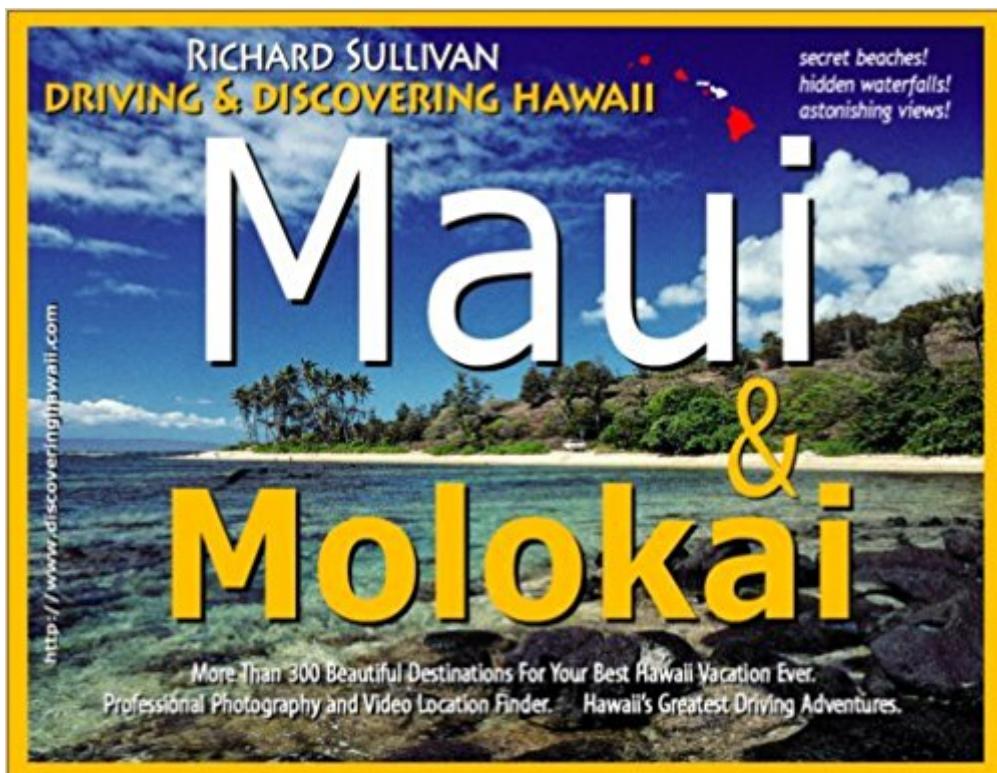


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Driving & Discovering Hawaii: Maui & Molokai



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Newly updated and expanded. Acclaimed for its beautiful photography [over 350 photos] and dozens of highly detailed maps, Driving & Discovering Hawaii: Maui and Molokai is considered a milestone in guidebooks. Areas of Maui not found in other guides, such as Maui's Upcountry and West Maui's Rugged North Shore, are explored in great detail here. Nor has any guidebook ever before explored the island of Molokai in such a detailed, beautiful and comprehensive manner. Much more a guide to the physical beauty of Maui and Molokai than a guide to hotels and restaurants, every beach on both islands is described in detail and the majority of them are pictured in stunning photography. Five pages of beach charts outline the amenities that each strand offers. Secret beaches, hidden waterfalls and astonishing vistas are all displayed in Driving & Discovering Hawaii: Maui and Molokai in vivid color and with complete directions on how to reach them. Featured sections include Just Picture It!, a 4- page guide to photographing the islands; Best Beaches Maui; Best Beaches Molokai; Best Hikes Maui; Best Hikes Molokai; Best Waterfalls Maui and Molokai; and a 37- page guide to the Hana Drive. Driving and Discovering Hawaii books are acclaimed for their unique Photo-Finder Feature: no other guidebook or guidebook series anywhere offers this valuable innovation. Each photo is numbered and corresponds to the same number on an adjacent map. This shows the visitor exactly where all of the islands' most beautiful and photogenic sights are located, and allows the visitor to preview ALL accessible areas of the islands before visiting them to make the most of valuable vacation time. Since the author personally wrote this book as well as made all of the 330 photos, he was able to link all of the book's information into one very complete, thorough and comprehensive reference work. This is one guidebook in which the photos are just as valuable a tool for the visitor as the text. The quality of photography and reproduction is excellent: the Eastman Kodak Company is a sponsor.

