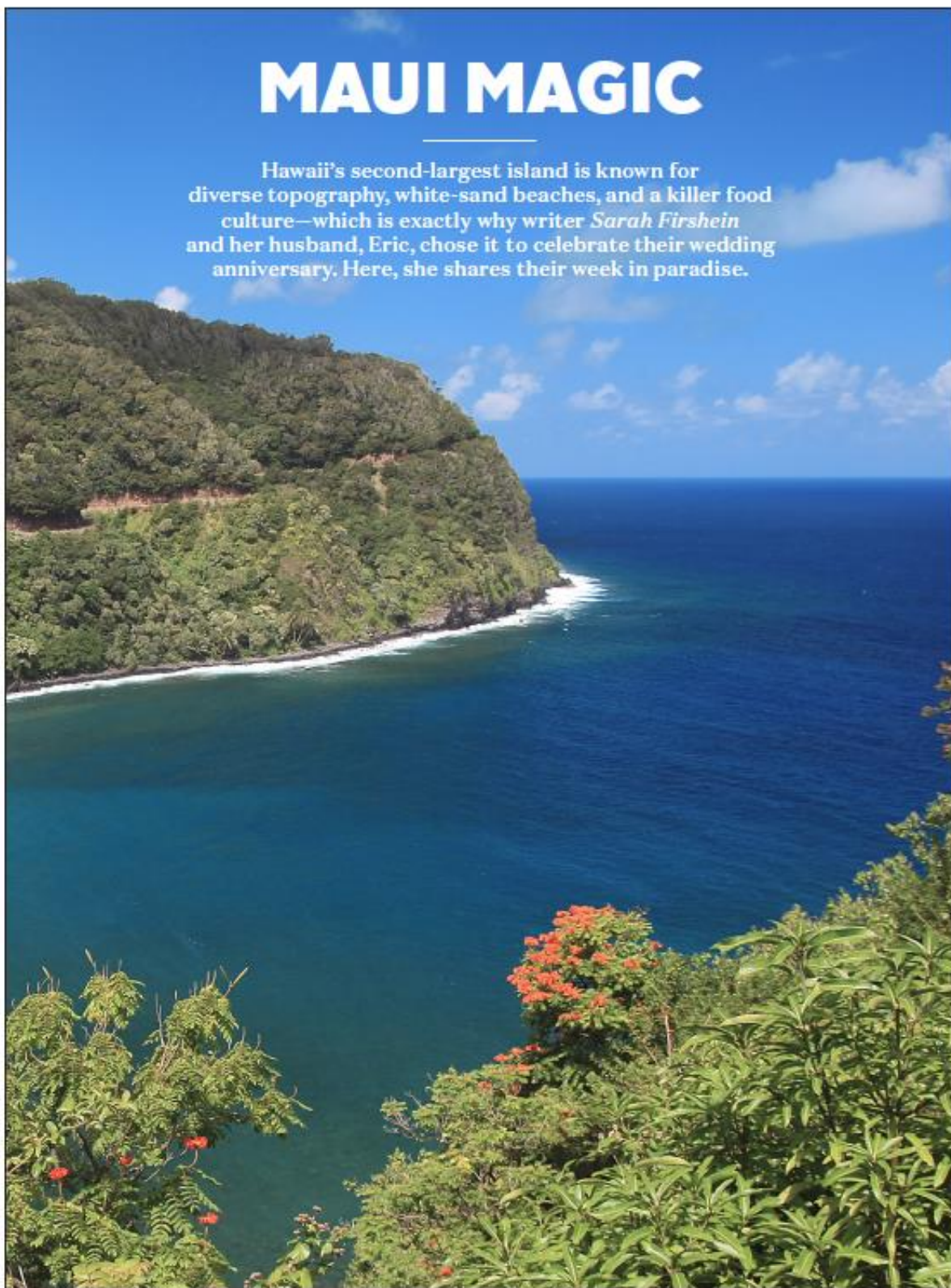




MAUI MAGIC

Hawaii's second-largest island is known for diverse topography, white-sand beaches, and a killer food culture—which is exactly why writer *Sarah Firshein* and her husband, Eric, chose it to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Here, she shares their week in paradise.



