



MAKENA GUESTHOUSE

Makena Beach, Maui, Hawaii

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Nestled beside the golden sands of Makena Beach, this guesthouse mirrors the spirit of its counterpart. While similar in form, it radiates a distinctly relaxed charm, anchored in a refined sense of comfort. Its understated, welcoming atmosphere invites you to slow down and embrace the island’s tranquility.

“It’s not just a guesthouse—it’s an extension of the main living and entertaining experience, seamlessly integrating into the larger site,” says Amadeo Bennetta, Associate Principal at Walker Warner.

The architecture comes alive in the island’s shifting light. A boardwalk, framed by lush greenery and an inset water feature, leads you to the heart of the space. Overhead, sunlight filters through eucalyptus branches, casting long, graceful shadows that emphasize the building’s horizontal lines.

“I think of design in terms of migration and discovery. Rooms need their own voice and purpose—something that draws you in and supports the daily rituals that unfold within them,” shares the homeowner.

Greg Warner, Principal at Walker Warner, adds, “The main house has a high level of rigor and detail; it’s fully buttoned up. The guest quarters, which don’t carry such a heavy programmatic load, are more casual, a bit rougher, more playful.”

A terraced yard links the two structures, while vibrant plantings blend the architecture seamlessly into the natural surroundings. Nearby, a vintage Airstream nestles into the landscape, offering guests a hint of adventure without leaving the property.

The connection to the outdoors is constant. From the lanai, panoramic ocean views stretch westward, the vivid blue waters dissolving into the horizon. With three guest suites and a spacious great room, the home effortlessly accommodates both lively gatherings and quiet moments of retreat.

Architecture: Walker Warner. Interiors: Leverone Design. Landscape: Lutsko Associates.

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