

Kiwi Travel Numbers Still Climbing



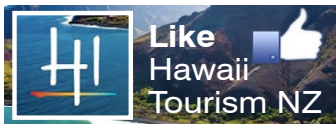
Hawaii continues to be a popular destination for Kiwis, with the latest Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) figures showing 16.9% growth for Jan year-on-year.

The growth is being attributed to competitive airfares and a 13.2% year-on-year capacity increase. Total Kiwi arrivals for the month reached 5501.

... HTA Helps Agents

This increase comes as Hawaii Tourism continues to increase its presence in the New Zealand market, including updating agents at this week's Discover America events.

"The key message from us at the



Zipline Shuttle

Visitors to Kauai staying in Lihu'e, Kapa'a and Po'ipu resort areas, on cruise ships, or arriving at Lihu'e Airport can now catch a shuttle to and from Just Live! Zipline Tours' course location.

The shuttle must be reserved for a party of four or more at the time the tour reservation is made. See ziplinetourkauai.com

Discover America event was re-emphasising the diversity of each of the six Hawaiian Islands," says local Hawaii Tourism manager Darragh Walshe. The events were also a chance to help agents match the right island for their client's holiday style and what experiences might resonate, he adds.

... The Islands

Overall visitor arrivals to the rainbow state were up 3% to 820,621 in Jan, with total visitor days up 1.6% year-on-year.

The figures also show that Oahu remains the most popular island, with visitor arrivals up 6.8% to 491,922; while Maui also saw growth in visitor arrivals, up 1.2% to 233,320.

The Island of Hawaii and Kauai did not fare so well, down 6.5% (to 148,126), and 2.9% (to 106,064), respectively.

Courtyard Transforms

The Courtyard by Marriott in Kauai is undergoing a complete transformation from guest rooms, public space, pool, and resort activities. The resort will be converted to a full-service property and will be rebranded as Sheraton Kauai Coconut Beach Resort. The project is currently underway and is slated to be completed by Jun.

Localicious Hawaii



The International Market Place is celebrating locally grown Hawaiian food by taking part in the Hawaii Agricultural Foundation's 2019 Localicious Hawaii Campaign. The campaign sees six restaurants at the Market Place feature at least one 'Localicious Dishes' throughout the month of Mar. Each dish will feature 100% local ingredients, and USD1 will be donated to the Foundation for every one sold. Participating restaurants include Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi, Flour & Barley and Herringbone.

Hula Performances

Agents are reminded that the National Tropical Botanical Garden offers a free hula performance at the South Shore Visitor Center every Thu 1400-1445 pm. See ntbg.org



Aloha Whales

Ocean Sports offer options for clients wanting to see Humpback whales while in the Island of Hawaii. The company, which runs catamaran whale spotting cruises, guarantees passengers will see a humpback whale on their tour, or have the option to cruise with the company again for free until they do spot a whale. Tours run 01 Dec-15 Apr, see HawaiiOceanSports.com.



Half Off At Hilton

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort has one sweet sale on with 50% off suites 06-13 Mar, for stays 13 Mar-19 Dec (blackouts apply). Highlighted deals include junior suites now priced from USD223 per night and Ali'i oceanfront one bedroom suites from USD905 per night. The rates are for direct bookings, but agents are able to book on behalf of their client, adds Hilton. T&C's apply, see hiltonhawaiianvillage.com

Maui Airport Reminder

Hawaiian Airlines is reminding agents that it operates to two Maui airports—Kahului Airport (OGG) and Kapalua (JHM). HA has over 20 daily flights Honolulu to OGG and vice versa, while HA operates four daily flights to/from HNL to JHM. HA does note that flights to JHM are operated by O'hana by Hawaiian using ATR aircraft.

Golf At Waikoloa

For clients seeking a round of golf on the Island of Hawaii, recommend Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf. The resort is offering USD15 off rental clubs for each round played on packages at its Beach and Kings' courses. Packages of two are priced from USD225; three from USD305; and four from USD380 are available for 18-hole rounds. See waikoloagolf.com

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