



A Perfect Day

MORNING Wake up under a plaid blanket, breathing crisp salt air in a “tentalow,” a canvas-sided cottage, on the beach at Molokai Ranch. Rush into the ocean for the exaltation of a morning swim. ✦ Eat breakfast at Kanemitsu’s Bakery in Kaunakakai, where the menu includes at least three different kinds of French toast: guava, coconut and cheese.

AFTERNOON You’ll have to toss a coin to choose your afternoon activity: Take a mule ride down the sheer green cliffs to Kalaupapa. With the tallest sea cliffs in the world parading away from it, Kalaupapa is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Or hire native guide Pelipo Solatorio to take you into Halawa Valley. It’s private land, but Pelipo lives there, so he can take small groups hiking in the valley — and he knows all the tales that go with the trails. You’ll hike through streambeds and end up at Moaula Falls, where Pelipo will float a ti leaf in the plunge pool. If it sinks, the lizard goddess is waiting to wrap her cold fingers around you; if it floats, it’s safe to jump in. ✦ Stop at the Molokai Fish and Dive Shop. Its T-shirts could be read aloud at a comedy club.

EVENING Have dinner in the Maunaloa Room at the Molokai Ranch Lodge. Fine dining has finally come to this island, albeit in a rustic setting. The menu will almost always include fish — Molokai has the best fishing grounds in the state. ✦ Before tucking in under that plaid blanket again, indulge in a little Molokai nightlife by spreading out a beach mat beside the sea and gazing up at the sky’s starry brilliance. Get your wishes ready — a shooting star is almost guaranteed.

TIP: Plan your perfect day at islands.com/molokai/perfect.