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THE GARDEN ISLAND

THE HAWAIIAN CONCEPT of *ahupua'a*—living in balance with nature—is the philosophy behind the St. Regis Princeville Resort, gracefully situated on the emerald >

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DON'T MISS Hanalei Colony Resort's **Mediterranean Luau** (from \$25). An intimate beachfront dinner of authentic Hawaiian fare is followed by native Kauai Coppin Colburn and his family performing hula, Tahitian, and fire-knife dancing to live music. For more information, call 808-826-9875 or visit hcr.com.

green Hanalei Bay and verdant Na Pali Coast on the northwest shore of Kauai. Open since October 2009, the property's 257 rooms and suites—with panoramic views of the soaring Na Molokama mountain range—luxuriously incorporate natural elements with modern amenities. Likewise, inspired by authentic Hawaiian healing rituals, the 10,000-square-foot Lialele's Spa's treatments include the Exotic Maile Massage (from \$165), which uses

seashells heated with minerals, kelp, algae, and salt water. But you're more likely to be outdoors among the landscape, taking part in world-class diving (spotted rays, conger eels, and green sea turtles are frequently seen), helicopter tours of the majestic Manawaiopuna Falls, equestrian paths, and hiking trails nearby. "We really enjoyed getting to know the island—touring the beaches and ancient sea caves and taking a train ride to a local sugar plantation," says a recent guest. Incorporating the freshest ingredients indigenous to the islands, the hotel's Kauai Grill features the exquisite French and Asian-inspired cuisine of famed Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Dishes include *hapupu* (Hawaiian sea bass) with Malaysian chili sauce and Thai basil or grilled *onaona* (snapper) with wild mushrooms and garlic-lemon broth. Says the guest: "The food was as exquisite as the island." —GINA Z. SCHLINDER

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TOP TO BOTTOM: The hotel's Makana Terrace Restaurant; the lobby.

