

## Locals' Honolulu Restaurant Round-up

Honolulu's urban neighbourhoods Chinatown, Kakaako, Kaimuki and Kapahulu offer a range of diverse eateries and cuisines to suit every budget. Some of Hawaii Tourism's top picks for each neighbourhood include:

In Chinatown Vietnamese eatery The Pig and The Lady is a must try, as well as Fete's dishes, which feature Korean and Georgian influences. Ramen lovers should be directed to Lucky Belly, with Livestock Tavern also highlighted. The final China-



town recommendation is Grondin French-Latin Kitchen, featuring French and Ecuadorian inspired cuisine.

For those heading to the hip neighbourhood of Kakaako (near Ala Moana) suggest SALT at Our Kakaako, where clients will find must try eateries such as Moku Kitchen, which features farm fresh dishes, and Highway Inn, home to Hawaiian favourites and Hank's Haute Dogs, where clients can enjoy riffs on American comfort food. Also in Kakaako is Scratch Kitchen & Meastery, featuring unique brunch foods.

Fans of local, organic dining are recommended to head to the neighbourhood of Kaimuki, featuring three of Ed Kennedy's eateries; Town, Mud Hen Water and Kaimuki Suprette. Also in the neighbourhood is 12th Ave Grill which serves hearty American food, and Koko Head Café which offers 'delectable' brunches (just prepare to queue at peak times as you can't book).

New in Kaimuki is the plant based Vegan Hills and Vietnamese spot Broken Rice.

The final suburb Kapahulu is just minutes from Waikiki, and is home to Leonard's Bakery, which sells the famed malasadas, also known as Portuguese hole-less donuts.

Other highlighted eateries are Rainbow Drive-In offering Hawaiian plate lunches and Ono Seafood, the go-to for poke and seafood fans.



### Film, Music Festival

The fifth annual Ko Olina Children's Film & Music Festival is being staged on Oahu 22 Sep. The event features interactive video and music activities, live stage performances; family friendly movies from Disney/Pixar and a sunset finale feature film on the beach.

The festival takes place on Aulani, a Disney Resort and Spa's Halawai Lawn, and at Ko Olina's Kohala Lagoon One beachfront. Tickets are priced from USD30 for adults, and USD15 for youth (aged four-12), see [koolinachildrensfestival.com](http://koolinachildrensfestival.com)

### HNL Sale With HA

Hawaiian Airlines has tactical fares (K class) ex Auckland to Honolulu from \$526 one-way for sales until 24 Aug. The deal is valid for travel through to 20 Oct, blackouts apply. Neighbour islands are also included in the sale.

### Crops & Hops

Hawaii is holding its very own take on Oktoberfest this year as part of its annual Food and Wine Festival. Crops and Hops celebrates beer and local food, with highlights such as cook offs and sampling beers, including Night Owl Pumpkin Beer from Seattle's Elysian Brewing Co., 10 Barrel Brewing Co.'s rich Double Chocolate Stout and more. The event is set to be held at the Ward Village's yet-to-open park on 24 Oct, from 1600-1900. General admission is USD95, see [hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com/events/](http://hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com/events/)



### Triple Crown Deals


Turtle Bay Resort has partnered with World Surf League to offer clients special rates for stays during the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing holding period 12 Nov-20 Dec. The surfing competitions take place on dates within that range, depending on the surf conditions. Rates start from USD289, see [turtlebayresort.com](http://turtlebayresort.com)



### Plenty To Explore On Hawaii Is' Eastern Side

While the Kilauea summit area of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park remains closed, due to caution, Hawaii Tourism reminds agents that there's still plenty to do on the Island of Hawaii, especially the eastern area.

"Hilo and the east side of Hawaii Island also offer opportunities for great road trips," says Hawaii Forest and Trail's Rob Pacheco. "There are great museums, including the Imiloa Astronomy Center, Lyman Museum, Pacific Tsunami Museum, Mokupapapa Discovery Center, plus the shopping and food scene is all really interesting in Hilo." Waterfalls, the Wailuku River, Onomea Scenic Drive, Akaka Falls and the little plantation towns along the Old Mamalahoa Highway are also highlights of the area, he adds.



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