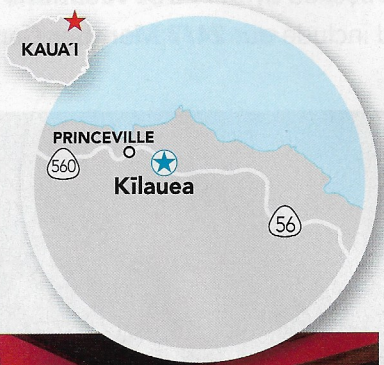


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Hawaiians first settled on Kaua'i's northernmost point between AD 100 and 300. In 1880, the newly established Kilauea Sugar Plantation fostered a community of more than 700 people. Well over 2,000 people live there now, and the historic Kilauea Plantation stone buildings currently house a yoga studio, shops, and restaurants. Fill up at the only gas station between Kapa'a and Princeville, and then explore the natural beauty of this peaceful little town.



DO Hike the 4.5-mile **Wai Koa Loop Trail** past a mahogany plantation, small family farms, and Stone Dam, built in 1912 for sugarcane irrigation. 5-2723 Kūhiō Highway. (808) 828-2118; tinyurl.com/wkloop. Learn about Kaua'i's origins, people, and plants at **1 Anaina Hou Mini Golf and Gardens**, where informative placards dot the course. Kama'āina play free on the last Sunday of every month. 5-2723 Kūhiō Highway. (808) 828-2118; tinyurl.com/ahmgolf. Whales breach in winter and endangered birds feed year-round at the 203-acre Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, which surrounds **Daniel K. Inouye Kilauea Point Lighthouse**. 3500 Kilauea Road. (808) 828-0384; kilaueapoint.org.

SHOP Joanna Carolan has painted ceramics with island motifs for 27 years. Her work, along with Aloha Spice Company blends, fills the shelves at **Banana Patch Studio**. 2484 Keneke Street. (808) 828-6522; bananapatchstudio.com. Whimsical tableware and Japanese kimonos are some of the fun items at **2 Kung Long Trading**. 2484 Keneke Street. (808) 828-1822; konglung.com. Owner Joe Halasey and nearby farmers grow the tropical fruit sold at **3 Banana Joe's Fruit Stand**. Seasonal choices include rambutan, white pineapple, and liliko'i. 5-2719 Kūhiō Highway. (808) 828-1092; bananajoeskauai.blogspot.com.

EAT The intimate **Palate Wine Bar** can be boisterous even on a weeknight, but the esoteric wine selection, communal seating, and charcuterie plates are worth the hubbub. 2474 Keneke Street. (808) 212-1974; palatewinebar.net. **Kilauea Bakery and Pau Hana Pizza** makes éclairs with North Shore coconuts, and house-made liliko'i bacon is among the pizza toppings. 2484 Keneke Street. (808) 828-2020; kilaueabakery.com. **Kauai Juice Company** processes up to 3 tons of organic and local produce a week for cold-pressed juice and fresh kombucha. Tasty takeaways include kale and beet salad and quinoa with vegetables. 4270 Kilauea Road. (808) 631-5529; kauaijuiceco.com.

Call to confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit.
Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol.