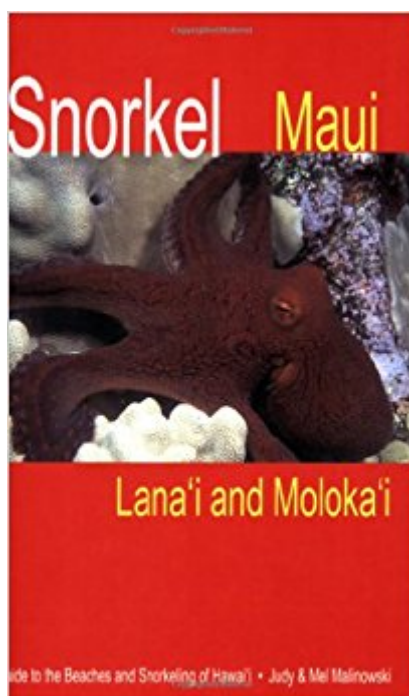


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Snorkel Maui Lanai And Molokai Guide To The Beaches And Snorkeling Of Hawaii



Synopsis

Snorkel Maui, Lanai and Molokai is the one and only guidebook exclusively devoted to snorkeling on these beautiful islands. No other guide comes close to the level of snorkeling detail provided here. Take SMLM, along with a good general guidebook of your choice, and you'll have all the details you need for a great vacation! Now revised and expanded, with full color maps, as well as 75 beach and 80 fish pictures! From a colorful cover to 39 accurate maps and details on 81 snorkeling sites, SMLM draws you into the fascinating underwater world that shouldn't be missed by anyone touring these islands. As Dave Barry says: When you finally see what goes on underwater, you realize that you've been missing the whole point of the ocean--it's like going to the circus and staring at the outside of the tent. An award-winning book designer contributed a sophisticated, yet readable style to the cover and interior. It's worth going to the Maui just to swim and snorkel, and Snorkel Maui, Lanai and Molokai is the snorkeling buddy you want to have along.

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Customer Reviews

Detailed and accurate maps and charts can put even a hopeless twit in the right spot for a delightful snorkeling adventure, and the text leaves readers with a sense of history, Hawaiian culture, geography, oceanography and aloha...the Malinowskis have achieved a rare balance in presenting essential elementary information to help beginners, and insightful revelations to keep experts interested. With simple prose that is eloquent with aloha, their books are extended love letters to Hawaii's best reefs. --Greg Ambrose, Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Why Maui and Lanai? Maui offers more snorkeling sites within easy reach than any other Hawaiian island. There is something here for every snorkeler, and ample variety to keep a whole family happy. Laze around on endless golden beaches and cool yourself with colorful snorkeling swims. Follow this up with good food, shopping and socializing if you're so inclined. It's all close at hand on Maui. There are many sites with easy entry from calm, sheltered bays and broad, golden sandy beaches. Maui has extensive reefs with plenty of colorful and exciting creatures. Popular Molokini Island, with its crystal-clear waters, or the unique Island of Lanai lie just a brief excursion away, and offer a change of pace if you're in the mood. The choices are ample: beautiful, sweeping expanses of soft coral sand and diverse snorkeling sites; action-packed total destination resorts with all the amenities; secluded little-known beach retreats just around the bend; or nearby, less touristed neighbor island hideaways. Choices like this have made Maui a legendary destination. An active vacation is memorable for adventure as well as relaxation. Hassles and missteps finding out where to go can raise your blood pressure, and waste your time. We've done extensive research that will help you quickly locate appropriate sites that fit your interests and abilities, saving your valuable vacation hours. Snorkeling sites in Hawaii are trickier than some calmer parts of the world, so it's best to get good advice before heading out. Everyone's had their share of unpleasant experiences due to vague directions, as well as outdated or inaccurate information. We have created the Snorkel Hawaii series as that savvy snorkeling buddy everyone needs. We hope you'll enjoy the personal stories we've included; see About the Authors on page 126 if you want to know a little more about us. We have personally snorkeled all the major sites listed. The challenge lies in knowing how to find them quickly, as well as how to enter and exit, and where to snorkel, so you'll have a safe and rewarding experience. Our detailed maps and instructions will ease the uncertainty, saving you time and effort. Try to visit Maui and Lanai at least once in your life, and by all means don't miss the underwater world. Aloha! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Because of 'High Surf' warnings during most of our week on the island, we stayed away from diving. But, I was excited to see a book devoted to shore diving & snorkeling. (I've limited this rating to 4 stars because we didn't really have a chance to use it; but I've used another in this series for Kauai and it was right on.) We did find a website with details about possibilities; but it hadn't been updated for several years and we did hear the comment on Maui that the ocean tides have changed the beaches somewhat-- they're not nearly as big as they used to be. Also, I find it handiest to have a ****print**** guide that is affordable and easy to pack along in the car.

