11 a.m. until midnight. 808-667-6636; www.hulagrill.com)

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Leilani's On the Beach: Since it first opened in 1983, this casual oceanfront spot—waves lap onto shore just feet away—has grown into one of Maui's most popular fish and steak houses. Island-style cuisine with steaks, chops, prime rib, kiawe-smoked ribs, chicken and fish is served in the evenings in an upper-level indoor-outdoor space with splendid sunset views, while, downstairs, the Beachside Grill with its lanai serves lighter fare, such as burgers, salads, sandwiches and pupu, all day. Of course, the cocktails are good and cold, and live Hawaiian entertainment warms the scene in the afternoons. (Upstairs dining: 5-10 p.m. Beachside Grill: 11 a.m. -11 p.m.; drinks 11 a.m. until midnight. 808-661-4495; www.leilanis.com/)

Cane & Taro: From D.K. Kodama, one of Hawai'i's star chefs and the creator of the highly acclaimed Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar concept, comes this exciting new Maui restaurant. Serving contemporary “comfort” food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the open air restaurant has a plantation feel and is an ideal destination for families. The setting is spectacular and offers panoramic ocean views from its prime beachfront location in Whalers Village at Maui's world famous Kā'anapali Beach Resort. (Open for breakfast: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. 808-662-0668; www.caneandtaro.com)

Specialty Food

Häagen-Dazs Shop: Trendy baristo espresso drinks, classic ice-creams, exotic sorbets, fat-free yogurts, and dazzling desserts from a beloved brand. (808-667-5377; www.haagen-dazs.com/)

Yogurtland: Founded in 2006 featuring a selection of flavors and toppings in a self serve environment. (808-661-9834; www.yogurt-land.com)

Honolulu Cookie Company: A locally-owned gourmet cookie company features eight, unique flavors. (808-661-8248; www.honolulucookie.com)

The Coffee Store Whalers Village: Fresh brewed coffees, espresso, ice-blended mochas, fruit smoothies, freshly baked daily pastries and more. 6 am – 9 pm (808-667-2823; www.coffeestorewhalersvillage.com)

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Food Court (Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.)

Dragon Wall Express: It's fresh, hot, and convenient at this Chinese take-out that serves beef, seafood, and vegetarian dishes with lots of noodles and taste. (808-661-9798)

McDonald's Express: From the familiar chain with the golden arches, classic french fries, trusted burgers, ice-cold sodas, served with efficiency and aloha, for the family. (808-667-6674)

Mr. Sub Sandwiches/Mr. Taco: For a generous deli sandwich or wrap, a great burrito or taco, a cold drink, a hearty American or Mexican meal—fast and easy. (808-662-4343)

Nikki's Pizza/Smooth as Ice: Voted *Best Pizza on Maui*, here's the place to finish a scrumptious Mediterranean pizza, pasta, panini sandwich or salad with a dessert of fresh-fruit smoothies and gourmet tropical ice-creams. (808-667-0333)

Maui Onion Festival (*See separate activity release for more details.*)

A signature event for Whalers Village, held the first Saturday in May since 1990, the Maui Onion festival rocks around Maui's famed sweet agricultural crop, the Maui Kula Onion. The Maui-style celebration brings top celebrity chefs to Whalers Village for cooking demonstrations and the annual Maui Onion Recipe Contest, and includes two raw eating contests, lots of crisp-fried onion rings, onion-themed games, and island music. Attendance is free.

Recognized as Maui's premier oceanfront shopping destination, Whalers Village Fine Shops & Restaurants is part of the master-planned, award-winning Kā'anapali Beach Resort and hugs the famed three-mile long strip of Kā'anapali Beach. Set on 8.5 tropical acres, diverse, carefree, and sophisticated at once, the three-level open-air village comprises 110,836 square feet of retail space and is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Maui's premier beachfront shopping center also features a whale museum and a center stage for cultural entertainment.

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