

Christmas At The Market Place

The festive season has officially arrived in Hawaii, with the International Market Place in particular embracing the spirit with Santa, specials and more.

Every weekend in Dec, the market place will be home to 'Strolling Santa'. Clients are encouraged to bring their phones and selfie sticks to capture a picture with Saint Nick, who will be donning his Aloha shirt just for the occasion.

There will also be a number of Holiday performances on offer throughout Dec, with the Royal Hawaiian Band concert on 13 Dec 1400-1445 at the Queens Court and the Honolulu Bronze Handbell Ensemble performing at Queens Court on 16 Dec 1500-1545.

... Shopping

Christmas time also means shopping. Highlighted offerings include the



Oahu's Feeling Festive

Michael Mina's signature Oahu restaurant STRIPSTEAK Waikiki is offering holiday menus, designed to showcase seasonal favorites combined with unique Hawaiian Island flavors. Highlighted dishes include kabocha squash soup with Kona lobster and pepita, smoked turkey with mashed sweet potatoes, brussel sprouts and shiitake mushrooms and rich pumpkin cheesecake.



Eden in Love Pop-Up Shop which is open for Dec. Also worth a mention is the 12 Days of Giving, where lifestyle blogger Malerie Holcomb-Botts will post on Instagram (@mahlbotts) a gift guide featuring select International Market Place stores and restaurants, with each post accompanied by a USD100 gift card giveaway.

Agents should also let clients know that they can earn 10 HawaiianMiles for every USD1 spent, when spending a combined total of USD100 or more at any International Market Place retailer or restaurant (up to 10,000 miles per person) 15-16 Dec.

Clients are also reminded International Market Place is open 1000-2200, 365 days a year, including Christmas Day. Find out more at shopinternationalmarketplace.com/holiday

Reef Safe Sunscreen

Fairmont Kea Lani has partnered with local skin care company Kuleana to become the first Hawaii resort to offer its guests the new locally sourced, all natural reef safe sunscreen in complimentary beach and pool side dispensers. The new offering, Kea Lani says, highlights its dedication to responsible and sustainable tourism practices.

New AT HTA

The Hawaii Tourism Authority's board of directors has appointed tourism executive Chris Tatum as its new president and ceo. Currently the area general manager for Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Tatum is retiring from a 37-year career at Marriott to lead HTA.

Golf Improvements

Kapalua Resort's Plantation Golf Course in Maui is set to undergo a multi million-dollar enhancement project next year, with the greens to be resurfaced, bunkers renovated and tees, fairways and roughs re-grassed. The enhancements will begin in Feb, and are slated for completion in Sep. See golfatkapalua.com

Hilton Gets Festive

The Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort is celebrating Christmas with special menus and events, including a Waikiki Starlight Luau Christmas Dinner Buffet. See what's on offer at hiltonhawaiianvillage.com

Ala Moana App



The Ala Moana Center has launched a new augmented reality app designed to help customers navigate its stores, offers and restaurants. To use the app, which features more than 350 stores and 100 dining options, clients simply have to hold up their iPhone and pan their immediate surroundings, with the app to then direct them to what's nearby. The Ala Moana Center app is available for free download at iOS App Store for iPhone 6S or higher.



Celebrating Tradition

The Westin Nanea Ocean Villas in Ka'anapali Maui offers clients culturally inspired programmes and authentic Hawaiian experiences. Included in its offerings is the Mo'olelo o Lele Historical Walking Tours of Lahaina, in which clients can explore what the town was like in Hawaii's history.

The property boasts one-, two- and three- bedroom villas, as well as Mauka Makai Restaurant which celebrates the farming and fishing culture of Hawaii. There's also the Inu Pool Bar and Pu'uhonua o Nanea Cultural Center. Families can take advantage of the property's Westin Family Kids Club, children's splash pad and heated lagoon pool. See Marriott.com

Cuddle A Popoki



The Hawaii Cat Café, featuring kitties (or popoki in Hawaiian) from the Oahu SPCA has opened on Honolulu's Kapahulu Ave. The cats are up for adoption, but tourists are welcome to come in just for cuddles and a coffee. Clients must book their visit on-line, with special events such as Cats on Mats yoga and Cats Against Humanity: Game Nights also on offer. Book a session [HERE](#).

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