



Maui Feng Shui

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Hale Ali'i Kapalua (Kapalua Palace)

Impeccably situated at the front and center of Oneloa Bay, stands a truly majestic and royal Hawaiian home, “Hale Ali'i Kapalua.” Hale Ali'i Kapalua, indeed, is a palace fit for royalty. This extraordinary beachfront property is caressed by the warm and hospitable arms of land that embrace the magnificence of Oneloa Bay in Kapalua, Maui.

The feng shui of its design and significance of this home is superior to any other of its kind. There are a number of benefits to be found here, both energetically and architecturally. The ancient science of feng shui dates back approximately 5,000 years when the Chinese first derived a system in deciding where to place their buildings and plant their crops, based on the topography of the land. The main goal was to find an optimal location providing maximum comfort, protection and balance. Today, balance can be created in the home, by incorporating the five elements used in feng shui: fire, earth, metal, water and wood. When these elements are used in balance, and a state of comfort is achieved, any individual who visits the home will feel its uplifting energy. This optimistic energy leads to positive feelings, which in turn, creates a positive environment supporting all aspects of life. Hale Ali'i Kapalua is the perfect example of many important feng shui principles.

The first principle in feng shui begins with privacy and the natural survival instinct of protecting one's back in order to feel secure. This extraordinary oceanfront property is protected by the towering West Maui Mountains at the rear and is caressed by the warm and hospitable arms that embrace the magnificence of Oneloa Bay at its feet.

A wonderful sense of protection is noticed when one first enters through the main Kapalua Place gate and then through the estate's second private gate. The sloped circular drive leads into a secluded oasis of lush greenery and swaying palm fronds. This gradual slope and the organic shape of the drive are key components to effective feng shui. Additionally, a well-marked address is also important. The gold number “9” carved into the granite that is predominantly posted on the estate's gate is easily visible and ornately presented, providing an energy of clarity and abundance.

As you are beckoned on, you find an escape from the outside world within this secluded estate. Providing a further sense of security, one feels embraced by the vibrant tropical gardens and walls of stacked Kapalua rock encircling the perimeter. A welcoming porte cochère is adorned with dynamic foliage providing a palpable energy of hospitality.

Furthermore, effective feng shui is demonstrated by the well-defined entryway that offers a greater sense of protection. At Hale Ali'i Kapalua, a warm and friendly passageway leading up to the front door is decorated with blossoming anthurium that brightly color the ground below. Immediately one is in awe of the brilliantly blue sea while gazing down the passage through double glass doors and floor-to-ceiling windows. A light hospitable breeze provides another key ingredient: a calm and comforting sense of welcoming into this kind-spirited sanctuary. An unbroken pattern of Italian Travertine, Imperial Plaster matched inside and out, and

floor to ceiling pocket doors, draw you effortlessly from the entryway in the courtyard through the house, and out to the azure-blue swimming pool which magically brings the sea up to the lanai.

As you continue through the home, you experience another powerful energy of expansion as each room gently becomes larger until you walk over the seamless transition onto the grand lanais outside. The spacious scale of the rooms and hallways add to a feeling of growing energy while maintaining a grounded sense of strength and balance with the large strong columns and stone floors.

An extensive and open gourmet kitchen and luxurious living area make for the perfect place to enjoy the view, practice culinary expertise, or entertain guests. As these areas open up to an unobstructed view of Oneloa Bay, you will find a soft ocean breeze that gently sweeps through the air. Open the floor to ceiling glass pocket doors and you will find yourself wondering whether you are indoors or out. This continuous connection between rooms and the outdoors creates a very desirable flow of energy, promotes harmonious relationships between the inhabitants, and welcomes the energy of nature to participate in the exchange.

The private, engaging and sound-proof media room sits encircled by the courtyard and gardens, providing a quiet and cozy, yet spacious area for entertaining. A bright and airy feel makes for the perfect gathering place during the day, but easily transitions into a comfortable theater-like room by night.

One of the most important goals in feng shui is to help people experience the feeling of what life was like before high rises, multiple lane highways and smog-filled air. Human beings originate from nature; therefore, when incorporating nature into the home, natural instincts are satisfied and a sense of calm and tranquility take over. Hale Ali'i Kapalua gracefully demonstrates this principle.

Step outside and enjoy the magnificent view from one of the estate's peaceful lanais. Dip your feet in the warm and healing salt water infinity pool and feel your energy expand as far as the horizon. An outdoor shower of Kapalua rock is encircled with lace-like foliage and nestled in the side yard, providing a warm and gentle waterfall of cleansing waters before heading back indoors.

