

Haleakala is the world's largest dormant volcano. Its crater is 21 miles (34 km) across and 4,000 feet (1,219 m) deep—large enough to hold the entire island of Manhattan.



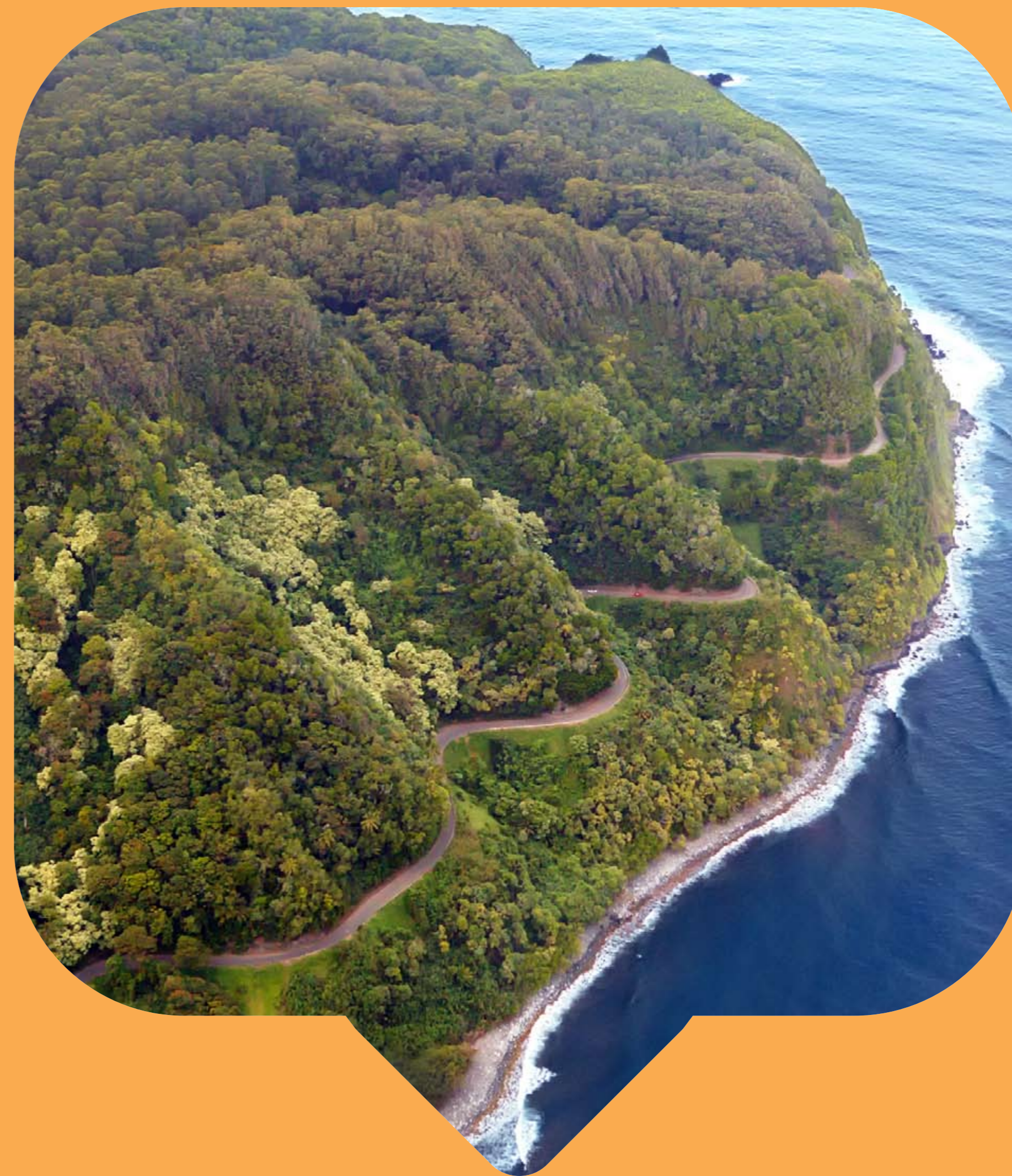
Lahaina was the capital of the Hawaiian Islands up until 1850, when the capital was moved to Honolulu.



One of the country's largest **banyan trees** can be found in downtown Lahaina. It was planted as an 8-foot (2.5-m) tree in 1873 and has grown to cover two-thirds of an acre.



The road to Hana is only 52 miles (83.5 km) from Kahului, but its 617 curves and 54 bridges (some only one lane wide) can take two to four hours to travel, and that's if you don't make any stops along the way.



Maui Gold pineapples have three times the amount of vitamin C as traditional pineapples.



In winter between December and May (primarily January–mid-March), **humpback whales** travel to the warmer waters of the Au’Au Channel beside Maui. West and south Maui both offer great vantage points—as well as boat tours—for spotting whales.

