

MORNING TO EVENING ITINERARIES WITH A FOCUS ON DOING, EATING & DRINKING, WHICH LEADS TO SEEING.

Coffee to Cork® is here to inspire taking trips without the burden of the complete unknown. From your morning coffee to your evening glass of wine, I've got you covered! Whether you are a planner or spontaneous traveler, you can find peace in having recommendations available to you in an organized fashion. By organized, I'm referring to how I order events by location, in a manner that is travel efficient, with realistic expectations for how long activities, sightseeing and meals last. I pride myself on the extensive thought that goes into each itinerary to help make trips more effective and enjoyable!

As you may have gathered, I have a desire to plan anything and everything. Whether it is in my home city of Chicago or an International trip, you better bet I am researching, experiencing and recording. Although I am not a travel agent, for years, my itineraries have been distributed to friends and families to enhance their trips. Why not share something I love with other eager travelers?

My itineraries are made with a focus on doing, eating & drinking, which leads to seeing! Make plans easier — the editable excel templates allow you to add in your own personality, interests and adventures. Or simply download the PDF for a ready to go version. Enjoy! I am eager to hear from you!

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			Trip - Maui, Hawaii			
Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	
Day 1	Flight to Maui	3:00PM	Arrive in Maui, Hawaii	Kahului Maui HI Airport (OGG)	\$\$\$\$	Welcome to PARADISE! Immediately you will feel relaxed by the warm, fresh air. There is nothing quite like being on an island staring at another island.
		3:45PM	Rent car at airport	Kahului Maui HI Airport (OGG)	\$\$\$\$	MUST get a top down car for the views!
		4:00PM	Grab late lunch/early dinner near the airport	Kahului, HI	\$\$	Plenty of restaurants around the airport to choose from. Pop in somewhere for a quick bite, as you will probably be hungry with the time change.
		5:00PM	Shop for necessities, if needed.	Kahului, HI	\$\$\$	There are a ton of stores right by the airport to get what you need before heading to a less populated part of the island.  Costco, Target, groceries and more. If you forgot something, here would be a great place to pick it up!
		7:00PM	Check into lodging	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	\$\$\$\$	If you are looking to stay in Northwest Maui, I recommend looking for a rental in Lahaina or a resort in Kaanapali. Kapalua is also a good option, but more expensive and about 20 minutes farther of a drive.
	Lahaina or	8:00AM	Go on a walk or run to grab breakfast	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	\$	If you're coming from the US Mainland, you'll probably naturally wake up pretty early. Get those legs moving! It was a long travel day yesterday. A great way to check out your new neighborhood or hotel complex is to go on a little jog. Find your go to coffee shop, check out the beach or head to breakfast.
		10:00AM	Pool/beach day	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	-	Relaxxxx. Soak up the sun and take a load off. Enjoy the gorgeous scenery from the comfort of your lawn chair or beach towel, and perhaps with a pina colada?! If you end up at the beach, pack snacks and beverages to avoid some back and forth!
Day 2	Kaanapali,	2:30PM	Regroup and recharge at lodging	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	-	Rest, shower, snack, etc.
	Hawaii	4:00PM	Dinner at Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman Kaanapali	2435 Kaanapali Pkwy, Bldg I-1, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$	As I mentioned, if coming from the US Mainland, you'll now probably start getting tired with the time change. Plus, the first day in the sun always wears you out! So go for a happy hour dinner! Cheaper pricing, and an early bedtime. Win win. Monkeypod is a fan favorite for many Hawaii visitors! It is sister restaurant to the famous Merriman's. Located in the Whalers Village outdoor shopping center, your parking can be validated. What to order Drinks: the Mai Thai and the No Ka 'Oi are a MUSTI Food: Pumpkin Patch Ravioli and any fish dish!
Day 3	Haleakala, Hawaii	TBD	Volcano Sunset at Mt. Haleakala (either sunrise or sunset)	Haleakala Hwy, Kula, HI 96790	\$\$	Visitors can drive to the summit of this huge, inactive volcano within a unique, nature park. Most folks do it for the stunning sunrise. That requires you to wake up at 3AM, drive up the volcano ("1 hour) in the dark and arrive at the summit by 5:30AM. We saw reviews that it is a MUST do, but for the early rise and scary drive reasons, we decided to do it in the afternoon. For us, it was just as amazing to see the sun above the clouds. We wanted to watch the sunset too, but soon realized once the sun dipped under the clouds, we wouldn't see the ocean sunset. Plus, we didn't want to drive in the dark. So based on your preference of view, you can move this item to any part of the day! If you prefer not to drive yourself, you can book a bus tour. Pack a bag with warm clothes because it is COLD on top of the volcano. Do not underestimate the temperature.
		TBD	Lunch at Hali'imaile General Store	900 Haliimaile Rd, Makawao, HI 96768	\$\$	This was our favorite meal on the island across both of our trips to Maui! It is a bit off the beaten path, but a perfect halfway stopping point between the volcano and your lodging. Highly recommend the sashimi, burger, Mai Tai, crab cakes and chicken sandwich.
		TBD	Dessert at Leoda's Kitchen & Pie Shop on way back to lodging	820 Olowalu Village Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$	This is a must try pie shop!
		8:00AM	Coffee at Cafe Cafe Maui	129 Lahainaluna Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$	Outdoor cafe with fabulous coffee. Only a few tables, so take and go!
	Lahaina, Hawaii	8:30AM	Grocery shop for boat supplies	Lahaina, HI	\$\$\$	If you are going on a private boat charter, you will want to pick up snacks, lunch, drinks and booze from the grocery store to bring on the trip! Pro tip: pick up some extra food and drinks for the boat captain and they may extend your trip a bit!
Day 4		10:00AM	Boat Day!	Depends on your launch spot!	\$\$\$\$	We rented our own boat for the day with a captain to snorkel and see whales. We used Kahaloa.com Charters and paid ~\$1,600 for a 4 hour charter. Other boat companies we looked into include: Sea Monkey Maui, Maui Private Charter Boat, Makai Adventures, Ultimate Whale Watch, Maui Boating. There are even more boating type excursions if you'd like to spend less money; for example, Catamaran tours or Sunset tours, that you can buy tickets for. Yet this personalized tour worked perfectly for our group of 4, especially for what we wanted to do whale watch & snorkel. We boarded at Mala Boat Ramp, which was walkable from our condo and the grocery store.
		3:00PM	Regroup and recharge at lodging	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	-	Rest, shower, snack, etc.
		5:00PM	Dinner at Kimo's Maui	845 Front St a, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Casual restaurant with harbor views, and good seafood. An enjoyable place to watch the sun set.
		7:00PM	Drinks at Fleetwood's on Front St.	744 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Yep, this is Mick Fleetwood's bar! Perfect for cocktails and listening to live music with an ocean view. We only had cocktails here but I wish we tried the food. It looked amazing!! So decide between Fleetwoods and Kimo's for dinner.
		7:30AM	Prepare for the day	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	-	Pack a bag! You will be gone for the WHOLE day! Wear your hiking clothes. For the beach, pack a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, sandals, coverup and a hat. To get ready for dinner, pack new clothes, toe covered shoes, makeup, soap, clean undergarments and a clean towel.

