

The Resort

The Kapalua Resort and the Hawaiian island of Maui are both world renowned for their exquisite, yet rugged natural beauty. Blessed with stunning natural assets and a temperate climate, Kapalua's charm is also linked in many ways to its relative seclusion from the more populated areas on Maui. The location of Kapalua takes in a pristine coastline of individual bays and beaches, which are a magnet for a sunset stroll and a popular attraction for swimmers, surfers and snorkelers, with a backdrop of the distant West Maui mountains forged by centuries of volcanic activity.

The turquoise waters at nearby Honolua Bay are regarded by locals as one of the best snorkelling spots in the state of Hawaii and along with Kapalua and Oneloa Bays, are within easy walking distance from the Resort allowing guests to enjoy clear, tropical waters and beaches that are surprisingly uncrowded when compared to others further afield on Maui.

The Kapalua Resort itself is unlike most 'resort' complexes; more a comfortable, rambling estate of

villas surrounded by expanses of nature, lapping up against the ocean and the Resort's Bay golf course. Tall and distinctive Cook Island pines, planted when the area was first developed, line the streets and resort entrances and residents and guests enjoy intoxicating ocean aspects across the channel to the often cloud enshrouded island of Molokai.

Most popular and prolific among the accommodation options available to guests at Kapalua are the spacious and well appointed 1, 2 or 3 bedroom villas which are located around the bay or on the golf course. The villas are self contained which many

couples, groups and families take full advantage of after a hectic day at play, either using the pools and BBQ facilities or choosing to wine and dine at home while enjoying the serenity of a private balcony with picture postcard views.



The Plantation Course

Mention the name 'Kapalua', and most golfers the world over will instantly recognise it as a dream destination with two excellent Troon Golf-managed courses and a host to professional tournament golf, dating back to the Kapalua Invitational which was played for 16 years from the early 1980s over the resort's initial course – the Arnold Palmer designed Bay course.

The Resort has been defined in more recent times as the site of the PGA Tour's season opening 'Hyundai Tournament of Champions', for tournament winners of the previous year. The tournament is played over the newer of the two courses, the Plantation Course designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, which opened for play in 1991. And could there be a more idyllic location to reward the exalted few, who get to prolong their success from the previous season by bringing their families to paradise to kick off a new season in style?

Coore and Crenshaw have created a spectacular and challenging layout over a rugged piece of coastal land, taking optimal advantage of the

steep ridges formed by volcanic activity, gullies and spectacular ocean views that are a feature of this part of the world. The course has also earned a reputation as an Aussie 'home away from home' over the past decade.

Victorian Stuart Appleby was a combined 51 under par in winning the Mercedes Championship, as it was then known, three years running from 2004 to 2006 and fellow Victorian Geoff Ogilvy followed suite, also tearing up the course for a combined 46 under par in his 2009 and 2010 victories. Both players credit the short layoff from the end of the Australian Tour season as reasons for having hit the ground running in Maui, yet Ogilvy's bid to also pull off an 'Appleby Threepeat' in 2011 was dashed before it started. A frolic at the beach with his family resulted in a badly cut hand and numerous stitches, forcing his withdrawal from the tournament and several months on the sidelines.

Kapalua was also the scene of Greg Norman's first victory on United States soil. Norman's emphatic 8 stroke victory over the Bay course in the 1983 Kapalua Invitational was the catalyst for his profile to soar on the American golf scene.

The scores posted by Appleby,

Ogilvy and other Tournament of Champions winners would suggest to the first time visitor that the Plantation course is a pushover, when nothing could be further from the truth. Kapalua's exposed location virtually guarantees a prevailing breeze, which can soon whip up to something stronger to make this 7,411 yard par 73 course all the more challenging. Appleby's third victory in 2006 was achieved with a four round total of 'only' 8 under par, which shows what sort of test the Plantation can be even to the world's best when the trade winds blow in.

The very significant elevation changes and generous fairways and greens are generally a shock even to those who are familiar with the course from television coverage. Players are faced with all of these elements from the very first hole, which drops sharply from an elevated position. In fact, the golf course rises and falls throughout the round and walking the course is certainly not for the faint hearted. Coore & Crenshaw have also routed a number of holes along volcanic ridges and have factored in that the elements will inevitably play a part, by creating optimum lines with room to play away from trouble.



It's difficult to identify the 'most' spectacular holes on a course that features ocean views on almost every hole but holes 5 and 6 are memorable for their routing along separate ridges, separated by a cavernous gorge from which there is no escape. Distance control at the par three 8th and 11th holes can be particularly difficult to judge, especially in a breeze. The worst of the trouble on the downhill 8th is short of the narrow green as the tee shot needs to cross one of the deep gorges and a menacing bunker. Likewise, number 11 plays downhill with bunkers eating into the left and front of the green with the gorgeous backdrop of Honolua Bay and the ocean beyond to test your concentration.

The Plantation Course culminates with a two spectacular holes that both dogleg right to left and downhill with a cavernous gully guarding the left of each fairway. The 17th at over 500 yards is certainly a long par four but plays downhill and often down breeze. The deep gorge to the left can provide plenty of nervous moments for professional or amateur alike.

The 663 yard par five 18th has of course become well known to TV viewers as a stage for some drama

charged action over the years – as players attack the hole to set up eagle chances, tournament victories and equally, losing balls in the menacing gorge to the left. A big tee shot can propel the ball vast distances down the steep fairway to within striking distance of the green in two. Playing from a severe downhill lie with all the trouble in the world to the left contributes to the 'risk reward' nature of the hole and the excitement of playing it.

