

LANAI HIGH

The island of Lanai (lah-nigh-ee in the sing-song Hawaiian pronunciation) was once a pineapple plantation for the Dole company and retains the nostalgic lure of that bygone era—an outpost that’s remained largely untouched and untamed. Nature still reigns here, and you can find elusive Hawaiian solitude: empty beaches and desolate sea cliffs where the soundtrack is wind and views are unobstructed to Molokai and Maui. And having changed hands from pineapple baron to software tycoon (the current owner is Larry Ellison) likely means that Lanai will stay somewhat isolated and idiosyncratic. ▶ Cross from

get-away Lahaina on Maui’s northwestern shore to Manele Harbour on the 45-minute ferry and then take the sole paved road (there’s only about 30 miles of it in total and no traffic lights) alongside the

island’s distinctive tall and spindly Cook Pines to Lanai City. The “city” is more a village, a relic of the plantation’s heyday in the 1920s (the entire island’s population is only about 3,000), alongside Hotel Lanai **4** with its pretty wraparound porch and understated, old-school charm. ▶ From your base here in upcountry, rent a 4x4 Jeep and set out for Kaiolohia or Shipwreck Beach **1**, where the partially submerged bulk of a ship reveals itself. Spend the morning treasure hunting for ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs. ▶ Beyond the beach there are about 100 miles of trails to explore. Hike the 12.8-mile Munro Trail amidst native ohia lehua trees in rainforest to arid Koloiki Ridge extending from the lush Palawai Basin. From the top of Lanaihale (House of Lanai) at 3,370 feet, emerald Maunalei gulch **3** looks like an episode of *Lost*, with nary a house or other person in sight. ▶ Another rollicking Jeep ride away is Keahiakawelo, the otherworldly Garden of the Gods **2**. Big boulders seem strewn across the barren plateau as if in a giants’ game of croquet. Hawaiian lore tells of a fire-making contest between *kahuna* (priests) from Lanai and Molokai in which all the vegetation was burned. At sunset the now-barren

lunar-like landscape seems to glow as if from those long-gone godly fires. ▶ Refuel back in Lanai City on the edge of Dole Park at the Blue Ginger Café or Pele’s Other Garden. After indulging in authentic Hawaiiana (Lanai is called Hawaii’s “Most Enticing Island” for a reason), take the ferry back to Lahaina, past Puu Pehe (Sweetheart Rock), and lose yourself in non-stop whale watching. Oh, Lah-nigh-ee! — *B. Sligl*

IF YOU GO Go to gohawaii.com for more info, and go-lanai.com for ferry times between Lanai + Maui.



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LESSER-KNOWN HAWAII



SPIRITED GIVING

wish list

Present pieces with character this holiday season *Written + produced by Janet Gyenes*

good gifting



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instant memories!

1 THE CONSCIOUS CONSUMER She can wrap herself in comfort knowing the purchase of this gift supports the Obakki Foundation's Scarves for Water. Funds raised from each of three limited edition scarves (in Cobalt, Sand and Maize—shown) aid in building a well for a South Sudan village. \$29, obakkifoundation.org

2 THE SOPHISTICATE This iconic yet understated Tiffany T wire bracelet in 18-karat rose gold (mined in America) shows that the simplest gifts are often the most sublime. \$2,100, Tiffany & Co., tiffany.ca

3 THE GOURMAND Give the gift of effortless indulgence with this tin of Dark & Dreamy Noir Fondant. Just add hot milk, soy (or spike with a little liqueur) for a holiday treat. \$15, epicure.com

4 THE AUDIOPHILE This sexy tube-clock-shaped bluetooth speaker by Leff Amsterdam is traditional in its styling but totally tech-savvy. Plus it's diminutive enough to perch on a bedside table. Available in Copper (shown), Silver and Brass. \$288, informinteriors.com

5 THE PHOTOG Gift instant gratification to dick-happy friends with this Fuji Instax Mini camera. It takes instant pictures (5.3 cm by 8.4 cm) and comes with bells and whistles like instant flash, light settings and more. \$99, indigo.ca

6 THE STYLIST Any design aficionado will love the luxe look and versatility of these gemstone accent pieces from 18Karat. The antique gold or black pearl finishes add sparkle to any space. \$25, 18karatstore.com

7 THE TRADITIONALIST The natural ingredients and fresh scent of woody moss make Musgo Real's body soap and shave cream ideal choices for the man who cares about his skin and appreciates the century-old pedigree of this Portuguese shaving line. *Body soap*, \$12.95; *real shave cream*, \$24.95. litchfieldtheshop.com

8 THE CRAFT BEER ENTHUSIAST Stacking stuffer alert! This simple brass-look Arrow bottle opener brings fun and function to any home bar. \$14.50, indigo.ca

9 THE COLLECTOR Splurge on this unconventional Eplaff fruit bowl by Ligne-Roset. The conversation piece is fashioned from laser-cut steel and finished in gloss copper. \$531, kioskdesign.ca

10 THE CONNOISSEUR Spirit sippers will love the herbal and citrus notes of Maestro Dobel Diamante Tequila, a unique blend of reposado, anejo and extra aged anejo tequilas. A world's first, this 100% blue agave tequila is filtered for extra clarity. \$74.80, maestrodobel.com