



swimming around are actually the main course. (But don't tell them.) Waterfalls and thatched roofs add to the exotic Polynesian feel. It's very expensive steak, lobster and seafood. But the food and especially the service are now lacking. We're really hoping they pick it up so we can recommend them again. They sometimes interrupt you while you're eating to ask if you want their chocolate soufflé, which takes 20 minutes to cook. It's wicked! In the Grand Wailea Resort; allow an extra 10 minutes to walk through the fabulous grounds, or save time parking at Wailea Beach access lot. **\$30-\$60** for dinner.


#### **Nick's Fishmarket 879-7224**

 One of the finest restaurants in South Maui. Exceptional seafood in an elegant setting. The menu changes often, but we've never had or *even heard* of a bad meal here. Try the calamari for an appetizer. Their Hawaiian lobster is fantastic. So is everything else. Consider the chocolate "decadense" for dessert. World-class wine list. The service is unbelievable. Order a drink and see if it takes more than a minute. (And their drinks are *well-concocted*.) It's the closest thing we've seen to saying, "Tea, Earl Grey, hot." (You either get that one or you don't.) It's like a contest to see how excellent they can make the service. Though attentive, they *don't* come around every five minutes, when your mouth is full, asking, "How is everything?" They just keep a watchful eye on you. We've never seen a water glass go empty. So what's the catch? *Exactly what you think*. Nick's isn't cheap. But if you want steak and seafood and need a good pampering, Nick's is the place to go. **\$30-\$50** for dinner. In the Kea Lani Resort in Wailea. Reservations recommended. Resort wear required.

#### **Roy's Kihei Bar & Grill 891-1120**

 Just as good if not better than the Roy's in West Maui. See page 260 for more detail. **\$25-\$40**. In Pi'ilani Village Shopping Center off Hwy 31 near Piikea Avenue.

#### **Sarento's on the Beach 875-7555**

 Well, this is it. If we had to pick our favorite dinner restaurant on Maui, this would probably be it. In a nutshell: unbeatable service, killer location and excellent food. Yeah, that'll work. The service is similar to Nick's Fishmarket (same owners). Think it and it's yours. The location? Right next to Keawakapu Beach with tasty views of the water. The food? Oh, my. What's not to love? Saying fresh fish, steak, etc., just doesn't do it justice. For instance, their osso buco (veal shank) is wickedly good. Falling-apart tender and seasoned perfectly. Their fish preparations are wonderful. Baked potato ravioli, lobster cannelloni, sashimi, lamb. It's hard to classify the style, sort of a Pacific Rim/Italian/local. The desserts are probably illegal in some states. The Profiterole or the tiramisu will rock your world. Lunch isn't quite as crisp, but the food's still good. Try the burger, which is actually freshly ground filet mignon. Though expensive, Sarento's is actually cheaper than nearby 5 Palms and *light years* better. **\$12-\$19** for lunch, **\$30-\$50** for dinner. Only ding: Sometimes flying bugs from the beach land on your table. Avoid the outer corner tables at dinner due to light there that may attract them. 2980 S. Kihei Road at the Maui Oceanfront Inn. Reservations recommended.

#### **SeaWatch 875-8080**

Located at the Wailea Gold Golf Course on Wailea Golf Club Drive, the views of Molokini and Kaho'olawe from the outside tables are excellent, and it's a good place for a late breakfast as it and lunch