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		8:30AM	Hike Waihee Ridge Trail	Kahekili Hwy, Wailuku, HI 96793	-	5 mile out and back ridge trail for a steep, challenging hike with picturesque views of the ocean, mountains, gorges & forest.
Day 5		12:00PM	Lunch at Paia Fish Market	100 Baldwin Ave, Paia, HI 96779	\$	Keep all your belongings in your car trunk! Do not give anyone a reason to break into your car. Fish tacos are AMAZING. These grilled fish tacos and a spot in Barcelona are my top two favorite fish tacos in the world! Quick service joint with picnic tables but it gets busy at lunch. Winner of Best of Maui seafood awards.
		12:30PM	Spend time in Paia	Paia, HI	\$\$	Stop by Ululani's Hawaiian Shave Ice, Artisan Ice Cream, Paia Bay Coffee Bar, local clothing stores and art shops (Sarah Voyer watercolor)!
		1:30PM	Ho'okipa Beach Park	Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779	-	Surfers, turtles, massive waves and beach space to lay out. Outdoor showers available to rinse off and change in the bathroom.
		4:15PM	Use the outdoor showers at Ho'okipa Beach Park	Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779	-	Use the outdoor showers (bring some soap!) and using the bathrooms, change into nicer clothes for Mama's Fish House. I did my makeup in the car! You'll feel like a true surfer.
		5:00PM	Dinner at Mama's Fish House	799 Poho Pl, Paia, HI 96779	\$\$\$	Book this reservation 1-2 months in advance! It is an absolute MUST. The crab stuffed fish of the day was UNBELIEVABLE.  Drooling thinking of it. The cocktails are fun and unique. Oh, and the DESSERT, yum. There is a dress code of no bathing suits.  Men - no hats, tank tops or open toed shoes! I recommend going when it is light out because the view is beautiful.
	Kaanapali, Hawaii	9:00AM	Maui Brands Massages	Traveling Massage Therapist	\$\$\$	Book Edgar at Maui Brands Massages. He travels to you! Book him at the pool, at the beach, at your hotel room or your condo. He was extremely respectful, and had a customer comes first attitude the entire time. It was one of the best massages I have ever had! He knows the muscles and how they should feel, and is able to work them to address your pain points. We chose 60 minutes, but should have gone with 90!
Day 6		12:00PM	Lunch at Duke's Beach House	130 Kai Malina Pkwy, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	A fantastic beach restaurant with open aired indoor dining or patio dining near the boardwalk. A casual place to pop in for lunch before or after heading 20 steps away to the beach! You may find live music and a Hula pie in your future!
		1:30PM	Beach afternoon at Honopiilani Park	Honoapiilani Park Access Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761	-	Enjoy the afternoon at a new beach! Dukes leads out to a family friendly sandy beach. Bring towels and beverages to enjoy a few hours enjoying paradise with a new view.
		4:00PM	Regroup and recharge at lodging	Lahaina or Kaanapali, Hawaii	-	Rest, shower, snack, etc.
		5:30PM	Dinner at Leilani's on the Beach	2435 Kaanapali Pkwy, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Beachside eatery known for its seafood-driven menu, tropical drinks & family-friendly vibe.
	Lahaina or Kaanapali, Hawaii	9:00AM	Coffee and breakfast at Belle Surf Cafe	658 Front St #102, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$	The lavendar mocha is so good! I went here a few times on our trip, and both the iced and hot versions are worth it. The bage sandwiches are very tasty as well. Don't come here in a rush! It took us 10-20 minutes to get our foods and coffees each time They also have a bunch of smoothies / smoothie bowls to choose from!
		10:00AM	Paddleboard or Kayak with Maui Ocean Sports	505 Front St #140, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$	Such an easy rental spot, in a little outdoor shopping complex with a path leading straight down to the beach. Grab your rental equipment and walk 20 steps to the beach! Rentals are for 3 hours, 1 day or 1 week! Our 3 hour rental was about ~\$30 per paddleboard.
