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THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI, KAPALUA NAMED THE NO. 1 RESORT ON MAUI IN THE 2026 CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (October 6, 2026) — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua has been recognized as the **No. 1 Resort on Maui** in the prestigious **2026 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards**, earning the highest ranking among Maui resorts and securing the No. 2 spot among all Hawai'i resorts.

The annual Readers' Choice Awards are among the travel industry's most respected honors, reflecting the experiences and opinions of hundreds of thousands of travelers worldwide. This recognition highlights The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua's commitment to delivering exceptional service, authentic Hawaiian cultural experiences, and unparalleled luxury.

"We are deeply honored to be recognized as the No. 1 resort on Maui by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler," said Melissa Lee, Hotel Manager of The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua. "This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our Ladies and Gentlemen, whose passion for creating meaningful guest experiences brings the spirit of aloha to life every day. We are grateful to our guests for their continued trust and support."

Set across 54 oceanfront acres in the heart of Kapalua, The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua offers a distinctive blend of luxury, culture and connection to place. Guests can enjoy more than **70 weekly immersive experiences** designed to deepen their understanding of Maui's unique natural environment, including fitness hikes, lei po'o workshops and stargazing sessions to sushi-making classes and guided eco-tours led by Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment.

Beyond the resort experience, The Ritz-Carlton Maui proudly serves as a gathering place for both visitors and residents through a vibrant calendar of festivals and community events, including Celebration of the Arts, Whale Tales, the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival, the Maui Songwriters Festival, and the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival. Together, these signature experiences showcase the best of Maui through music, food, culture, and storytelling, creating unforgettable memories and fostering meaningful connections to the island and its people.

The resort has further strengthened its connection to the community through initiatives including the **Kapalua Concert Series, Kapalua Wine & Chef Series, Artist-in-Residence Program, Aloha Friday Market, Sense of Place**, and the intimate **Chef's Table** experience. These thoughtfully curated offerings create opportunities for guests to engage with musicians, artists, chefs and cultural practitioners while supporting the people, traditions and businesses that help make Maui so special.

In the 2026 rankings, The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua was the highest-ranked Maui property, leading a strong showing by resorts across Maui Nui. The Hawai'i rankings are as follows, with Maui County resorts highlighted:

1. Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina
2. **The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua**
3. Kona Village, A Rosewood Resort
4. Fairmont Orchid Hawai'i
5. **Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa**
6. The Ritz-Carlton O'ahu, Turtle Bay
7. Ko'a Kea Resort on Po'ipū Beach
8. Koloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū, Autograph Collection
9. **Wailea Beach Resort – Marriott Maui**
10. **Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort**
11. Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Autograph Collection
12. Grand Hyatt Kaua'i Resort & Spa
13. **Hāna-Maui Resort**
14. The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort
15. **Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort**
16. **Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea**
17. **Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i**
18. Mauna Lani, Auberge Collection
19. Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa
20. **Royal Lahaina Resort**

For information about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/maui or follow on Instagram [@ritzcarltonkapalua](https://www.instagram.com/ritzcarltonkapalua).

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About The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua offers 470 newly reimagined guestrooms, including 107 residential suites, inspired by the island's heritage and natural beauty. Guests enjoy The Ritz-Carlton Spa® Maui, Kapalua with garden showers, volcanic grottos, steam and sauna therapies, and ocean-view fitness spaces. The resort features six dining experiences, a lū'au, a best-in-class Club Lounge, luxury cabanas, a family-friendly pool, and enhanced meeting spaces. Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment and robust guest programming—including cultural workshops, Hawaiian traditions, culinary events, seasonal celebrations—create unforgettable experiences. Set on 54 acres within the 22,000-acre Kapalua Resort, the property is surrounded by championship golf, award-winning dining, and historic pineapple fields.