The information in this book is comprehensive, accurate, and well organized. I especially appreciated the summary page where each snorkel spot is graded based on access, water clarity etc. Different people may be interested in different aspects, such as families with children may be more interested in ease of access than other qualities. This allows you to pick and choose based on your preferences. This book is money well spent if you are interested in snorkeling. It amazed me so many people at our hotel were fighting over pool cabanas by the when you have the clearest waters of the world teaming with beautiful fish and other creatures of the sea at your doorstep, which you can explore for free. Snorkeling is a very inexpensive sport, especially when all the beaches and waterfront in Hawaiian islands are open to public. Some of the best snorkel spots are in front of top class hotels, yet any member of the public can use them and enjoy the natural beauty. This book is also excellent in terms of where you can expect to swim with the turtles. We did see at least one sea turtle at each spot this book mentioned that they would be present.

I love this book. I've been to Maui once and snorkeled a few places that I read about on the internet and I had a great time. I'm going back to Maui and staying on another part of the island and wanted to know about the snorkeling along the southern coast. I want to make the best of my time and snorkel every day and this book is a great guide to find out which beaches have the best snorkeling, how to find them, where to park, etc. It gives very basic info for the first time snorkeler and the advanced. I highly recommend it.

I bought this book a few years ago in preparation for my first trip to Maui. The book is very complete. I found many great snorkeling spots due to the clear directions given. The general snorkeling instruction was a good review for experienced as well as novice snorkelers. I loved this book so much that I have given it as a gift to friends. I refer back to it when planning the next trip and keep it handy for planning the next days activities. Great book.

When visiting the islands of Hawaii, my husband and I spend nearly every day of our vacation snorkeling. We have purchased all of the Malinowski's guide books and faithfully use them when visiting the islands. We have found that using their guidance and expertise has eliminated time wasted on less desirable beaches, and sends us directly to the best snorkeling spots on the island. They give you great tips as to where it is best to enter the water, and which parts of the bay have the best underwater sightings. The driving directions, maps and overall information they provide in their books have personally been researched by them and they have done a great job at it. Their

books are a must have for anyone, beginners to advanced snorkelers, you will not be disappointed with this purchase.

I cant tell you how often we referred to this book on our trip to Maui. One of the best purchases I made prior to our trip. I would definitely recommend especially if you like snorkeling.

We bought this book before going to Molokai. While this book is quite good for Maui (and would deserve 4 stars there), it totally misses the mark for Molokai which it includes in the title. The author has either not spent time on Molokai or has a "problem" with the Island. Molokai has exceptional snorkeling which is completely missed by the book. Can't comment about Lanai since we haven't been there (yet).

My spouse and I have used the Malinowskis' snorkel guides for both Maui and the Big Island. To us, they are invaluable. Snorkel sites are not "created equal." The Malinowskis tell you which sites are best in terms of what's to see and ease of entry. They also give you insight about best times to visit the site, and safety issues to be aware of. Snorkel Maui and their other guides are MUSTS for those who want to experience the beautiful under-water side of the Hawaiian Islands, and do so safely.

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