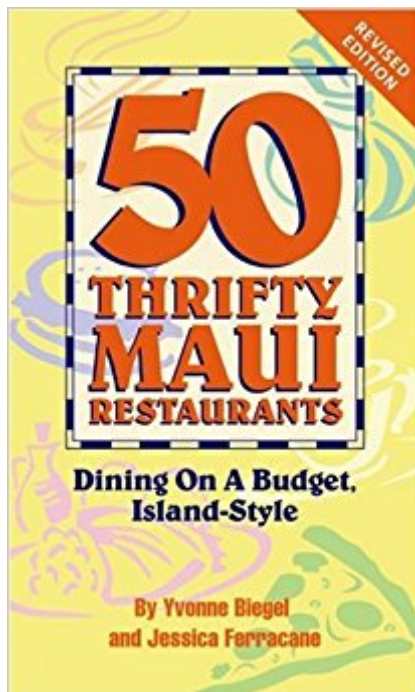


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50 Thrifty Maui Restaurants



Synopsis

50 Thrifty Maui Restaurants is a unique guidebook to great food at bargain prices, from oceanfront cafes in Lahaina to ethnic eateries in Kula to roadside stands along the Hana Highway. Categorized by mealtime and geographical area, it's a first-ever pocket directory to dining the way the locals do: burgers to burritos, ahi to mahimahi, crab wonton to kalua pig. Long-time Maui residents Yvonne Biegel and Jessica Ferracane surveyed other savvy Maui diners and taste-tested all 50 eateries in compiling this handy, candid guide — complete with maps, photographs and detailed listings on hours, parking, seating, credit cards and recommended dishes. Foreword by Maui News dining editor Carla Tracy.

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Customer Reviews

Longtime Maui resident Yvonne Biegel, a specialist in travel and hospitality communications for more than a decade, heads her own public relations and marketing agency, Biegel Communications. Jessica Ferracane, a former Maui-based journalist, now operates her own PR agency, Irondog Communications, on the Big Island of Hawaii, and is the author of 50 Thrifty Big Island Restaurants.

I have found that some of the restaurants listed in this book are no longer in business, unfortunately. I wish the author would update. Having said that, we did do some exploration based on the reviews of the restaurants which were still open. This book was extremely helpful because food in Maui is expensive! It guided us to those locations which were within our budget, and allowed us to bypass

those that were too costly. If/when I return to Maui, I will definitely look for a revised edition or a similar guide. Many thanks to the author for your gracious assistance!

i bought this book in 2007 when we went back to maui the 2nd time. i hauled it all over the island with us. we tried about 4-5 of the restaurants listed. the diner in kihei (can't recall the name) is set up like a 50's style diner in a strip mall and they had awesome burgers and shakes. the ice cream is from cow's milk grown on maui and the shakes and burgers were delicious and in maui dollars the price was more then reasonable. there was a cafe on the ocean/bay side in lahaina listed we also went to for breakfast that was very good. i am quite sure the address was front street. i wish i had the book to list the names, but i just lent it to my boss who is going to maui next month. there is a burger joint by kaanapali beach that is also good on the bottom part of a building that has an italian restaurant on top that is also good. a restaurant that was not in the book is roundtable pizza on the kaanapali strip between lahaina and kaanapali that has excellent hawaaian pizza and a good mexican restaurant by the airport in a shopping strip with a gas station we found on the way out that was reasonably priced as well. one of the most expensive parts of maui is the food cost. if you like pineapple at all you have to try it there. get the "sweet" kind. there is one that is sweeter then the rest and you will think you have died and gone to heaven. i have never had pineapple anywhere else like it. I DEFINITELY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK!

Book was so outdated that most of the restaurants highlighted in it are long since closed. Very disappointing & useless as a future trip guide.

Will be using this book on my upcoming Maui Vacation in May. Having been to Maui numerous times, I am now looking for out-of-the-way local places to enjoy good food.

My husband and I used this guide for a 5 day trip to Maui in January 08. We found the reviews to be up-to-date and accurate. Yes, the descriptions are brief, but this is meant to be a lightweight pocket guide that you can throw in your beach bag or keep in the glove box of your rental car, whether you use it on the fly to find a casual place to munch, or want to plan for something a little more upscale but still within a budget. Most of the places listed here are casual condo resort restaurants, "mom & pop" digs, or fall under the "fast food" category (but there's only one chain restaurant listed). But afterall, this is Maui and unless you are at the Four Seasons or other upscale resort area restaurant you are probably fine to roll in with your flip flops and a t-shirt. We liked the specifics like instructions

on where to park and suggested menu items to try. If you like to stay at your resort and dine at the typical touristy restaurants in Lahaina and Kihei, you won't find this book very useful. But if you are like us and like to explore "out of the way" Maui when you go and are looking to spend less than \$20 (or less than \$10) per person on a meal, this book will be indispensable during your driving tours around the island. You can save money and eat at the less expensive breakfast and lunch spots listed in this book, and then splurge a night or two on dinner at Mama's Fish House, Roy's/Kimo's/Lahaina Fish Co., and a luau or dinner show. We ate at at least 5 places recommended by this book while we were there, from oceanfront restaurants to tiny taco stands on the Hana Hwy. By the way, we've used Maui Revealed for years (who doesn't these days?), and 50 Thrifty lists a lot of restaurants that Maui Revealed doesn't. So spend the few bucks for this book and have an even bigger selection of restaurants to choose from when you get there!

Just got back from Maui a week ago. My husband and I bought this book and hunted down just about every restaurant listed. What a huge waste of time and money! Almost every establishment listed were either closed, changed owners, or changed names. The ones that were still open had dramatically increased their prices. When asked about the published prices for meals listed in the book we were told more than once that "Those prices are for locals only". Save your cash and don't buy this book...you'll need that money for breakfast!

Great book - we tried about 10 places this book recommended and they were great. A couple of notes: 1. On page 56-57; Dean O's Maui Pizza Cafe is no longer there - it's now some type of buffet restaurant. 2. Charley's on page 42 is fantastic! 3. Thai chef on page 36 is another great place (and it's BYOB - so you can bring a bottle of wine)!

A first we thought that we will end up where there was OK food, but we tasted better food than some of the more expensive tourist locations. Gives you that great island living experience, you go to towns where no tourists hang out, restaurants with friendly people, mom and pop shops where people care about you and the food they are serving. I highly recommend this book, even if you are not on a budget.

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