Who can forget Bubba Watson's driver 'off the deck' from over 300 yards in the first round in 2011? Watson's mighty blow was ranked as one of the PGA Tour's Shots of the Year, aiming 60 yards right and slicing the ball to take advantage of the lie of the land to run the ball on to the front to back tilting green and inside 20 feet for eagle.

While the 18th can be played comfortably in 3 shots by playing to the wide fairway well away from the trouble on the left, most visitors take to the Plantation Course with a view to attacking this unique finishing hole - just like the pros do – and a chance to claim bragging rights in the clubhouse after the round.

Golf Academy

PGA and Champions Tour legend Hale Irwin was the designer of the expansive facilities of the Kapalau Golf Academy, ranked as one of the Top 25 of its kind in the United States. The Academy is state of the art - featuring 23 acres of short and long game practice areas, putting greens and the very latest in equipment and skilled instructors ready to work some magic on your game.



Kapalua Spa

Unique among the services offered from the luxuriously appointed Spa are Golf Fitness classes with lead trainer Thomas Ockerman, who has worked with NFL teams and attends to many of the PGA Tour professionals while they're in Kapalua to start their season. In these Fitness classes, Ockerman explains how the body's muscles work and interrelate during the dynamics of a golf swing and demonstrates what stretches players should perform to open up the 'turning' muscles at the base of the back, along with muscles on the side of the body.

The sessions also cover the importance of breathing correctly to maximise performance during a golf swing. For example, Ockerman recommends breathing in on the backswing, then out on the downswing – as you would if you were to stretch or exert yourself. Ockerman notes most players hold their breath during a golf swing, which tightens the muscles especially in pressure situations.

Following a Fitness session or after working at the Academy, golfers can recuperate in the Hydrotherapy Facility that includes steam, sauna, hot tubs, sun deck and a spa infinity pool.



Clubhouses and Resort Dining

Both the Bay and Plantation courses are serviced by their own clubhouse, with well stocked pro shops, bars and award winning dining facilities. The Plantation clubhouse is the larger of the two, with extensive lockers rooms and architecturally

designed lounge areas that take full advantage of the panoramic course and ocean views out to Molokai.

An array of award winning restaurants and dining options abound at The Kapalua Resort, including the Pineapple Grill, Merriman's Kapalua and Sansei. These restaurants and in fact all of the Resort services, are complemented by the unfailingly helpful and courteous staff, one of the unsung features that help make time spent at Kapalua such an unforgettable experience.

Transport

The Villas and facilities within the Kapalau Resort precinct are serviced by a fast and efficient shuttle service, which will take you anywhere at no charge and with a minimal wait.

The Kapalua-West Maui Airport is just a 10 minute drive away and flight time to Honolulu is a mere 30 minutes.

Hiring a car is an easy and enjoyable option to explore the world famous sights of Maui, which include extinct volcano, lava flows and stunning tropical vegetation in Forest Reserve areas. The Honoapilani Highway snakes around the western coastline, affording scenic views at every turn. The historic seaside village of Lahaina is only a short drive south from Kapalua and a great spot to explore and for some casual shopping and dining.





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Aloha! You are cordially invited to join us for the 2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions Pro-Am. This prestigious season-opening event features one of the most elite fields in golf – the winners only from the 2012 season. A limited number of pro-am spots are available, so call now to secure your entry.



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EACH PRO-AM ENTRY INCLUDES:

- One entry in the 18-hole, Pro-Am Golf Tournament – Thursday, January 3 on The Plantation Course
- VIP Parking on Thursday, January 3 for the Pro-Am
- One entry in the 18-hole, All-Amateur Tournament (individual competition) – Wednesday, January 2 on the Bay Course
- Invitation for two to the Pro-Am Draw Party on Wednesday, January 2
- Invitation for two to the Awards Reception
- Breakfast and Lunch buffet for two on the Pro-Am Day
- Use of the Kapalua Golf Academy throughout tournament week for Pro-Am participant
- Two Clubhouse Badges allowing admittance to The Plantation House Restaurant, January 4 – 7 (food and beverage not included)
- Tournament Gift Package and Commemorative Team Photo

PRO-AM Cost: \$7,250

SKYBOX SEATING

Access for two to private skybox seating on the 18th green of The Plantation Course for January 4 - 7 (with pupus, beer and wine served Saturday – Monday) available for an additional \$500 (discounted pricing as this is a \$1,000 value).

2013 PRO-AM ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

THE RITZ-CARLTON, KAPALUA

- Deluxe Ocean View Room - \$425/night plus nightly resort fee and tax
- Rate valid January 1 – 9, 2013
- Reservation Form will be sent to you upon request
(Discounted rate based on space availability)

For further information, call 808-665-9160 or email ncrossmaui@gmail.com



ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 27th AUGUST 2012

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Mon 3rd: Men's Stableford (18 holes)
Ladies Stableford (18 holes)

Tue 4th: Ladies 4BBB, Stableford (18 holes) 2 Div

Wed 5th: Ladies Nett/Gross (27/ 18 & 9 holes) 3 Div

Thur 6th: Men's 4BBB Stableford (18 holes) 2 Div

Fri 7th: Ladies 4B Ambrose Stroke (18 holes) teams of 4

Sat 8th: Men's Nett/Gross (27/ 18 & 9 holes) 3 Div

Sun 9th: Mixed Canadian Stableford Gross, Nett 4 Div



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