



**THE ISLAND OF LĀNAʻI**  
**“Hawaiʻi’s Most Enticing Island”**  
**Fact Sheet**

Land Mass:	141 square miles (365 square km)
Population:	3,193
Principal City:	Lānaʻi City
Flower:	Kaunaʻoa
Color:	Orange

**GEOGRAPHY**

Lānaʻi, the sixth largest of the Hawaiian Islands, is 48 miles (77 km) southeast of Oʻahu. It has 47 miles (76 km) of coastline and is 18 miles (29 km) across at its longest/widest point. The highest summit is Lānaʻihale, 3,370 feet (1,027 m), at the eastern end of the island.

**CLIMATE**

Average temperatures range from 71° - 77° F (22° - 25° C) in most areas, with variable rainfall in different sections of the island.

**MAJOR INDUSTRY**

Tourism

**RECREATION**

Hunting, fishing, swimming, golfing, and horseback riding.

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### **BRIEF HISTORY**

In the olden days, Lānaʻi is said to have been known as the “isle of contentment.” This, however, conflicts with the legend that says Lānaʻi was once an evil place, overrun with demons. It was not until the evil spirits were driven out by Kaululāʻau, exiled son of a West Maui king, that natives finally came to live on Lānaʻi.

In 1779, Captain Cook took note of the many Hawaiians who lived by fishing and raising taro on the south shore of Lānaʻi. Their numbers soon decreased, however, as a result of wars among the Hawaiian chiefs. The first missionaries, arriving on the island in 1835, found farmers and fishermen among the principal residents.

### **FASCINATING FACTS**

- Luahiwa Petroglyphs are considered among the best-preserved in all the islands.
- Kaunolū Village is a National Historic Landmark and is full of archaeological treasures.
- There are no traffic lights on this quaint island.

### **TOP-RATED ATTRACTIONS**

- Munro Trail
- Hulopoʻe Beach
- Garden of the Gods
- Luahiwa Petroglyphs
- Shipwreck Beach
- Sweetheart Cove
- Watching the turtles swim at Polihua Beach
- Scuba diving and sailing said to be the best in all Hawaiʻi
- Lānaʻi Art Center