A winding staircase continues the important feng shui element of privacy as you climb up to the secluded, yet spacious second floor of this home. Arriving atop the African mahogany and coconut wood staircase, one admires the tropical gardens gently kissing the China Sea Green Slate roofs that mimic the surrounding mountains. While strolling down the expansive hallways filled with light, one might notice the extensive use of mahogany wood floors and windows, cove-lit ceilings and double doors that lead into the three master suites located on this level. These key elements continue the flow of positive energy throughout the home. Each suite has granite counter-tops on numerous built-in cabinets, double sinks, separate toilet rooms, massive walk-in showers filled with light and views, and expansive walk-in closets. The harmony of positive energy and luxury is seamlessly achieved throughout. The temperature controlled shower delivers the feeling of bathing under nature's warm, lightly falling raindrops, and offers windows that bring in nature while remaining under the privacy of the estate's lofty wall of greenery. Expansive lanais expand two of the second floor master suites, providing unmatched views of Maui's warm waters and neighboring island, Moloka'i. Floor to ceiling glass pocket doors once again open up and invite the gentle, comforting and healing sea breeze in.

Hale Ali'i Kapalua serves as a host of both natural and feng shui elements that soothe every one of the five senses. A light, bright and airy feel provides an uplifting sensation. A babbling fountain just outside the breakfast room affords a soothing song throughout the main entertaining areas. When this sound is coupled with the gentle rolling of the ocean's waves in the background, they provide an immediate sensation of serenity. A comforting ocean breeze dances lightly through the home, lending a breath of refreshment. A predominant element of symmetry can also be found throughout the home. Elegant dual sinks, pairs of seating arrangements, and consistent custom fixtures with varying colors and textures sprinkled throughout, all offer a sense of balance and variety. An assortment of lines, curves and patterns are strategically entwined throughout the estate, offering a sense of interconnected variation. This home's inclusive elements and magnificent views all contribute to its harmony and positive flow of energy: one that will keep anyone longing for more.

The utmost attention to the intricate details of this home can be found everywhere, and reflect the homeowners' exquisite taste and consciousness. Custom furnishings dipped in island flavor are coupled with unique touches of cultural fixtures collected throughout the Pacific Rim. When gazing through each window from the inside of the home, you will find a sense of continuity with its gardens. Stunning etched glass doors and windows mimic shadows of the ferns and palms being cast from the glistening sun. This home was truly designed to provide a private feeling that seamlessly invites nature indoors.

The feng shui and design of this significant home are superior to any other of its kind. With an unsurpassed beauty, matched by its heartfelt energy, this noble retreat provides an openhearted embrace to anyone who visits. Each element of nature can be found in balance here, which is greatly desirable for achieving a state of harmony that brings a great sense of peace. The flawless sense of tranquility, coupled with an optimistic flow of energy is easily recognizable.

Oneloa Bay not only serves as an element of protection, but is also impeccably located due north of the home. The north area of the home corresponds with the career or life path area in feng shui. Here, the main element that enhances these areas of life is water. This vast, warm and encompassing body of water is sure to enrich the career or life path energy of those who dwell within.

Literally translated, Oneloa (Bay) means "long sand." Hale Ali'i Kapalua is one of two luxury homes in this private, gated community with private beachfront access. Unlike many other rocky waterfront properties on the island of Maui, this rare, well-appointed home provides direct access to a vast stretch of sandy beachfront, exemplifying the meaning of Oneloa Bay and powerfully improving its energy.

Also enhancing the feng shui and energy of this estate are the breathtaking views of Hawea Point to the west, Moloka'i to the northwest, Honolua Bay to the east, along with warm, tropical sunsets painted across the Maui sky.

In addition to attaining a sense of balance, feng shui was also established to determine the exact locations to construct buildings and dwelling places alike. A lack of modern heating and cooling elements during this early time meant taking full advantage of the sun for warmth during the winter and the cooling shadows during the heat of summer. The desirable, tropical climate of Kapalua offers flawless, seasonal weather year round. It's location makes for an agreeably cooler and more comfortable climate than the towns on the south side of Maui while remaining much sunnier and warmer than those of the east side of the island.

Symbols of royalty, harmony, gentleness, and the embodiment of many other powerful energies of humpback whales and dolphins, can be seen splashing around in what is essentially your back yard. Their presence is so close and awe inspiring, it feels as if you could reach out and touch them while peacefully relaxing on any of the home's vast lanais or entertaining rooms.

With an unsurpassed beauty, matched by its heartfelt energy, this noble retreat provides a welcoming embrace. Each element of nature can be found in balance here, which is impressively desirable for achieving a state of harmony that brings a healing experience of peace. The flawless sense of tranquility, coupled with an optimistic flow of energy are both appraised and celebrated by renowned feng shui expert, Kanoe Marciel Merino of *Maui Feng Shui by Kanoe*.

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