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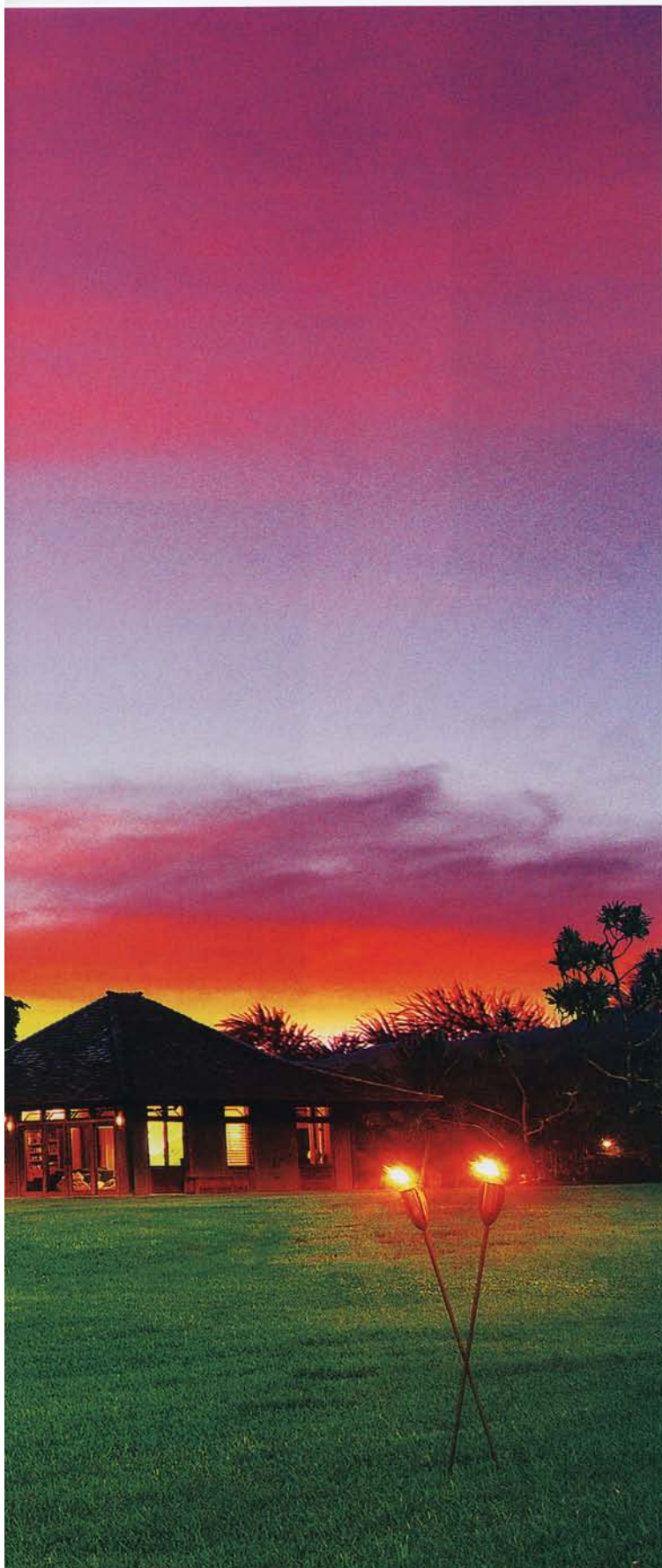
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BY SCOTT HUNTER

The Secret Side of KAUAI



Anuheā, a stunning 95-acre North Shore estate, pictured at dusk. **Right:** Anuheā's outdoor hot tub.



LIKE THE IDEA OF LIVING or vacationing on an island that boasts near-perfect weather (70s to 80s year-round), incredibly beautiful surroundings, and a mix of mountains, gardens, waterfalls and ocean to enjoy? If so, then Kauai—aply nicknamed the Garden Isle for its lush tropical greenery with the ocean as its backdrop—is the obvious choice for your next luxury home purchase or vacation rental.

Formed some six million years ago, the island encompasses roughly 550 square miles and is the oldest, northernmost and fourth-largest of the main Hawaiian Islands. Nearly circular in shape, Kauai is 25 miles long by 33 miles wide at its furthest points. Only 3% of the land area has been developed for commercial and residential use, leaving the remaining 97% divided between agriculture and conservation. The majority of the island's approximately 52,000 residents live and work in the coastal areas, leaving the interior of Kauai spectacularly beautiful and pristine.