Day 7		12:00PM	Beach time at Kamehameha Iki Park	Lahaina, HI	-	If you get done in the ocean early or want more beach time, just pick a spot and make a picnic! This beach is public and well kept. You can lay out, play on the beach or go snorkeling.
		2:00PM	Lunch at Down The Hatch	658 Front St #102, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Cool, tropical outdoor restaurant with counter service, a bar and live music. The crispy fish tacos are unreal! And you can't go wrong with the cocktails!
		3:00PM	Regroup and recharge at lodging	Lahaina, HI	-	Rest, shower, snack, etc.
		6:30PM	Dinner at Star Noodle	1285 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Make reservations 1 month out! This on the beach Thai restaurant has the BEST pork belly buns, peanut cilantro chicken wings and cocktails. The vibe is tropical, modern and the service is fantastic.
	Hawaii	9:00AM	Tee time at Kapalua Golf - The Plantation Course or The Bay Course	2000 Plantation Club Dr #8781, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$\$	Absolutely stunning course that you pay the price for. The mountain, ocean and mansion views are impressive. The service given from the club (cleaning clubs, complementary bag tags, halfway hot dog and drink stand) is top tier. The course wraps around a lookout called Dragons Teeth due to the formation of the rocks, which actual hikers/walkers are enjoying, yet you will get a cool view from the course at the same time. The 17th hole is set up to actually hit over the ocean — suprisingly, we all were able to do so without too many balls lost! This course is an experience, and one you don't want to miss if you are a golfer.
Day 8		2:00PM	Regroup and recharge at lodging or at golf club	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	1	Rest, shower, snack, etc. If the course allows, you may want to consider showering here and just stay in the area for your drinks and dinner reservation.
		3:30PM	Drinks at Sea House Restaurant	5900 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	Popular happy hour in a casual, open-air setting on the beach. We didn't end up here for drinks, but have heard wonderful reviews if you are early to your dinner reservation.
		5:00PM	Dinner at Merriman's Kapalua	1 Bay Club Pl, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$\$	Plan the time of this dinner around sunset!! Be prepared to spend a large amount of money on this dinner, but also know it is worth it. The prefix menu allows you to choose from an appetizer, entree and dessert. In addition, they offer complementary bread with tomato dipping oil, and a taster of soup. This is a must try Mai Tai spot! The No' Kai Oi was my favorite cocktail. Enjoy a relaxing, extended dinner that feels like an event, in a superb environment with a gorgeous view.
	Lahaina or Kaanapali, Hawaii	9:00AM	Snorkel and Cliff Jump at Black Rock Beach	Kaanapali, HI	\$\$	Rent snorkel gear and go explore this reef with turtles, tropical fish and sometimes dolphins! There is also a cliff that people will jump off into the ocean!
Day 0		12:00PM	Lunch at Hula Grill Kaanapali	2435 Kaanapali Pkwy, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$	A true beach bar vibe! This restaurant has your tiki hut umbrellas, palm trees galore and even sand at your feet if you are sitting outside. Plus you are sitting close to the ocean to hear those waves crashing. Go get your pina colada!
Day 9		1:30PM	Pool afternoon or Kaanapali Beach	Kaanapali Beach	-	Last day! Soak up that sun!
		5:30PM	Dinner at Mala Ocean Tavern	1307 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761	\$\$\$	A cute, mostly outdoor eatery with local fish selections and fabulous cocktails. The Spa Day is my favorite drink! The fun string lights and turf floor makes you feel like you are at a trendy backyard party. Oh and the donut dessert or the butterscotch creme brulee is the perfect cherry on top!
Day 10	Lahaina or	11:00AM	Checkout of lodging	Lahaina or Kaanapali, HI	\$\$\$\$	
	Kaanapali, Hawaii	12:00PM	Return car rental at Airport	Kahului Maui HI Airport	\$\$\$\$	
		2:30PM	Flight home from Maui	Kahului Maui HI Airport	\$\$\$\$	I can't believe it is time to leave already!! Until next time!