

Maui Rental Booking Checklist

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Printable pre-payment checklist from MauiHomeRentals.com

Confirm current rules before paying

LISTING / PROPERTY	AREA	DATES	PLATFORM / MANAGER

Before You Search

- ☐ Choose the primary area: South Maui, West Maui, Upcountry, North Shore, East Maui, or Central Maui.
- ☐ Decide what matters most: beach access, bedrooms, price, quiet nights, food access, or shorter drives.
- ☐ Budget for cleaning fees, platform fees, taxes, parking, resort fees, rental car, and groceries.
- ☐ Confirm must-haves: AC, pool, laundry, workspace, crib, stairs/elevator, parking, and cancellation flexibility.

Listing Checks

- ☐ Recent reviews match the same manager, location, and property condition shown in photos.
- ☐ Photos show bathrooms, kitchen, bedrooms, exterior access, parking, and outdoor space clearly.
- ☐ The listing states occupancy, quiet hours, parking, beach gear, pool rules, and cancellation terms.
- ☐ The map location is specific enough to understand area fit before payment.

Compliance Checks

- ☐ The host or manager can explain why the property is eligible for the stay length.
- ☐ The listing provides or can provide permit, registration, tax, or property details for verification.
- ☐ No one asks you to move a platform booking off-platform or outside platform rules.
- ☐ Taxes and receipts are handled clearly by the platform or manager.

Final 10-Minute Check

- ☐ Search the property name, manager name, and first photo for duplicate or copied listings.
- ☐ Read the worst reviews, not just the best reviews.
- ☐ Check travel insurance and cancellation terms against your real risk tolerance.
- ☐ Save screenshots of compliance language, price breakdown, and cancellation terms.
- ☐ For direct bookings, pay only after eligibility, taxes, deposits, cancellation, and manager identity are written down.

Direct or private booking prompt

Major platforms generally handle baseline listing requirements, payment records, tax collection, and dispute processes. Use this prompt only when booking directly, off-platform, or one-to-one:

Before I pay, can you confirm that the property is allowed for this stay length, explain any permit, registration, or tax details I should verify, and provide written payment, deposit, cancellation, occupancy, and house-rule terms?

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