

Aloha Friday



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Maui, The Second Time Around



Sitting on top of Maui's Haleakala volcano for sunrise is said to be an absolute must for Maui-bound clients, however, that's not all there is to do on the mountain, or the island

For those who've seen the sunrise, or just prefer a sleep in, Haleakala National Park boasts a number of hiking trails. Highlighted options include the hours-long Keoneheehee 'Sliding Sands' Trail, the daylength Halemauu Trail and overnight Kaupo Trail treks. The Iao Valley

Vegan Loco Moco



Hawaiian staple loco moco is a must try for any visitor to the island, and now vegans can get their hands on the dish too! Traditionally featuring rice, a burger patty and a fried egg, Waikiki's Beachhouse at Moana Surfrider offers a version featuring a Beyond burger patty, mushroom gravy, steamed rice, and an 'egg' made of big island hearts of palm and pickled daikon.

State Monument is another popular spot for tourists, but lesser known is the many low-key, big-menu local eateries in neighbouring Wailuku. Recommend clients check out Tiffany's Bar & Grill, Sam Sato's, Tokyo Tei, Stillwell's Bakery & Café, Geste Shrimp Truck and, when you're hungry again, lots more.

. . . West Maui

Clients who have been to Lahaina's Front Street seawall or sat on the beaches at Kaanapali, Napili and Kapalua are recommended to venture out a little further, to Lanai and Molokai. Clients can take Expeditions' Maui-Lanai ferry from Lahaina Harbor or a short flight from Kahului Airport to Lanai, where they can then rent a jeep and explore the coast and the mountains at their own pace.

On Molokai, highlights include exploring the small town of Kaunakakai and Papohaku Beach (pictured), or head to the 'wonderfully scenic' peninsulas at historic Kalaupapa National Historical Park. Find out more at gohawaii.com

Best Of The Beers

Agents are reminded that the Fifth Annual Great Waikiki Beer Festival is on 24 Aug. Tickets are priced from USD60 or USD80 for VIP. See hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/beer

Culture At Ka'anapali

Ka'anapali Beach Hotel has received the inaugural Pulamahia award from The Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association. The Pulamahia Award acknowledges the persistent efforts made by Ka'anapali Beach Hotel, to preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian culture among staff and guests alike. Widely known as 'Hawaii's Most Hawaiian Hotel,' the Maui property offers a collection of cultural programming and signature events. See kbhmaui.com



Freebies At IMP

Through to 30 Sep, clients who spend more than USD300 at Waiki-ki's International Market Place will receive a free tote bag. See internationalmarketplace.com

Seeking Romance?



Clients looking for a romantic dinner are recommended Hilton Waikoloa Village's Kamuela Provision Company. The self-described 'most romantic restaurant on the island' has a new menu, focusing on locally sourced ingredients such as Kona cold lobster.

Highlighted dishes include seared diver scallops served with lobster dashi butter, edamame, smoked salmon roe and lomi tomato or the prime ribeye spoke appetiser is served rare with daikon, grated ginger, bean sprouts, smoked ponzu, fried garlic and green onion.



A Taste Of History

Two Hawaii hotels have featured in the 2019 Historic Hotels of America Top 25 List of Historic Hotels with the Most Unique Culinary Heritage and Culinary Traditions. Waikiki's The Royal Hawaiian made the list for its Shirley Temple cocktail, which features ginger ale and pink grenadine, garnished with a maraschino cherry. The cocktail was designed for Shirley when she visited the hotel in 1953. The Kohala Coast's Mauna Kea Hotel made the list for three notable dishes; Mauna Kea Banana Bread (of which the recipe is said to be top secret), the Ovaltine Froth and the Frederico cocktail, a juice and Jack Daniels concoction created in the 80s for the golfer who wanted something 'both tropical and masculine'. See historichotels.org



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