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CHEW ON THIS

BECAUSE WE'RE HAPPY

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I'm not a huge beer drinker, but when it comes to deals and specials on food, I'm there. Which brings me to the point of this roundup — sometimes, happy hour is the best time to visit a restaurant because of the discounts you'll find.

That could mean eating dinner a little earlier than usual, but I promise, the savings are worth it. We're talking about \$10 pizzas, a burger under \$11, and, of course, options to wash them down with.



**BAR BURGER
WITH A WAGYU
PATTY (\$7)**

BASALT WAIKIKI

This happy hour is from 3 to 5 p.m. every day in the bar and patio, and it's definitely worth going early for.

Enjoy \$5 well drinks, \$6 beers on tap, and \$5 featured red, white and sparkling wines by the glass. For pupu, you can't go wrong with duck empanadas (\$12) with aged goat cheese, brandied cherry, pickled jalapeños and avocado lime crema, or the pork belly buns (\$11) stuffed with hoisin Sriracha sauce and pickled veggies.

The bar burger (\$7) is probably the greatest find, featuring a 4-ounce wagyu beef patty, cheddar cheese, lettuce, onion, tomato and more in a brioche bun. You'll also want to get the addictive togarashi fries (\$5) topped with flecks of the red Japanese chile.

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WOLFGANG'S STEAKHOUSE

The Royal Hawaiian Center-based steakhouse recently changed its daily happy hour times to 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the bar area only, but if you're going for an early dinner, Wolfgang's highly recommends the Taste of New York for \$49.95.

The complete meal features a 12-ounce New York sirloin, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach and New York-style cheesecake.

The happy hour food menu features \$8 shareable pupu like steak sliders with fries, lobster crostinis, mini loco moco, burger sliders with fries, tenderloin kabobs with rice and more.

Drink specials include \$8 martinis and select red and white wines by the glass.



**STEAK
SLIDERS
(\$8)**

WOLFGANG'S STEAKHOUSE

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MOKU KITCHEN

I'm convinced that the best time to dine at Moku Kitchen is between 2 and 5:30 p.m. because of the restaurant's \$10 pizza specials.

The Kakaako restaurant recently extended its happy hour to start at 2 instead of 3:30 p.m.

During the daily happy hour, you can enjoy 50% off all small plates (excluding poke) and discounts on pizzas, which typically cost \$14-\$19.

The most popular pizza, and one of the most frequently ordered menu items, is the wild mushroom pizza made with

roasted Hamakua mushrooms, truffle oil and fresh thyme.

Fun fact: Moku's pizza specials are usually built around a product from neighboring business Butcher & Bird.

Drink specials include \$2 off all wines by the glass, draft beers and Moku libations.

MOKU KITCHEN

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**ASSORTED PIZZAS,
INCLUDING THE POPULAR
WILD MUSHROOM PIZZA
(\$10)**

LITTLE JOE'S STEAKHOUSE

Happy hour at Little Joe's Steakhouse is every day in the lounge from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (drink specials until 7 p.m.) served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Enjoy discounts on a variety of appetizers, ranging from steak tartare and fried mushrooms to salmon bites, meatballs with lobster peppercorn sauce and scallops dynamite.

Popular happy hour dishes include the 12-ounce happy hour ribeye steak (\$17.95), garlic fries (\$7.50), and bacon mac and cheese (\$10.95).

The cheeseburger with arugula (\$10.50, regular \$17.95) is one of the best deals on the menu. It features a

10-ounce burger with lettuce, tomatoes, American cheese, arugula and remoulade, and it's the same portion as the burger featured on the regular menu — but at a lower price point.

Drink specials include discounts on red, white and sparkling wines by the glass, \$4.75 beers and \$8.95 specialty cocktails.

LITTLE JOE'S STEAKHOUSE

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**12-OUNCE
RIBEYE
(\$17.95)**