## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS Aloha Friday

### Oahu; Go Where The Tourists Don't

From museums to foodie streets, Oahu has plenty of diverse offerings to keep returning visitors entertained. Diamond Head State Monument is one of the Hawaiian Islands'

most recognised natural landmarks, but for clients who have already bustled past the crowds to get to the top, recommend Monsarrat Ave. Located at the base of Leahi (Diamond Head's given Hawaiian name), highlights include Diamond Head Market & Grill, da Cove Health Bar and Café, Pioneer Saloon, Monsarrat Ave Shave Ice, South Shore Grill, Banán and Bogart's Café.

#### ... Museums

For clients who've been to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National

#### IMP Reaches 100



Waikiki's International Market Place is now home to more than 100 stores. Queen's Court is now home to sports footwear, apparel and accessories brand Vans, jewellry and clothing store Noa Noa and local fashion store Happy Wahine. On the Grand Lanai is Kaku's Sushi & Seafood Buffet and Tricked Out Accessories has opened on Mauka Court, offering wireless accessories.



Monument, or are waiting for the re-opening of the USS Arizona Memorial, Oahu is home to three other World War II museums.

Next to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, while on Ford Island there is the Battleship Missouri Memorial and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The island is also home to the USS Oklahoma Memorial, which honours the crewmembers who lost their lives when the battleship was sunk during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. See gohawaii.com for more.



#### **Black Pot Opens**

Kauai's Black Pot Beach Park, one of the island's most popular beaches, has officially re-opened.

According to local newspaper *The Garden Island*, the beach has been closed since Apr 2018 after the Hanalei River overflowed, wiping out the road to the beach and destroying the restroom. Black Pot Beach Park is located on Hanalei Bay, and Lonely Planet says it usually offers the calmest surf among the wild North Shore swells.

#### Sake In Summer



The Beachhouse at Moana, at Waikiki's Moana Surfrider, is celebrating the summer season with a new fourcourse menu with sake pairings. Priced from USD120 it includes dishes such as truffled dungenous crab congee and tako yaki octopus. Seating is limited and reservations are required. See beachhousewaikiki.com

#### Hawaiian Space Feat

As the world saw its first ever photograph of a black hole recently, Hawaii Tourism advises agents that the destination had a key role to play. The Hawaii-based James Clerk Maxwell Telescope and Submillimeter Array were both part of the unprecedented Event Horizon Telescope project which took the image. The hole was named Powehi, the Hawaiian word for black hole.

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#### **HNL Tactical Fares**

Hawaiian Airlines has released oneway fares ex Auckland to Honolulu from \$495, for sales to 09 Aug and bookings in L class. Upsell options are available, and the fares are for travel 04 Aug to 31 Mar. Add-on fares to the Neighbour Islands apply.

#### **Luxe Adventures**



The Fairmont Kea Lani Resort is offering travellers a curated itinerary of Maui experiences as part of its new Luxe Villa Adventure package. The package features a five-night stay in one of the resort's two- or three bedroom oceanfront or ocean-view villas along with a signature villa barbeque prepared by a private chef, two 60-minute Willow Stream Spa wellness experiences, and a two-hour yacht charter on the Satisfaction, as well as personalised airport transportation. See Fairmont.com/kealani-maui.



#### Gotta Catch Them All In NHL

A pop-up Pokémon-themed bar is coming to Honolulu in 2020, offering craft cocktails and Pokemon inspired burgers, as well as trivia, card battles, action stations, giant interactive games. According to *Hawaii News Now*, an exact opening date has yet to be announced, but agents can stay updated by signing up for the newsletter at thepokebarpopup.com