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Richard Sullivan lives in Hilo, Hawaii's Big Island. He was a fine arts major at the State University of New York at Buffalo while working nights in his uncle's photo lab. His first professional photography job was as a freelance paparazzo in Hollywood. The idea for Driving & Discovering Hawaii guides was born out of an assignment for the Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine. Unable to locate the beaches and waterfalls the Times wanted him to photograph -even the Hawaii Visitors Bureau didn't know- he eventually found them, and decided a new kind of guidebook was needed. Driving & Discovering Oahu was the first book in the series, and was won the Best Hawaii Guidebook prize in the Hawaii Visitors Bureau/American Airlines Travel Journalism Awards.

Nine years ago on a trip to Oahu I read the first version of this book, "Driving and Discovering Oahu". That book was amazing! The Maui version of the book was its equal in every way. If you are visiting Maui you will find this book to be your most valuable guidebook resource. The book is structured wrapping it's around Maui, highlighting the most off-the-beaten-track places you can imagine. It is geared toward driving adventures, and will take you to some unbelievable places. You will not get lost with this book, as it is very detailed in terms of directions. If you want waterfalls, this book delivers you to the best of them on the island, often places free of tourists, and many times leaving you entirely on your own to appreciate the sites. It brings you to the best beaches, snorkeling and kayaking spots, turtle watching locations, and Mount Haleakala mountain locations.

The eating recommendations are local establishments with true local character. You will not be disappointed. This book will guide you around the Island with ease, and get you into little known places (at least to tourists) that make the vacation all the more special. Highly recommended! It also has a section on Molokai if you are heading to that island.

We recently took a trip to Molokai and this book was our primary source for getting around. It was very helpful and accurate when it came to finding most things on the island. However, we didn't find the island quite as charming as the guide book made it out to be. Yes, it is unspoiled by tourists and has a very "local" feel, which we love. But the snorkeling was very disappointing - we saw almost no fish in any of the "great" snorkel spots. The weather was also quite windy, and we heard from locals that is very normal there. The beautiful beaches were often unwalkable because the high winds drove the sand into your face and body to the point of pain. One also needs a 4-wheel drive to access most of the good hiking. The local car companies will rent you a 4-wheel drive but will not allow you to take it off-road. This was mentioned in the book, but one doesn't realize just how limiting that is until you are there. No good snorkeling, no good (accessible) hiking - that's all we really wanted to do on our vacation. So our feeling was that this guidebook was a bit misleading in its descriptions of Molokai and the availability of the things we wanted to do. Next time we are back on Maui, we will bring this along and see if it hits the mark as to that island.

My Mom just got back from visiting family in Hawaii and loved the book before I gave it to her for Mom's Day... So this is an awesome book fill of memories for her.. Thank you!

If you're planning your first trip to Maui -- or even if you've been numerous times before -- this book is a MUST to get the most out of your visit! My family and I have used this book -- and the companion Oahu book -- several times over the past 10 years. They have helped us truly discover and get to know both islands in a way that would not have been possible without Sullivan's "insider knowlege" and helpful tips. Not only does this book contain a treasure trove of information on off-the-beaten-path waterfalls, hiking trails, beaches, etc., but it will also help you take your best vacation photos ever! The book is filled with stunning photographs, and Sullivan tells you exactly where they were taken so that you, too, can capture the same breathtaking views. He even offers a page full of helpful photography tips. This wonderful travel guide covers every inch of this spectacular island -- you will return from your vacation feeling "homesick" for Maui because it's now so familiar to you.

Love, love, love this book. This book took me to waterfalls that I would have never found on my own. The road to Hana is a magical drive that should be on everyone's bucket list. Take this book with you when you do it! If you have driven the road to Hana before, then do it again with this book! You will not be disappointed.....unless you forget your camera

Consulted this book before and during our 10-day visit to Moloka'i. Book really is a work of art. Author crams a lot of information into his maps and divides the island into sections which was helpful in planning a day outing. I also think he captured a lot of what makes Moloka'i unique. Saw copies of this book (and no other) in two stores on the island, so it appears the locals are giving it a thumbs up as well! Highly recommended.

We purchased this mostly for its info about Molokai and it didn't disappoint. Molokai is a rather opaque island but well worth the trip. This book was very helpful for planning purposes.

Great pictures but much of the information, especially on Molokai is outdated. Definitely time for a new issue. Also, minor detail but my book came with some of the edges uncut so I had to use scissors to cut them open. Anyhoo, still used it on the trip, got around.

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