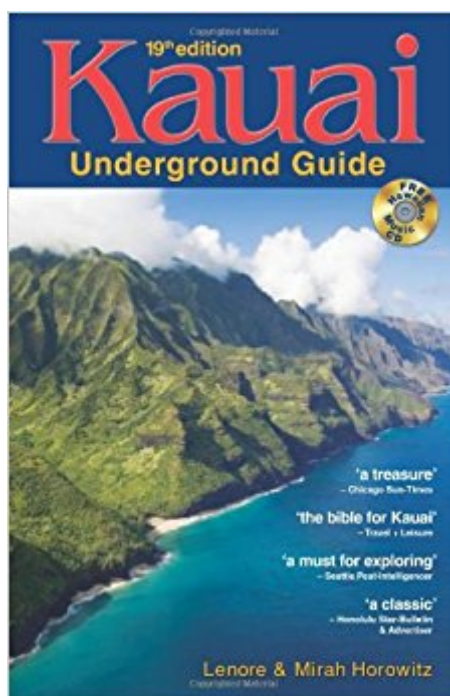


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Synopsis

Praised as "the bible" for Kauai (Travel & Leisure) and "a must for visitors" (Honolulu Advertiser), the newest edition (the 19th) of Kauai Underground Guide remains the longtime favorite for finding Kauai's best beaches, restaurants, tours, activities, adventures, and hidden beauty spots. With "everything you need to know" to discover Kauai (Hawaii Magazine), it's packed with adventure ideas and money-saving tips. Great for explorers & essential for families.* More than 250,000 books sold - the original guidebook to Kauai* Colorful maps for easy reference* Don't miss a day plans for each island area, highlighting the most exciting adventures and activities* Easy-to-follow directions to the best beaches and hidden places* Handy charts for choosing restaurants, activities and adventures* Advice for navigating the island's micro-climates to find the best weather* Exclusive, free CD sampler by Hawaiian singing star Kealii Reichel & the perfect rental car companion* More detailed descriptions of where to go and what to see and do than any other guidebook* Recommendations for traveling with children* Not a franchise or part of a series, the authors write only about Kauai* Sales help non-profit agencies benefiting Kauai's children

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Customer Reviews

What began 20 years ago as a 16-page typewritten overview of one family's collected ideas for getting the best out of a Kauai vacation has grown into a 200-page tome of personal and practical advice. The Horowitz family has made Kauai their second home, and author Lenore offers the kind of information that prompts readers to write that this book makes them feel "part of the island's

family." A planning section detailing where to stay and what to pack is followed by overviews of activities, adventures, and discoveries--such as useful Hawaiian words, where to watch sunsets, and how to find the best artists and artisans. A chapter on beach adventures offers up-to-date reports on beaches all over the island. This guide covers all the bases to help you make the most of your island time. On "Hideaways" Beach, for example, the detailed account reads: At the base of the cliff near the Pali Ke Kua Condominiums in Princeville is a lovely sandy beach set inside a reef, where you can watch the sun sparkle on the waves in near solitude. It is a peaceful spot, secluded and beautiful, actually two beaches connected by a rocky point. Swimming is not the best because of the coral bottom and the offshore rocks, but snorkeling can be very good in calm summer seas. Be cautious. As on all north shore beaches, snorkeling can be risky and is advisable only in a calm ocean; when the surf is up, current can become dangerous. The restaurant section's useful chart lists phone numbers, prices, and color-map reference numbers, followed by readers' choices of the best places to find fresh fish, ocean views, steaks, etc. As a bonus gift in this 15th-anniversary edition, you'll find a free CD of Hawaiian music by popular artist Keali'i Reichel. A portion of the proceeds from Kauai Underground Guide go to literacy, arts, and special needs for Kauai's children.

--Kathryn True --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The book had a lot of good information, it was a bit dated, Kauai has grown so much, very busy place with lots of traffic, not what we expected at all!

One of two guides that we used. While this one was helpful for planning, it was not as useful after we arrived. Kauai is really divided into distinct geographical areas but the book is organized around activities, not geography. If you are in the north and planning your day, using the book involves a lot of page turning because information about the north is spread throughout the book. The same for the east, south and west. To be fair other Kauai guides are also similarly organized. The information was generally accurate but somewhat selective or thin in places. Some useful opinions were expressed but most of the information was rather generic. We didn't listen to the music CD. Would we buy this guide again? Yes, but if we were limited to a single guide, this guide would be nosed out by *The Ultimate Kauai Guidebook: Kauai Revealed* by Andrew Doughty which seemed to offer more opinions based on personal experience and was the book most often referred to by groups we met in Kauai. Neither is perfect.

We have purchased every updated edition of this book for over 30 visits to Kauai. It is still among the best, however printed guides are becoming obsolete now that so much information is available on the Internet. This is especially true for restaurant recommendations. Current reviews from other customers are available from a large number of sources, while this print review is old news.

If you purchase this book to find information about things to do or places to go in Kauai then be prepared to use it as a source to find information somewhere else. My impression is that it is a compilation of other sources of information. It is a helpful book but I was disappointed. I'm thankful that my wife usually does most of the research on places we travel to. She found the book useful and said she would give it 4 stars.

I purchased a number of books before going to Kauai. There are only 2 that I can highly recommend of them all. This is one. *Kauai Revealed* is the other. Both, in the end, are probably required to really plan and enjoy a trip on your own. What Lenore's book gives you is a personal, up-front view of where to eat, great beaches to explore, and other things to do that are in the realm of the day-to-day things you will just do. Eat. Walk on the beach. Swim. Shop. Also, this book is a lot more family oriented than *Revealed*, so if you have children, there's a ton of great family focus here. I don't have kids, so obviously it is great either way. Maybe you're going to Kauai to have a great Na Pali cruise or some other vacation-oriented activity. *Revealed* has probably more focus on those kinds of things, although this book gave a great perspective in those areas, too. But those major activities I

planned before the trip, made decisions on which companies to hire, and made reservations before we left. When we were there, and needed advice on what to do to fill in the rest of the time (which is most of the time if you're there more than a couple of days (8 for us)), Kauai Underground Guide was more helpful and is the book we made sure was with us everywhere we went when we were on Kauai. I absolutely wouldn't travel to Kauai without the most recent edition of Lenore's book. You won't be disappointed.

We drove to one of their recommended beaches, but were not able to get there. While they noted part of the trip is on a dirt road, they did not specify that the road is unimproved and virtually impassable for vehicles without 4-wheel drive and high clearance. Had we been aware, we would not have wasted our time.

Lots of hidden tips

We took a trip to Kauai in Jan 2011 and loved it. This book was used every day and helped us make some good choices. One thing that could have been better is a different layout. Maybe it should be organized by towns w/in the regions rather than by activity. Seems a little hard to narrow things down every once and a while. Overall love the book and will keep it on the nightstand for many months to come as a reminder of where we were and what we experienced.

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