



## History of Kaua'i

Kaua'i is best known as a place to relax and rejuvenate while surrounded by nature. But this breathtaking place is also home to a rich history. As you journey around the island, step into the past and experience these sites yourself.



KAYAKING WAILUA RIVER

### 1. WAI'OLI MISSION HOUSE

Go back in time to a Kaua'i from over 160 years ago. Built in 1837, this early missionary home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 2. WAILUA RIVER

Take an adventurous kayak journey up the Wailua River. Tour this serene area with a guide and learn about where royalty once ruled.

### 3. FERN GROTTTO

This natural lava rock grotto fringed by hanging ferns was once an exclusive destination for Hawaiian royalty. Open-air boats offer guided tours of the area.

### 4. KAUA'I MUSEUM

Deepen your understanding of Kaua'i's history at this treasure trove of art and culture. See stunning vintage photographs and colorful feather *lei*.

### 5. GROVE FARM SUGAR PLANTATION MUSEUM

Visit the Grove Farm Homestead and learn how plantation owners and workers lived more than a century ago. Tours are by reservation only.

### 6. ALAKOKO FISHPOND

Alakoko Fishpond, nicknamed Menehune Fishpond, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Uniquely built on a river, the resulting brackish water means fresh and saltwater fish can survive here. Some believe this fishpond was built by mythical Menehune, Hawai'i's mischievous little people.

### 7. THE SUGAR MONUMENT

This monument commemorates Hawai'i's first commercial sugar plantation in 1835, when sugar replaced whaling and sandalwood as the state's principal industry.