

KapohoKine: Kiwis Keep On Coming



Kiwi travellers love adventure, it's no secret, and little bit of lava hasn't scared them off, at least that's what KapohoKine Adventures of the Island of Hawaii has discovered.

Following the 2019 eruption of Kilauea, numbers dropped for the local adventure tour company, except for the Kiwi market which increased by 20%.

"We've these eruptions going on and all you hear is Kiwi accents," laughs KapohoKine founder Gary Marrow, who was in the country for the annual Aloha Down Under roadshows. He says the post-eruption landscape

is incredible, so much so that the company has recently launched a new tour exploring it.

"It's still steaming over there, but there's a brand new black sand beach . . . two miles of new land it's just incredible. It's one of the only places on earth you can walk to where new land has just been made."

The company's Hike & Flow tour will see clients hike to Kilauea's historic lava flow from 2018 and follow the flow to where it entered the ocean and changed the shape of the island. Priced from USD259, the full day trip includes visits to Volcano Winery, Kaumana Caves, Kilauea Iki, Volcano House and Steaming Bluffs as well as a picnic lunch and Hawaiian-style BBQ dinner.

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And as overall numbers start to return to normal, Gary says there's new adventures on offer.

Combination tours are available in partnership with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, as well as two new ATV tours. Gary also highlights its recently-introduced stargazing tours as another must do, as well as its popular zipline tours, with KapohoKine home to the longest line in the state. At 800m it sees clients travel 80km per hour over waterfalls. For more, see kapohokine.com

Hawkers In Hawaii

Waikiki's The Street Food Hall by Michael Mina, in the International Marketplace, has undergone a food-refresh, with new hawker-style menu offerings.

The upscale food hall is now home to Prawn Star, a hawker station offering Hawaiian plate lunches with North Shore-style garlic shrimp.

Also debuting new menu offerings is wellness bar Indie Girl, which has peanut butter, hemp seed granola and blueberry toast; while Mi Almita Cantina now has Chicharron de Calamar which is crispy fried squid with house made chilli aioli. Tiki bar The Myna Bird has also expanded its cocktail menu with concoctions such as This Ship is Bananas, created using Calvados, Overproof rum, Banane du Bresil, brown sugar and bitters. See thestreetfoodhall.com



Breakfast With Santa



It may be Aug, but Hawaii is already feeling the Christmas spirit, as Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort & Spa launches its Breakfast with Santa.

An annual sell-out, Breakfast with Santa will be available on 14 and 15 Dec 0900-1200, offering a Santa visit, buffet breakfast and festive activities such as gingerbread decorating.

Breakfast with Santa is from USD35 for kids, and USD45 for adults with a grown up buffet and mimosas included. Reservations can be made with the property. See marriott.com

Fresh Chef At Hilton

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort has announced that the resort's veteran chef Ricky Kusuda has been appointed chef



de cuisine of the signature restaurant Bali Steak & Seafood. Since taking the helm, Ricky has released brand new dishes such as Ichimi dusted seared ahi, house-made pappardelle pasta accompanied by a Maui venison ragu and gremolata, and Niihau Ranch lamb dumplings.



A Guide To Maui Spas

Boasting spa experiences inspired by the surrounding land and treatments using local produce is Maui, a destination to recommend to your relaxation-seeking clients. Highlighted spots include is Fairmont Kea Lani Resort's Willow Stream Spa, which offers state-of-the-art luxury treatments as well as the Ritz-Carlton Spa Kapalua (pictured), which boasts treatments inspired by ancient Hawaiian traditions.

The new Alana Spa at Royal Lahaina Resort is also recommended. The ocean-front spa features a menu of signature massages, facials and body treatments, including the traditional lomi lomi and deep tissue.

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