

A History Buff's Guide To Oahu

Oahu is home to the Hawaiian monarchy, the birthplace of modern and big-wave surfing and the tipping point in the US involvement in World War II so it's a destination with plenty to offer history buffs.

This message was emphasised to Kiwi agents visiting the historic Iolani Palace State Monument in Honolulu. Hawaii's version of the White House, the palace is now a museum which gives visitors an insight into Hawaii's turbulent history (urge clients to pre-book a tour).

... Historical Hotspots

Iolani Palace isn't all Oahu has to offer. Other significant sites include Diamond Head State Monument, one of Hawaii's most recognised landmarks which clients can hike up for views over Waikiki and Honolulu.

Pearl Harbor sports five historic sites. The USS Arizona Memorial is the most popular, but Hawaii Tourism says the Battleship Missouri memorial, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, the Pacific Aviation



Museum and the USS Oklahoma Memorial are not to be missed. The Queen Emma Summer Palace, once home to Hawaiian Royalty and cultural history museum Bishop Museum are also highly recommended. Niihau Pali State Wayside, where King Kamehameha I won a battle that helped him conquer Oahu is also worth a visit. For more [CLICK HERE](#)



Hawaiian Halloween

Halloween in Hawaii is a big deal as Kiwi agents discovered on their last night in Waikiki with ghosts and ghouls, Jurassic Park and jellyfish roaming the jam-packed streets. Pictured above is Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe, the 'beach witches' Kathleen Pool from Travel Directors Hamilton and Rhiannon Williams from Hawaii Tourism, HoT Te Awamutu's Josie Willemsen and Amanda King from Flight Centre Rotorua.

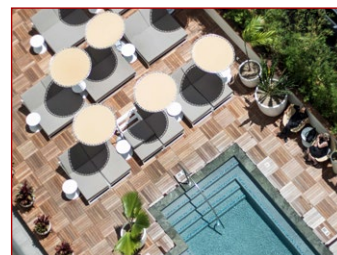
Ala Moana Advice

Plan, prepare and get poke is the advice for clients looking to spend a day at Waikiki's famous Ala Moana Shopping Center, say the Kiwi agents who spent the day at Hawaii's largest shopping mall.

"Get a map, get your bearings and pick out the stores you want to visit," says Jo Foster from Mobile Travel Managers. Meanwhile Kathleen Pool from Travel Directors Hamilton advises clients to head to the mall during the daytime Mon-Fri. "Don't come out here at night... it's so busy."

... Getting There

Clients can get to Ala Moana easily with the Waikiki-Ala Moana Shopping Shuttle. One-way fares are priced from USD2 for adults, though it should be noted clients will need to bring the exact fare in cash to board. See a list of stops and times at waikikitrolley.com



Loving The Lawloy

The Laylow Waikiki has earned rave reviews from the Kiwi agents on this week's megafam. The hip property, which has become a favourite with Kiwi consumers, offers 186 rooms and 65 suites with private lanais and king size beds. It's located on Kuhio Ave next to the back entrance of the International Market Place, which means it's ideal for those looking to be centrally located. The laid back on-site restaurant Hideout is worth a visit and is popular with locals and visitors alike. The hotel also has pool with cabanas and a fitness centre. See laylowwaikiki.com



Fam Wraps Up At The Queen Kapiolani

The Hawaii Mega Fam has officially come to an end, with the agents from each of the fams coming together at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel in Waikiki for a final celebration last night.

The teams presented on their destination, with the Island of Hawaii group taking away the honours.

Hawaii Tourism Darragh Walshe thanked the agents for helping Hawaii become the destination it is today - highlighting the news that Kiwi numbers were up around 10% for the month of Sep. **1** Pictured with their home-made Hawing salt scrubs is Flight Centre Rotorua's Amanda King and Josie Willemsen from HoT Te Awamutu. **2** Team Hawaii celebrating increasing Kiwi numbers is HTA's Darragh Walshe and HA's Lindsey O'Neil.

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