One need only look at the residents of Kauai to better understand the island's appeal. For example, Neal Norman, owner and principal broker of Koa Properties LLC, came to Kauai to surf 25 years ago, and today owns one of Kauai's top-producing real estate companies. "Since the early '80s we have been focused on environmental awareness, and we promote green building and organic methods of care for the land," says Norman. Phil Jones, CEO of Pure Kauai—the one-stop shop for luxury vacation rentals, private chefs, spa treatments, tour guides and more—came to Kauai from Los Angeles where he ran one of the largest ski tour operators in the U.S., and built and rented mobile gyms to celebrities including Russell Crowe and Keanu Reeves. An avid athlete, Jones finds the diversity of Kauai and its wide variety of activities, including biking, hiking, surfing and horseback riding, combined with its sheer beauty as the reason to invest in Kauai now.

Following is a look at some of the top properties for rent and for sale across Kauai:





Anuheia's gourmet kitchen features an open layout and top-of-the-line Sub-Zero and Thermador appliances.

ANUHEA

A 55-acre private estate situated on the North Shore of Kauai in the town of Kilauea, Anuheia is a stunning home that blends beauty and quality with function and craftsmanship. Nestled within a 1,500-acre gated preserve, this 6,000-square-foot Japanese-style country home has a unique style and appeal. In addition to the main house, the property features a 3,000-square-foot structure ideal for use as a guest house, office or private gym.

Designed by Ross Anderson, the main house has four bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths, and features a breezy open design. The grounds feature five large natural swimming pools with rope swings and rock jumps and a small natural waterfall. The materials used throughout the property are all custom-made and procured from various parts of the world. For example, many of the landscape features and woods were acquired in Bali, the limestone was imported from France, and the tropical walnut wood floors came from Panama. All doors and windows are made of teak,

the counters are made of custom-cut stone, and many different forms of understated elegant marbles are used throughout the home.

Three large pavilions—including one with a library and home theater—are connected by enclosed breezeways and are surrounded by generous overhangs, huge decks and hand-crafted touches. The gourmet cooks' kitchen features a six-burner Thermador gas stove and double oven, two Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezers, two Sub-Zero refrigerator drawers and an icemaker. The master wing includes a huge master bedroom, bathroom, walk-in closet, indoor/outdoor showers, and a built-in Jacuzzi spa. On the other side of the central pavilion is the children's/guest wing with two bedrooms, two baths and a living room/entertainment area. The entire home is trimmed with teak Craftsman-style joinery, and the block and concrete frame has Old World-style colored plaster walls. *Sale price: \$18,000,000. Contact Neal Norman of Koa Properties, phone: 808.828.6644 or 808.651.1777, email: neal@koakauai.com.*





The grounds of Anuhea (pictured below) are nestled within a 1,500-acre gated preserve complete with natural pools and lush tropical landscaping offering the ultimate in privacy. Interiors (above) feature wood, limestone and marble from Bali, France and Panama.



WHO TO CALL ON KAUAI

Finding the best luxury home or vacation rental requires a call to the island's top realtors and rental agents, who will work closely with you to find the property that best suits your needs, be it for sale or for rent, for a full-time residence or a vacation getaway. No one knows the island better than Neal Norman of Koa Properties, Phil Jones of Pure Kauai and Jim O'Connor of O'Connor Realty, LLC. Their contact details follow:

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RUNNING J FARMS

A tropical paradise with a high-tech twist, this 6,000-square-foot property, best described as Bali-meets-New York, appeals to the buyer seeking a private, resort-style retreat. Originally built as a family retreat, the home blends Zen/Asian influences with interiors that could easily double as a Manhattan art gallery. Designed by owner Jackie Yellin, Running J Farms has been featured as one of the "top celebrity hideaways" by *Entertainment Tonight*.

