

A STEP BACK IN TIME

*Molokai*



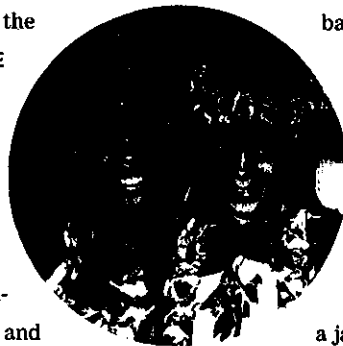
FORTUNATELY DEVELOPMENT HAS mostly bypassed unspoiled Molokai, and that's much of the island's charm. Riding a mule down the steep switchback trail to KALAPAPA is a long-standing tradition ([www.muleride.com](http://www.muleride.com)), and locals know this is still an island where some of the best beaches have no footprints for days at a time. No building is taller than a coconut tree, and many solace-seekers are pleased to hear that fast food chains and traffic jams are refreshingly absent.

THE HALAWA VALLEY is the only one of Molokai's five verdant valleys that's easily accessible. Visitors can hike among waterfalls, lagoons, and a gorgeous golden beach. Other scenic highlights

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include POPOHAKU BEACH, the MOAULA FALLS, and the ILILILOPAE HEIAU, a Polynesian stone temple. Those looking for something different should stay at the KAUPOA BEACH VILLAGE at the SHERATON MOLOKAI, where they can "camp out" in a beachside bungalow, complete with solar powered lights and hot showers.

If you've never met the challenge or known the adrenaline rush of deep-sea, big-game fishing,



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It's now even easier to enter the "aloha zone." Of course, all major carriers offer flights to Hawaii, but the local carrier, Hawaiian Airlines, has recently branched out from its traditional inter-island role and is offering service from various airports on the mainland's west coast, including San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Ontario, and San Diego. Hawaiian Airlines is celebrating its 74th year and recently was placed at the top of the class for on-time departures and in-flight meals. Travelers can say "Mahalo" to that!

there's no better place than Molokai to take up the sport. The boat captains are the real McCoy, and most will clean your catch and deliver it to you. Golfers and mountain bikers also have their work cut out for them. Especially the latter, as Molokai is full of extreme topography, largely unexplored, and it's yours for the taking. THE IRONWOOD HILLS GOLF COURSE is a diamond in the rough at only \$14 a round, and a great place to pick up some pidgin. For the cowboys-at-heart, horseback riding and cattle rustling opportunities abound.

There isn't much to do at night, with the exception of hitting the hay early and being lulled to sleep by the rhythm of the waves. Along with redefining the meaning of getting away from it all, one of the best parts of a jaunt to "THE FRIENDLY ISLE" is witnessing the unadulterated meaning of aloha: Locals tend to treat visitors like *ohana*, or family, for the duration of their stay. ☺

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