

# Montage at Kapalua Bay



*You aren't a repeat vacationer to Maui by accident.*

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KAPALUA, ISLAND OF MAUI: As a father of four adult daughters, the opportunities for all of us to gather at the same time are a rarity. I imagine other parents can relate. While you are proud and pleased to see your offspring thriving in today's world, I must admit that I often yearn for the days when they were toddlers.

With travel itineraries resembling an NFL playbook, our family of 10 visited the Montage at Kapalua Bay for a long weekend of bonding and exploring what makes Maui one of the most popular vacation destinations in the world.

Many traditional resorts have grappled with how to accommodate large families “under one roof.” Montage at Kapalua Bay is ahead of the curve, with every accommodation offering an ocean view, a complete kitchen, an expansive living room, a dining table for eight, and outdoor lanais that are almost as large as the practice green at the nearby Plantation Course (home to The Sentry, the first PGA Tour event of the year).

## *NON-TRANSACTIONAL LUXURY*

As a native of Germany and a longtime local to the Hawaiian Islands, Robert Friedl, general manager of Montage, Kapalua Bay, brings exceptional business acumen to the table. The combination of German precision with aloha compassion provides an effective counterbalance. “When you stay at a Montage property, you have the right to expect perfection. That’s where we excel. It’s important to relay a true feeling of warmth and aloha, not a simple tactical and transactional task required of the job description. I look to hire staff with a sixth sense to connect with people. After all, by the end of the day, we are all servants who enjoy sharing life experiences.

“As you are aware, our Island has experienced great loss. I have witnessed firsthand the selfless acts of kindness for strangers in what can be a selfish world,” continued Friedl. “Never forget the value of the human touch and a simple smile. At the Montage, we don’t hire, we select. When you hire from the heart, you can always train the hand.”



The Plantation Course at Kapalua is consistently ranked as the No. 1 golf course in Hawaii by *Golf Digest* and *Golfweek*. Every January, the Sentry Tournament of Champions, an official PGA TOUR stop, hosts the top players in the world.

**Insider Tip:** Take a drive to Makawao in Maui's upcountry. Visit Komodo Bakery (an Island institution since 1916) for their famous cream puffs, malasadas, and stick donuts. Get there early before they sell out, and be prepared to wait in line.

### THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

You could easily surmise that our four daughters, with different tastes and interests, were raised in four different families. So, the fact Montage at Kapalua Bay has so many outdoor activities, it is a major selling point. While the men played the Plantation Course, the women were content to lounge around the pool and snorkel with the turtles.

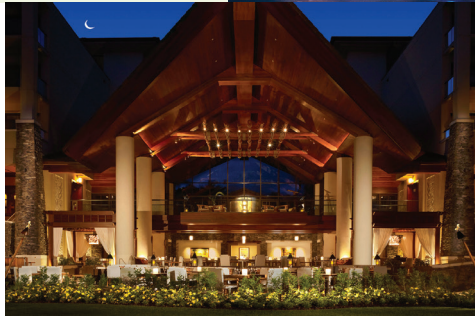
"I promise you will enjoy one of the most beautiful ocean view vistas in all of golf," said Michael Castillo, head golf professional at the Plantation Course. "The view of the sparkling Pacific Ocean in the foreground and the Island of Molokai in the distance is only interrupted by the occasional rainbow. The 18th hole is 'everything you've got' from the tips. Clocking in more than one-third of a mile from tee to green, favor the right side since everything tends to drift toward the left and a deep ravine."

### YOU HAD ME AT HELLO

My wife JoAnn and I pampered ourselves with an outdoor Hawaiian Lomi Lomi couples massage. The therapists were excellent, and the design and size of the facility will impress even the most seasoned spa aficionado. Just make sure your wife leaves the credit card in the room while



Montage pool attendants provide complimentary chocolates and offer to clean your sunglasses.



### "Take the time to listen.

After all, if you don't listen, how will you learn?"

—ROBERT FRIEDL, GENERAL MANAGER, MONTAGE AT KAPALUA BAY

perusing the boutique adjacent to the check-in desks.

After a full day of outdoor adventure, the perfect end to a perfect day culminates with an exquisite dinner at Cane & Canoe, the resort's fine dining establishment. Its menu offers a collection of flavors that honor the Hawaiian Islands by supporting local farmers and fishermen. To highlight the freshness of ingredients on the menu, the executive chef refers to the "catch of the day" as the "catch of the moment." The difference is subtle but noticeable.

"We all have moments of feeling overwhelmed," concluded Friedl. "I encourage you to take the time to exhale and submerge in our ocean's powerful healing waters. Hi'uwai is an important Hawaiian cleansing ceremony that will leave you refreshed, recharged, and purified from the inside out." ■

For seasonal packages that offer residential accommodations up to 4,000 square feet, visit [Montage.com/KapaluaBay](http://Montage.com/KapaluaBay).

## The Pazdur Family Enjoying The Montage at Kapalua Bay

Hannah, Haydin, Nikki, Brent, JoAnn, Mark, Katie, Jack, Taylor, and Drew