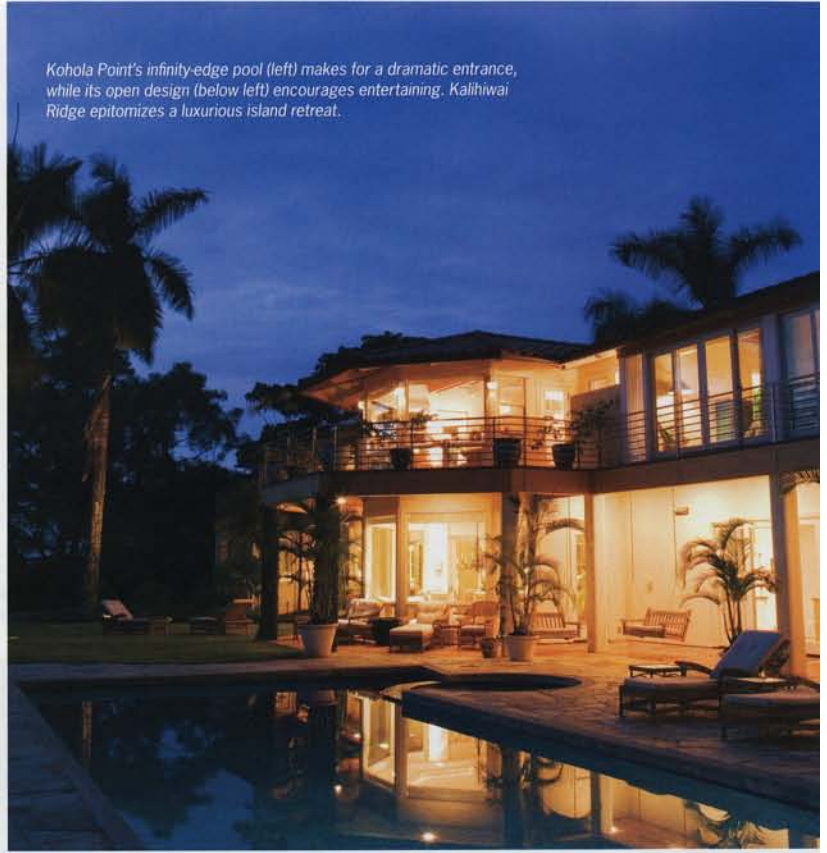
In lieu of actual bedrooms, the loft-style home has a spacious sleeping area on the upper floor of the open-design main home, a 500-square-foot guest house, a fully-finished yurt and an art studio with a loft as well as a huge spa-style bath with two-person tub, and massage tables. The property sits on 14 acres and features plenty of open spaces and private places on the magnificently landscaped grounds dotted with hidden ponds, orchards and pavilions tucked behind layered gardens, and an access walk to nearby Secret Beach. Other signature selling points include the mix of stainless steel and teak wood throughout, the large outdoor pool/

spa ideal for entertaining, and the glass-enclosed wine cellar viewable from the dining room. *Sale price: \$11,600,000. Contact Neal Norman of Koa Properties, phone: 808.828.6644 or 808.651.1777, email: neal@koakauai.com. The home is also available for rent through Pure Kauai for \$3,500/night with a two-week minimum.*





Kohola Point's infinity-edge pool (left) makes for a dramatic entrance, while its open design (below left) encourages entertaining. Kalihiwai Ridge epitomizes a luxurious island retreat.



Running J Farms (exterior and interior, above left) blends Zen/Asian influences with a New York loft style. Its large outdoor pool (far left) is ideal for entertaining, as is the chic sprawling living room (left).



KOHOLA POINT

One of the finest properties available for rent on Kauai's North Shore, Kohola Point enjoys 180-degree views across Anini Beach, from Bali Hai to the Kilauea Lighthouse. The entrance way boasts a fabulous ocean/infinity 700-square-foot pool and octagonal spa with three waterfalls seemingly falling to the sea. The Master Suite features a raised king bed, retractable screens for privacy and a pop-up 40" plasma television at the foot of the bed. The artistically tiled master bath is spacious and equipped with a sauna, spa tub, and indoor and outdoor shower. There are two additional bedrooms, each with a queen bed, full bathroom and television as well as an office with phone, fax and DSL high-speed Internet.

