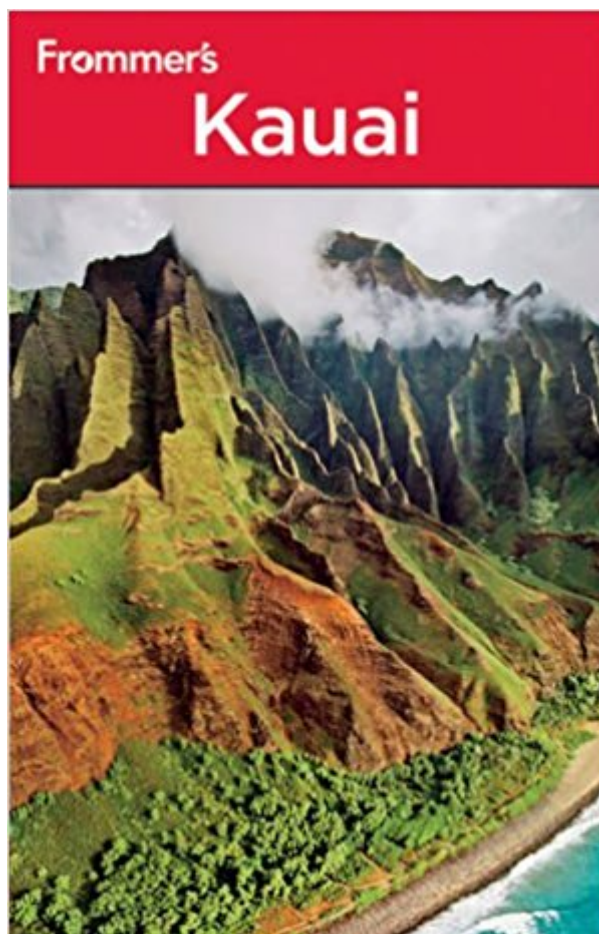


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Kauai's picture-perfect beaches have starred in such movies as *The Thornbirds* and *South Pacific*. For my favorites, see chapter 7. Detailed maps throughout Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information Candid reviews of hotels and restaurants, plus sights,

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A resident of the Big Island, Jeanette Foster has skied the slopes of Mauna Kea during a Fourth of July ski meet no less and gone scuba diving with manta rays off the Kona Coast. A prolific writer widely published in travel, sports, and adventure magazines, she's also the editor of Zagat's Survey to Hawaii's Top Restaurants. In addition to writing this guide, Jeanette is the author of Frommer's Hawaii; Frommer's Hawaii with Kids; Frommer's Maui; Frommer's Portable Big Island; Frommer's Honolulu, Waikiki & Oahu; Frommer's Maui Day by Day; Frommer's Honolulu & Oahu Day by Day; and Frommer's Hawaii Day by Day.

I took the 2011 version of this book with me to Kauai along with the Ultimate Kauai guidebook and found myself using the Frommers more often. Information is organized in a better way and finding info you are looking for is quicker and easier. I don't think it deserves such poor reviews, as I found it covered all the basics nicely. A guidebook can't be a novel or no one is going to use it. Frommers is a name I can trust, and there is always supplemental information and bulletin boards on their website to go along with the guidebook. I definitely got more use of my Frommers than the other "Ultimate Kauai" guidebook. Still, it's good to have at least two books with you for cross reference and to have a couple different perspectives. The only thing I found a little annoying about the Frommers book is that they referred to almost every beach on Kauai as "the most beautiful" on the island. I must have read this 10 times about 10 different beaches! Still, a good guidebook and I appreciate their attention to vegetarians in the dining sections of their books. You won't find that in Ultimate Kauai. We stayed in one of Frommers highly recommended accommodations and could not have been happier with their choice of this place as a recommendation. I've never been let down by Frommers.

We bought two guide books on Kauai. We used Frommer's at first to see if it agreed with the other guide book. We were looking for real insights on what to do. This book didn't go into the detail that we needed. On the second day of our trip we didn't even open this book again. I have purchased a lot of travel books from Frommer's in the past. However, the vast majority of travelers on this trip could be seen carrying The Ultimate Kauai Guidebook: Kauai Revealed. I think you could pass on Frommer's for this trip.

I previously purchased the Frommers for all the Hawaiian Islands back in 2001 and remember it being a great guide to the islands. So I was excited to see that there was an entire Frommers just for Kauai. I have to say, I think this book is weak. It could be so much more. I'm not sure how helpful this will really be compared to the complete islands guide I had in 2001.

I usually like Frommers guide books and typically buy one for every location I travel to. For Kauai, I purchased Frommers, Fodors and the Ultimate Guide to Kauai. Hands down the Ultimate Guide is the best. Fodors a distant 2nd and Frommers isn't worth buying if you have either of the other 2.

Whenever we plan a trip the first thing we do is purchase a Frommer's from the area we are going to visit. It has been extremely helpful in our travel planning. Wouldn't leave home without it! This is about our 10th Frommer's and the book has NEVER steered us wrong.

Chock full of helpful information for any kind of adventure you want! If you want great hiking or fine dining, family friendly, active, relaxing.....it's all in here. It has beautiful photos! Everything she wrote was accurate and so helpful.

This is a well written travel guide. Questions are answered that I did not think of asking. Not only does it give tips on where to eat and stay, it gives examples on how to plan activities for an adventure minded vacation or a relaxing vacation. I have not put it to the test since I have not gone on my vacation yet. But I think I will be well prepared.

recipient requested this item on her Christmas list. She was loved receiving it because of a planned trip to Kauai coming up soon. Have a book like this from a few years ago and it was very helpful then.

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