

Arrival Day — Welcome to Kaua'i

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AS 963 LAX to Lihue · Uncle's Shave Ice · Duke's Dinner · Costco & Safeway · Waiohai Check-In

AUGUST 2026

ALASKA 963 · DEPARTS LAX 9:30 AM · ARRIVES LIHUE 1:39 PM · ERIC · COURTNEY · LORI

DAY TIMELINE



Booked / confirmed — fixed



Timing window — arrive on time



Flexible — shuffle or skip freely

7:00 AM	Grab breakfast to go — lobby buffet Residence Inn buffet opens 7:00 on Sundays. Eat fast or take it for the shuttle wait - the morning is tightly sequenced.
7:30 AM	Drop rental car — Avis LAX 5251 W 98th St · Conf 08080125US4 · Shuttle to terminal included · Sweep the car - chargers, garage clickers, sunglasses.
8:00 AM	LAX — bags, security, gate Alaska check-in + bag drop, then security. 1.5 hrs before departure.
9:30 AM-1:39 PM	FLIGHT — Alaska 963, LAX to Lihue ~5.5 hrs in the air · Eric, Courtney & Lori · Land 1:39 PM, baggage claim, then the rental counter.
2:30 PM	Avis pickup — Lihue Airport 3259 Hoolimalima Pl · (808) 378-3885 · Booking 42920443US6 · Lines can be long on arrival day - be patient, you have margin until 4:15.
2:45 PM	Uncle's Shave Ice — first taste of Kauai 3-4100 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue - right near the airport · Artisanal shave ice, house-made syrups · Quick 10-15 min stop.
4:15 PM	Early dinner — Duke's Kauai 3610 Rice St · Kalapaki Beach · CONFIRMED via OpenTable · 4:15 PM · Casual oceanfront - come as you are off the plane · Fresh Hawaiian fish & island plates.
5:45 PM	Costco Lihue — THE critical shop 4444 Hardy St · 10 HOLO HOLO GIFT CARDS (covers \$1,000 of the Aug 4 tour - do not leave without them) · Motion sickness meds · Reef-safe sunscreen · Bug repellent · Bulk groceries · Cash back at the register - no ATMs on Kauai.
7:00 PM	Safeway Lihue — fresh groceries 3-2600 Kaumualii Hwy · Bread, tortillas, condiments, shredded cheese, hash browns, crackers - everything Costco doesn't carry.
8:00 PM	Check in — Marriott's Waiohai Beach Club 2249 Poipu Rd, Koloa · (808) 742-4400 · Remind the desk of the room request: 1st - Room 8109 (honeymoon room), 2nd - low floor Hale 1, 3rd - low floor Hale 8 · Unpack groceries and exhale.

MEALS AT A GLANCE

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Buffet to-go, 7:00 AM Grab-and-go from the Residence Inn lobby	No formal lunch Plane snacks + Uncle's Shave Ice at 2:45 - dinner is early	Duke's Kauai, 4:15 PM CONFIRMED · Kalapaki Beach · casual oceanfront

CRITICAL REMINDERS

- **VERIFY COSTCO LIHUE SUNDAY HOURS** - many Costcos close at 6:00 PM on Sundays, which would leave only 15 minutes after Duke's. If so, flip the order: Costco 3:15-4:10 BEFORE dinner, or shift Duke's. The 10 Holo Holo gift cards are non-negotiable - they are needed Tuesday morning.
- No ATMs on Kauai - get cash back at Costco and Safeway registers today.
- Buy at Costco: motion sickness meds (needed tomorrow for the dive AND Tuesday for the channel crossing) + reef-safe sunscreen + bug repellent.
- Room request at check-in: Room 8109 (honeymoon) - low floor Hale 1 - low floor Hale 8, requested by phone 7/12. 15-year anniversary - mention it.
- Tomorrow starts easy but has a hard 11:30 AM lunch cutoff before the 12:30 dive check-in - unpack tonight so the morning is free.

TRAVEL & SHOPPING CHECKLIST

☐	IDs + boarding passes (all 3)	☐	Costco membership card
☐	Meds + valuables in carry-ons	☐	HOLO HOLO GIFT CARDS x 10
☐	Chargers + power bank in carry-on	☐	Costco + Safeway lists (phone)
☐	Empty water bottles (fill at gate)	☐	Cash back at the registers
☐	Snacks - dinner is not until 4:15	☐	Motion sickness meds (buy)
☐	Light layer for the plane	☐	Reef-safe sunscreen (buy)
☐	Room-preference note for check-in	☐	Bug repellent (buy)

TODAY'S ROUTE — LAX TO POIPU

1	Residence Inn LAX — breakfast & out	5933 W Century Blvd · depart 7:00-7:15 AM
2	Avis LAX — car drop 7:30 / Flight AS 963	5251 W 98th St · shuttle · LAX 9:30 AM - LIH 1:39 PM
3	Avis Lihue — pickup 2:30	3259 Hoolimalima Pl · 42920443US6
4	Uncle's Shave Ice	3-4100 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue · must-try
5	Duke's Kauai — dinner 4:15	3610 Rice St · Kalapaki Beach
6	Costco Lihue	4444 Hardy St · gift cards + big shop
7	Safeway Lihue	3-2600 Kaumualii Hwy · fresh items
8	Marriott's Waiohai Beach Club	2249 Poipu Rd, Koloa · check in ~8:00 PM

KEY NUMBERS & CONFIRMATIONS

Avis Lihue (808) 378-3885 42920443US6 · 2:30 PM	Duke's Kauai 3610 Rice St, Lihue Confirmed · 4:15 PM	Waiohai Beach Club (808) 742-4400 arriving ~8:00 PM	Costco Lihue 4444 Hardy St VERIFY SUN HOURS · gift cards x 10!
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Kauai sunset ~7:18 PM. Tomorrow: easy morning (Snorkel Bob's 8:00 for Lori's gear), light lunch by 11:30, dive check-in 12:30 SHARP, Beach House dinner 6:30. Call Hukilau Lanai tomorrow 5-9 PM.