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DAY 1, 9 A.M.**BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS**

We landed in Maui last night, so waking up at the **Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort** (from \$419 per night, maui.andaz.hyatt.com) is amazing. As we dig in to a breakfast of passion fruit, omelets, and blended-to-order juices, we eye the view of terraced infinity pools and the gleaming Pacific beyond.



Lounge at Andaz Maui



Big Beach, Makena State Park

DAY 1, 2 P.M.**FINDING OUR BEACH**

We climb into our rental car and fire up the GypSy Guide road-trip app for a virtual tour that offers tips, facts about local culture, and route suggestions. Our first stop is **South Maui Fish Company** (southmauifishco.com), a food truck in the town of Kihei, where we order enormous bowls of ahi poke, a typical Hawaiian dish of marinated raw fish. Then it's on to **Makena Beach State Park** (hawaiistateparks.org), known as "Big Beach" for its long stretch of near-white sand. The treacherous shore breaks and lack of amenities deter crowds of tourists, and the quiet is just what these two beach bums are looking for.

DAY 2, 6 A.M.**A LONG AND WINDING ROAD**

Eric's determined to get an early start on the Road to Hana, a 64-mile drive through rain forests and volcanic terrain. Me? I just want to survive as he mans the wheel through 600 hairpin turns and 45-plus one-lane covered bridges. I also want to soak in as much greenery as possible: We hike through bamboo forests at Na'ili'i'i Haele and marvel at the Seussian painted eucalyptus trees



The Road to Hana

at the Ke'anae Arboretum. I jump 15 feet from Waikamoi Falls into the pool below, and celebrate having lived to tell about it with a coconut, pineapple, and passion-fruit shave ice at **Huelo Lookout** (huelooutlook.coconutprotectors.com), a roadside kiosk known for the classic dessert.

DAY 3, 6 P.M.**CATCH OF THE DAY**

We nab a reservation at **Mama's Fish House Restaurant & Inn** (mamasfishhouse.com), a perennially packed seafood restaurant. It takes localism to the next level, listing fishermen's names next to their catch. The mahi-mahi ("caught by Mark Kamaka near our deep-ocean buoys") and ono crudo (marinated in lime and coconut milk and served in a halved coconut shell) are stellar, but the Polynesian black pearl—a "scallop" of chocolate-covered passion-fruit mousse in a water-cookie "shell"—is unforgettable.

STOPOVERS

These West Coast cities boast direct Maui flights. Why not stay a few days?

LOS ANGELES

The chic new **Kimpton Everly** (from \$280 per night, everlyhotelhollywood.com) offers sweeping views from its rooftop pool. See the Hollywood Walk of Fame, then head downtown for contemporary art from the likes of Ed Ruscha and Roy Lichtenstein at the **Broad Museum** (thebroad.org); reserve (free) tickets ahead. Toast the day at **Spire 73**, in the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown (intercontinental.com). The 73rd-floor open-air bar is the highest in the Western Hemisphere.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Stroll from the stylish **Hi-Lo Hotel** (from \$229 per night, hi-lo-hotel.com)—stopping at the original Ace Hotel for a Stumptown cold brew—to famed bookstore **Powell's City of Books** (powells.com). Continue to **Pine Street Market** (pinestreetpdx.com), a food court with fare from bibimbap (Kim Jong Smokehouse) to roasted strawberry-coconut vegan soft serve (Wiz Bang Bar). And try Iberico ham and squid-ink paella at Catalan export **Can Font** (canfontportland.com).

SAN FRANCISCO

The **San Francisco Proper Hotel** (from \$350 per night, properhotel.com) is bold and graphic, thanks to designer Kelly Wearstler, and its seasonal American restaurant, Villon, is led by chef Jason Franey. Visit the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** (sfmoma.org), reopened in 2016 after a three-year renovation; a René Magritte exhibit runs May 18 to October 28. Grab a meal at **Tartine Manufactory** (tartinemanufactory.com), the famed Tartine Bakery & Cafe's sequel.

The rooftop pool at the Kimpton Everly, in Los Angeles

