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Success brewing on Kauai

A Garden Island coffee farm is making a name for itself with its quality products

KAUAI COFFEE VACATION

Plan to visit the Kauai Coffee Co.?

- >> Roasting demonstration, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- >> Free guided tours, 1 and 3 p.m. daily
- >> Self-guided tours at your leisure
- >> Hours of operation: Open every day except Christmas
- >> For information: Call 335-0813 or visit www.kauaicoffee.com.

Marn Zeeb, owner of Koloa Mill Ice Cream & Coffee, sells Kauai Coffee by the cup and by the bag. The coffee is grown 10 miles away from his shop.



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KALAHEO, KAUAI >> Pennsylvania visitor JoDee LaCasse stopped at the Kauai Coffee Co. four times during a two-week vacation last year, but that didn't deter her from making it this year's first stop.

"We're here six days, so I'll probably visit at least three times," LaCasse said. "Ever since I started drinking Kauai Coffee, I can't drink anything else."

LaCasse, who was purchasing a bag of the Kauai Peaberry Medium Roast and came with her own soy creamer in tow, rates the free tour and sampling experience at Kauai Coffee up there with the isle's famous waterfalls, foliage and beaches.

Kauai Coffee, home of the nation's largest single coffee orchard, is worth seeing for its sheer size alone. Hawaii island, which has close to 700 coffee farms and encompasses the famous Kona coffee producing region, is the state's largest producer of coffee overall; however, the single largest coffee farm is Kauai Coffee with 3,100 acres of trees. Kauai Coffee's one farm accounts for about 40 percent of the approximately 8,000 acres that have been planted statewide. The large-scale farm also processes and roasts coffee.

LaCasse's only disappointment was not being able to sample or buy the extremely limited-edition Kauai

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