The open-design living room has a large home theater system with surround sound and retractable screen. Indoor and outdoor kitchens are fully equipped with dining,

bar and outdoor lanai seating. The home is 6,500 square feet with an additional 3,000 square feet of lanai and deck area. Guests renting this and other properties through Pure Kauai are greeted at the airport by a private host and transferred to their vacation home; private chefs, masseuses, personal guides and drivers can all be arranged by Pure Kauai. *Rental price: \$2,000/night for two people, \$2,500/night for three to six people. Contact Phil Jones of Pure Kauai, phone: 808.828.9801, email: phil@purekauai.com.*

KALIHIWAI RIDGE

Designed by the award-winning firms EDI Architecture and Trio Design Group, this "Garden Paradise" in Hanalei appeals to the buyer or vacationer seeking an ultra-private tropical setting within close proximity of the ocean. Set on the rim of the Kalihiwai River gorge, this fully



Elegant and understated luxury is enjoyed at Kalihiwai Ridge.



furnished, secluded sanctuary features panoramic mountain views. A blend of Asian/modern styles, the 11-bedroom/12-bathroom home is the epitome of a luxurious island retreat.

Many of the building materials, artifacts and furnishings were hand-picked and carefully transported from Asia. The Main House features custom hardwood floors of pyinkado wood imported from Burma, custom concrete counters, and stone tile imported from Belgium and Saudi Arabia. Upon entering, enjoy the peaceful sight and sounds of a waterfall flowing into an interior pond. Beautiful custom-designed shoji doors separate the media room and one of the bedrooms from the rest of the house. The fully equipped gourmet kitchen includes stain-

less steel appliances and fixtures. A wrap-around lanai overlooks the ocean and mountains.

The home features a separate one-bedroom Guest House, with its own private lanai and a fully equipped kitchen. Additional selling points include a lap pool, spa, koi ponds and an outdoor shower, a high-tech audio system, 42" Plasma TV with DVD player, digital cable with DVR, wireless Internet access and a gas grill.

Sale price: \$10,600,000, Contact: Jim O'Connor of O'Connor Realty, LLC, phone: 808.828.1464, email: joc@oconnor-hawaii.com. The home is also available for rent through Pure Kauai. Rental price for Kalihiwai Ridge is \$3,500/night for the main house and \$4,000/night for the entire estate. Contact Phil Jones of Pure Kauai, phone: 808.828.9801, email: phil@purekauai.com.



SEACLIFF PLANTATION

Seacliff Plantation provides a prestigious and private environment for 25 custom-built estates ranging in size from 5 to 20 acres. This unrivaled development located off Kilauea Lighthouse Road features rolling meadows, forested ridge lines and rocky cliffs. Residents will enjoy magnificent ocean, mountain and river valley views. Additionally, homeowners will have ready access to the half mile of secluded white-sand beach bordering the property where the Kilauea River meets the bay, and will be within close proximity of a range of activities for which Kauai is famous, including polo at Anini and golf at Princeville.

If the opportunity to build your own dream home on Kauai appeals, now is the time to purchase a lot at Seacliff Plantation. O'Connor Realty has several lots available, including a 5.01-acre parcel with amazing mountain and Kilauea Bay views, zoned for one home and a guest house, priced at \$1,750,000.

Also available is a 5.11-acre lot with phenomenal mountain and Kilauea Bay views. This lot is also zoned for a home plus a guest house and is priced at \$2,250,000.

A larger (6.91 acre) fabulous piece of property is simply one of the best ocean, mountain, and river views on the North Shore. This parcel offers the ultimate level of privacy and seclusion and is priced at \$1,999,000.

For more information on Seacliff Plantation and other luxury properties throughout Kauai, contact Jim O'Connor of O'Connor Realty, LLC, phone: 808.828.1464, email: joc@oconnor-hawaii.com.

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Seacliff Plantation Estate

Enjoy stunning ocean, valley and mountain views from this elegant Seacliff Plantation Estate. Nestled in a private, beautifully landscaped setting, this unique location makes you feel like you are floating on top of the world.

Beautifully furnished and professionally decorated, the Seacliff Plantation Estate is offered fully furnished and includes mature fruit trees, a resort style pool landscaped with lush tropical foliage and a complete set of gardening and maintenance tools.

The Open and Spacious design brings the outside world in and is perfect for island living. Bask in spectacular ocean views while lounging in the sixty foot long swimming pool.

Seacliff Plantation is the perfect executive retreat and a rare find for the most discriminating buyer.

Offered at \$4,650,000