

Sky, Farm, Summit & Stars

Blue Hawaiian Helicopter · O'o Farm Lunch · Kula Bistro Takeout · Haleakala Sunset & Stargazing

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AUGUST 2026

THE BIGGEST DAY OF THE TRIP · NEW MOON TONIGHT · 14+ HOURS, SEA TO 10,023 FT

DAY TIMELINE

■ Booked / confirmed ■ Timing window — arrive on time ■ Flexible — shuffle or skip

~7:00 AM	Light, quick villa breakfast — depart 7:15 Yogurt bowls, fruit - fast. DARK CLOTHING worn head to toe (cockpit-glass reflections) · The summit duffel (base layers, warmers, headlamp) and the cooler go in the car NOW - you will not be back until ~10:30 PM.
8:15 AM	Arrive Blue Hawaiian Helicopters — Kahului 1 Lelepio Pl · (800) 745-2583 · Booking #336456268 · Weigh-in and safety briefing · Tablets and extended-lens cameras stay in the car; phones and compact cameras fly.
8:30-10:00	MAUI & MOLOKAI SPECTACULAR — helicopter BOOKED · EC-130 Eco-Star · Maui valleys and waterfalls, then Molokai's north shore sea cliffs (the tallest in the world), exclusive Ulupalakua Ranch landing with both-oceans views, West Maui Mountains finale.
10:00 AM	Straight up the mountain — no dawdling ~45-min climb from Kahului to Waipoli Rd at 3,500 ft · THE PINCH: the farm tour starts at 10:30 and the math is razor-thin · Ululani's Shave Ice (2 min away) ONLY if the flight lands early - it's already on the Aug 16 plan, you lose nothing by skipping today.
10:30-1:30	O'O FARM — farm-to-table lunch tour BOOKED & CONFIRMED · Waipoli Rd, Kula · (808) 667-4341 · Guided walk through the fields and fruit trees, then a 4-course gourmet lunch harvested that morning · \$155/adult · Closed-toe shoes; cool and misty at elevation - jacket on.
~2:30 PM	Kula Bistro — dinner takeout pickup 4566 Lower Kula Rd · Order generously: this is the summit picnic, and cold mountain air doubles appetites · Into the insulated cooler · Kula Marketplace is minutes away - meet the guide by 2:45.
3:00-9:45	MAUI STARGAZING — Haleakala sunset + telescope tour BOOKED #331903967 · Meet: Kula Marketplace, 15200 Haleakala Hwy · Mercedes Sprinter to the 10,023-ft summit · Sunset picnic (~7:00), then 60-90 min astronomer-led telescope tour · NEW MOON - the darkest possible sky, Milky Way in full · Outerwear provided: snowboard pants, coats, hats, gloves - your own base layers underneath.
~9:45 PM	Down the mountain, slowly Winding, unlit, and cows genuinely wander onto the road · The guide drives the summit stretch; you drive home from Kula ~45 min · Home ~10:30 PM.

MEALS AT A GLANCE

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Villa, light & fast Before the 7:15 departure - nothing at the helipad	O'o Farm 4-course CONFIRMED · included with the tour · harvested that morning	Kula Bistro takeout Summit picnic at ~7:00 PM sunset · pack extra

CRITICAL REMINDERS

- THE 10:00-10:30 PINCH: the helicopter lands at 10:00 in Kahului and O'o Farm starts at 10:30, a ~45-min drive up. The booking is confirmed - still worth a courtesy call ((808) 667-4341) if you're running 10-15 minutes behind. Skip Ululani's today (it's on the Aug 16 plan anyway).
- THE SUMMIT IS GENUINELY COLD - near freezing after dark at 10,023 ft. The tour provides the outer shell; you **MUST** bring warm base layers: long pants, long sleeves, hoodies, **THICK SOCKS**. Underpacking this is the classic Haleakala mistake.
- Motion sickness meds **BEFORE** the Kula Marketplace meetup - the summit road is relentless switchbacks. Too late once you're in the van.
- Red-light headlamp preserves everyone's night vision at the telescopes - white phone flashlights ruin 20 minutes of dark adaptation.
- Pre-sunset UV at the summit is intense - sunscreen and hats for the picnic hour.
- NEW MOON tonight: cameras + tripod earn their carry - long-exposure Milky Way shots are absolutely achievable.
- Charge phones **AND** power banks overnight - 14+ hour day, and summit cold drains batteries fast (keep phones in inner pockets).

PACKING CHECKLIST — THE SUMMIT DUFFEL GOES IN THE CAR AT 7:15 AM

☐	Dark clothing worn (helicopter photos)	☐	Insulated cooler for the Kula Bistro haul
☐	All 3 booking confirmations on phones	☐	Drinks + warm insulated bottle
☐	Warm base layers x4: long pants, hoodies	☐	Water for the drive and summit
☐	THICK SOCKS x4 + closed-toe shoes	☐	Sunscreen + hats (pre-sunset UV)
☐	Beanies + thin liner gloves (backup)	☐	Camera + TRIPOD - new-moon Milky Way
☐	Hand & foot warmers (disposable)	☐	Power banks charged (14-hr day)
☐	Blanket / sit pads for the picnic	☐	Jacket for O'o Farm - misty at 3,500 ft
☐	Red-light headlamp	☐	Cash/card for Kula Bistro
☐	Motion sickness meds (pre-meetup)	☐	Layers ON before the van - not in the bag

KEY NUMBERS & CONFIRMATIONS

Blue Hawaiian (800) 745-2583 #336456268 • 8:30 AM arrive 8:15	O'o Farm (808) 667-4341 ■ Booked & confirmed 10:30 AM • \$155/adult	Maui Stargazing (808) 298-8254 #331903967 • meet 2:45 Kula Marketplace	Kula Bistro 4566 Lower Kula Rd takeout ~2:30 PM summit picnic dinner
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Sunset from the summit ~7:00 PM, above the clouds · New moon - the Milky Way with zero interference. Tomorrow is mercifully gentle: villa breakfast ~9:00, Lahaina day, Aloha Mixed Plate 12:30, Mala Ocean Tavern 6:30.