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Condé Nast poll: Maui is world's best island



Last week, I blogged [some ideas for beating Maui's tourism blues](#) (e.g., the Superferry is still not running, 50 vacation rentals and B&Bs were shut down, downhill bike tours are suspended inside Haleakala National Park). But it turns out the island doesn't need much help after all, given that Condé Nast Traveler magazine's annual readers' poll just voted Maui the best island in the world for the 13th time. Maui also ranked as the best Pacific island, followed by Kauai.

Deal: This year, the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards poll created a new category just for resorts in Hawaii. The top 3 picks were Four Seasons properties: the [Four Seasons Maui Resort at Wailea](#), the [Four Seasons Resort Hualalai](#) and the [Lodge at Koele](#). Incidentally, the Lodge at Koele on Lanai is offering 4th-night-free packages through mid-December (for details, [click here](#)).

What's your favorite island in Hawaii, or the world? [Vote in the Comments section below.](#)

When: The full results of the poll are available in the November 2007 issue of Condé Nast Traveler.

Caveat: The 2007 Readers' Choice Awards were based on the opinions of 28,000 readers.

Why go: For first-time visitors to Hawaii, Maui is arguably the best all-around island. It's small enough to cover by car in a day but has an incredible variety of beaches, resorts and outdoor activities.

Why not: For an alternative look at the world's best travel destinations, check out the U.K. version of the magazine [Condé Nast Traveller](#). None of the Hawaiian Islands even made its top 20 islands list, which included the [Maldives](#), [Bali](#), [Cuba](#) and [Capri](#).

Connect: High-speed Internet access is available at all Four Seasons Resort hotels in Hawaii; daily surcharges vary.

Contact: Maui Visitors Bureau, (800) 525-6284
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