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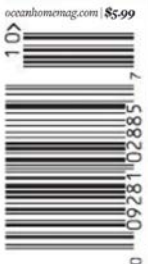
# OceanHome

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## Thailand Time

The just-completed Casa de la Flora on the coastline of Khao Lak.



**LEAP OF FAITH**

Making a splash at Casa de la Flora.  
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## Remote Resort

A surprising sight along the unspoiled coastline of Khao Lak, Thailand, is the just-completed complex of buildings that make up **Casa de la Flora** hotel. The hotel comprises 36 contemporary gray cube villas, which are tiered back from the coastline and set in lush vegetation. For dining, La Aranya restaurant, just steps from the beach, lures guests with Thai and international cuisine. The property also employs a range of eco-friendly initiatives, including chemical-free pools, water recycling, and use of recycled paper and aluminum furniture. Casa de La Flora is located directly on the beautiful beach of Khao Lak and close to Khao Lak National Park. The hotel is a one-hour drive from Phuket International Airport. Rates start at \$370. [designhotels.com/casadelaflorea](http://designhotels.com/casadelaflorea).



CUSHY CUBE  
Casa de la Flora.



HAUTE HAWAII  
Kukui'ula.

## Home on the Bay

On the island of Kaua'i, Kukui'ula unveils a 1,000-acre residential community.

On the southern coast of Kaua'i in Hawaii, Kukui'ula debuts its exclusive 1,010-acre luxury residential community. Kukui'ula includes a portfolio of custom oceanview home sites and signature cottages. The various neighborhood cottage collections available in this new residential community range in size from 1,500 to 3,800 square feet and start at \$2.2 million, with custom homes beginning at \$1 million.

The private \$100 million club facility, situated above Kukui'ula Bay, serves as the social and recreational hub of the community and consists of the Plantation House, a world-class spa, golf clubhouse, a spectacular collection of swimming pools, a 50-acre community farm, and a Tom Weiskopf-designed 18-hole championship golf course.

The Plantation House, a 20,000-square-foot facility, offers family entertainment and restaurants serving fresh, flavorful, and authentic cuisine from the finest of local purveyors in a classic, laid-back Hawaiian atmosphere. On the grounds outside the Plantation House are the Makai pools complete with cascading waterfalls.

Adjacent to the Plantation House is The Spa at Kukui'ula, offering residents relaxation through indoor/outdoor treat-

ment rooms, extensive fitness facilities, and a movement studio for yoga and Pilates, as well as a lap pool. Other highlights include men's and women's locker rooms, each with individual outdoor garden showers and a glass-walled steam room located in a landscaped courtyard formed by lava rock walls and plunge pools.

The Kukui'ula Golf Course follows the natural flow of the land through the coffee fields, meadows, and rolling hillsides. This 216-acre, par-72 course features panoramic ocean views, Paspalum turf, sand-plated fairways, and a landscape filled with native flora. The golf clubhouse consists of a well-appointed golf shop, men's and women's locker rooms, expansive lanai seating, and indoor lounging areas.

To accommodate residents with their daily living needs, Kukui'ula Village consists of a wide variety of retail stores and eight restaurants. It also hosts regularly scheduled events, including a weekly Kaua'i Culinary Market featuring a local chef demonstration and a monthly Art Walk.

From mountain hikes with a local naturalist to painting classes in the community's creative studio, Kukui'ula offers residents access to an array of pursuits. [kukuiula.com](http://kukuiula.com).