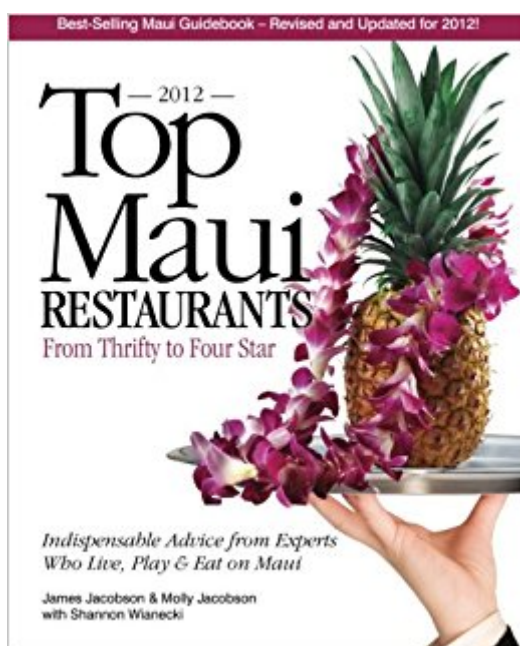


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# Top Maui Restaurants 2012: From Thrifty To Four Star: Independent Advice From Experts Who Live, Play & Eat On Maui



## Synopsis

"A must-have for anyone looking to navigate Maui's restaurant scene." -San Jose Mercury News

This Best-Selling Maui Guidebook has been entirely revised and updated for 2012. Local Food Writers Reveal Secret Spots and the Top Maui Restaurants for Every Budget. Every year since 2005, Maui visitors and locals have trusted Top Maui Restaurants to steer them toward the best eats on Maui. Why? Because with over 2 Million visitors per year and around 150,000 permanent residents, it's not always easy to find the restaurants that really deliver good food at good value. Written by local food writers who live on Maui year-round and "eat bad food so you don't have to," this guide will help you avoid the tourist traps and discover the most delicious places to eat on the island. Readers trust this book because the authors dine anonymously over several repeat visits, pay for every meal, and don't receive compensation from restaurants: they are 100% free to report their honest, independent advice. Whether you live on Maui, are planning your vacation ahead of time, or only have a few days left in paradise, this guide gives you: The top romantic restaurants worth the splurge The best inexpensive but tasty places Hidden gems you wouldn't find unless a local revealed the secret A user-friendly reference section to help you fulfill any food craving or find places right near you and in your budget Insider secrets and tips to help you get the most out of your Maui vacation Flip through the comprehensive index (using the "Look Inside" feature on this page) and you'll see that this is much more than just restaurant reviews--it's chock-full of advice about Maui. Top Maui Restaurants 2012 is written with one audience in mind: you--as a dear friend. This lovingly researched, frank and honest guide has been completely revised and entirely updated for 2012. Also, when you register your copy, you get free updates on the Maui restaurant scene emailed to you. "The money that you'll save by following their advice and dining at the recommended establishments will pay for this book many times over." - Edward Mendelsohn, Weston, FL

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## Customer Reviews

Top Maui Restaurants 2010 From Thrifty to Four Star includes a free subscription to TopMauiTips.com, a new membership site for people planning Maui vacations. Details are inside the book. --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

If you're planning your trip to Maui, you need this guide. This lovingly researched, frank and honest handbook is indispensable for people who love to eat, and prefer not to waste good money on bad food. Disappointing meals (and there are a lot of them on Maui) can totally ruin a dream vacation. Don't leave your planning to chance or rely on slick advertising-driven guides. Other tourist books with their capsule "reviews" don't come close to the insight you'll get from opinionated, knowledgeable restaurant critics who live on Maui. Thousands of elated and relieved visitors have trusted the online version of Top Maui Restaurants to guide them to the best eats on Maui. In this book you'll find:

- \* The top romantic restaurants worth the splurge.
- \* The best inexpensive but tasty places.
- \* Hidden gems you wouldn't find unless a local revealed the secret.
- \* A convenient 100-point rating scale that accurately compares one establishment to another.
- \* A user-friendly reference to help you fulfill any food craving.

