Maui's west side offers two distinct types of ocean tour experience: the large sailing catamaran departing from Lahaina Harbor and the smaller, intimate operations like Kaanapali Ocean Adventures departing from Kaanapali Beach. Understanding the trade-offs helps **Kaanapali Snorkel Tours** guests choose the experience that will satisfy them. Large catamarans are comfortable and well-appointed. They carry 40 to 65 passengers, serve food and drinks, and offer excellent stability at sea. Their snorkel stops are well-known sites with reliably good conditions. They are a safe, predictable choice for guests who want a mainstream experience. What large catamarans cannot offer is flexibility. Fixed routes mean the crew cannot adjust the snorkel site based on that morning's specific conditions. A site that is less than ideal on a given day is still visited because the schedule calls for it.

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