

Na Aina Kai
Botanical
Gardens

Kilauea Treasure Hunt

You never know what you might find when you stay at Kilauea Lakeside Estate on Kauai's north coast. There are some attractions you will easily discover on the grounds of this ecological hideaway: the ancient Hawaiian rock walls, for example, or the 20-acre lake. From the lake beach you can swim to a dollop of an island where there is a Tom Sawyer-style playground, a rope dangling from a tree and a tree house. But we don't want to spoil everything; you'll have to walk the rainforest on the property to understand what we're talking about. Owner Steve Hunt, whose great-uncle was a governor of Hawaii, can also arrange for you to experience various forms of Hawaiiiana, such as canoeing, hula or botanical lessons. On the estate's preserved land, you can pluck your own breakfast from one of 50 varieties of fruit trees and see 150 varieties of flower. Also, close by is Na Aina Kai Botanical Gardens. Rates for the retreat start at \$595. kauaihoneymoon.com — CR

Corsica

A Nutty Idea

For centuries, Corsicans have been baking bread and cakes with chestnut flour ground from the harvest of their lush chestnut groves.

Then enterprising Corsican Dominique Sialelli researched a method of distilling beer that would make new use of the ubiquitous "bread trees." These days, Sialelli's home-grown brew, Pietra — a delicious nutty, amber beer — has become an international success sold in nearly every Corsican café as well as markets all over France. Pietra Brewery also produces chestnut whiskey, Corsica Cola and Colomba, a beer made from the wildflowers and herbs of Corsican forests. **TRY THIS** Sip from a frosty bottle of Pietra at sunset at Chez Tao (Rue Saint François; cheztao.com), the island's legendary jazz piano bar perched on a cliff atop Calvi's ancient citadel. Or taste all of the island's chestnut products December 8-10, 2006, during Fiera di a Castagna, the chestnut fair. visit-corsica.com — LANIE GOODMAN