Dining out on Maui is more expensive than any place else in America. For less than the price of a bad breakfast, this handbook could save your vacation. Free trial Membership to TopMauiTips.com included. --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

It seems hard to believe it has been almost three years since my parents, my husband, my 5 year old daughter and I went on the once-in-a-lifetime vacation to Maui. I like to be organized and plan numerous aspects of vacations before leaving the home, and this book seemed like it was written just for me! The authors explained many tricks to save money (e.g. when you arrive at Maui, shop at Costco, which is conveniently located near the airport) as well as written reviews of many restaurants. Thanks to this book, we did not have one bad meal experience. My favorite restaurant, Haliimaile General Store, was our first dinner after we completed the Road to Hana. My daughter

still talks about the restaurant because they served plastic monkeys and folding umbrella in the drinks. We only ate at restaurants recommended by the authors of this book, such as the Kihei Caffe for breakfast (chocolate chip teddy bear pancake!), early dinner at the Cafe O'Lei (oh. my. goodness.) and we splurged for our final dinner at Mama's Fish House. The book is organized well and offers recommendations beyond restaurants. The authors detail many different Maui luaus, entertainment venues and family activities. This book is a must have if you are planning a vacation to Maui.

Overall, this is a good guide. It gives you more than just restaurants with tips about where to buy local food so you don't spin your wheels looking for good local fish or produce. We can vouch for some of their recommendations since we've been to Maui before and generally agree with the assessments in the book. But the biggest drawback is that the restaurant guide is one big alphabetic "encyclopedia" and it's very hard to use if you want to find restaurants local to where you are staying on the island. There's a list by area, but you find yourself looking at a restaurant name in the geographic section and then having to look it up in the main listing. This guide would be seriously enhanced with maps or other visuals that help you easily find reviews by area. I think I would prefer it if the whole book was organized by area, rather than a big compendium for the whole island. Bottom line, it's very good, but I find it cumbersome to use.

The Top Maui Restaurants 2012 is a top quality publication. I have eaten at several of the restaurants they reviewed and their opinions matched my experience at those establishments. My wife and I are planning another trip to Maui and I will use the book to choose which restaurants to try.

This book has made our trips to Maui more enjoyable and more affordable. Vacation time is precious, so why waste a meal at some mediocre place when you can just as easily have a memorable meal for the same price? There are other good guides to Maui, but none are as thorough as this one when it comes to dining. All restaurant types and price ranges are covered. In fact, it appears that virtually every restaurant on Maui is covered. Most important, over the last three trips to Maui (and three iterations of this book), we have found the authors to be spot on with their assessments. You'll spend lots of money when you go to Maui, so spend it wisely. Want a terrific dinner for two for under \$40? Or are you looking to go all out and spend \$250? Either way, this book will serve you well. One last thing: We've not dined at any of the restaurants for which the authors

have given less-than-glowing reviews, but those negative reports are entertaining reading.

Just returned from our 5th trip to Maui. Top Maui Restaurants ended up being our bible during the trip and my new favorite guide book. Once I read the reviews of restaurants where we had eaten previously on our other trips, I knew that I could trust the book. It turned out to be indispensable. We tried new restaurants (to us) almost every night, and found some gems that we had not been aware of before. Other guide books may list a small number of restaurants, but this book was very thorough, and even included favorite dishes at each restaurant. The recommendation of onion soup at Gerard's and chocolate souffle at Roy's made it worth the price of the book. We became so trusting of it that each night my husband would ask, "So what did the book recommend that we eat here?". They even had a section of great food items to bring home, so we tried some new treats and found some wonderful new additions (Mele Macs). The book is written in a casual, conversational tone that I enjoyed. The book was well organized, which made it easy for me to put my hands on things that I wanted to get back to quickly. I can't recommend any book more highly. LOVE IT!

Nice book, but did you notice it is the 2012 edition? I'll bet things change in Maui just like here at home....

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