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Fab new restaurants. Fun new activities. Fine hotels refurbished.
Kauai has blossomed big time in recent years.

1 PRINCE GOLF COURSE

The top-ranked 18-hole course reopened in 2012 following a 13-month renovation. Over \$5 million went into remodeling bunkers, replanting greens and widening fairways.

2 ST. REGIS PRINCEVILLE

The luxurious AAA Four Diamond St. Regis opened in 2009 in the footprint of the old Princeville Resort. Overlooking Hanalei Bay, it has steps down a cliff to a gold sand beach and manicured lawn, where you can recline in style under lime green umbrellas. Service is exemplary.

3 KAUAI GRILL

One of the world's most talented chefs, Jean Georges Vongerichten, recently opened Kauai Grill. Delight in artfully presented roasted lobster with potato gnocchi or soy-glazed short ribs with green papaya-jalapeno puree.

4 TUBING SUGAR PLANTATION CANALS

Don a helmet with headlamp and go tubing with Kauai Backcountry Adventures along historic canals. Most fun? Bumper-tubing through five pitch-black tunnels.

5 MONK SEAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Monk seals, which weigh from 400 to 600 pounds, are endangered. Learn more about them through a new Kauai Monk Seal Watch Program offered at the Grand Hyatt.

6 GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA

All 602 guestrooms and suites at the AAA Four Diamond Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa were revamped in 2011 in a \$45 million renovation. Spiffy rooms now feature headboards carved with the native hapuu fern and petroglyph artwork.

7 STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING

Go stand-up paddle boarding on the Huleia River with Outfitters Kauai. Glide past mangroves and hau bushes, whose yellow sea hibiscus flowers turn scarlet within 24 hours of blooming. You also jump from a rope into a freshwater pool.

10 KUKUI'ULA SHOPPING VILLAGE

At the new Kukui'ula Shopping Village, discover art galleries and shops selling surfboards, Hawaiian sea salt, unique jewelry and gourmet foods. Some great restaurants are here too, including the new Merriman's Café and Bubba's burger joint.

9 JOSSELIN'S TAPAS BAR & GRILL

The servers wear orange Chinese jackets and sangria is made fresh at your table. The owner-chef is a founder of Hawaii Regional Cuisine and his food is adventurous – try the shrimp dumplings with eggplant puree and curried yogurt.

8 RED SALT

Since opening in 2009, Red Salt has received rave reviews. The menu focuses on fresh Hawaiian seafood like spicy seared ahi and ono with king crab hash. Produce is locally sourced too. Red Salt is a bit pricey, but the food sings.

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