

## When Getting There Is Half The Fun

Oahu's North Shore is one of the world's surf meccas but it's not just the destination itself which is attracting tourists—it's the journey through plantations, cowboy-style towns and plenty of sweet treats.

Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe has compiled a list of his favourite spots for clients travelling from Waikiki to the famed North Shore. First up on his list is a stop at Leonard's Bakery on Kapahulu Ave, where clients can grab some Malasadas for breakfast.

"The ones here are amazing," says Walshe, who adds there are lots of different types on offer.

Travelling on a little further, and perfect for those looking to stretch their legs (and grab a sweet treat) is the Dole Pineapple plantation, which offers a maze.

"It's a good stop if you've got family, and if it's a hot day you can get some Dole Whip [pineapple ice



cream]...it's iconic," adds Walshe. As the journey continues, clients will see the first sight of the famed North Shore waves, in the historic Haleiwa town, which Walshe describes as cowboy meets surfer. "It's almost like being out in the Wild West with some of the architecture; it's got a cowboy feel to it." Highlights of the town include its art galleries, coffee shops, food trucks and Matsumoto, which is known to have the best shaved ice in the Islands.

### ... At The Shore

Once in the shore itself, Walshe recommends checking out famous surfing beaches Bonzi Pipeline, Sunset Beach and Waimea Bay (where he is pictured above). For those who would rather not surf, Sharks Cove is a great spot for snorkelling.

### Maui'd Under The Stars

The Hyatt Maui Resort and Spa's new Maui'd Under the Stars wedding package allows couples to exchange their vows 10 storeys above Kaanapali Beach on the resort's rooftop, beneath the night sky.

The package starts from USD5000, and includes a wedding rehearsal, a ceremony for up to four guests coordinated by a Hyatt wedding specialist, arrangement of the marriage license appointment, a non-denominational officiant and more.

### Kapa'a On The Rise

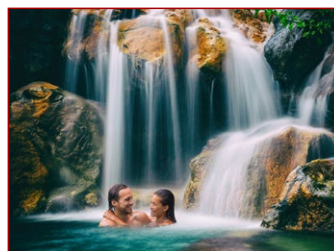
TripAdvisor has named the Kaua'i town of Kapa'a as one of its '10 World Destinations on the Rise'. Kaua'i Visitors Bureau says the town was praised for its Kinipopo Shopping Village and outdoor activities such as kayaking.

### Sheraton Refresh

The Sheraton Kauai Resort has announced that its Ocean wing rooms and suites have all been refreshed, with modern furnishings and an island-inspired colour palette. Renovations of the Beach wing are next, with completion expected in Apr. See [sheratonkauai.com](http://sheratonkauai.com)

### Spa Awarded

Four Seasons resort Lanai's Hawa-nawana Spa has received the 2018 Innovate Award from the International Spa Association.



### Island Splendor Offer

Ko'a Kea Hotel and Resort at Po'ipu Beach Kauai has launched a new Island Splendor package, designed to offer guests a rejuvenating holiday experience. The four day package includes a Koloa Rum Sunset Mai Tai in-room experience, a private sunset dinner sail with views of the Napali coast, a five course wine-pairing dinner at Red Salt, a Hawaiian renewal couples massage in a private oceanfront cabana and a keepsake Ko'a Kea spa robe. The package is priced from USD5000 per night and is available until 31 Dec. See [koakea.com](http://koakea.com)



### Bed Beach Eat Repeat

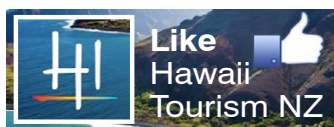
Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort's breakfast deal offers guests every 4th night free and daily breakfast, lunch or brunch for two at Duke's Waikiki or Hula Grill, plus a two-hour use of a beach lounge chair and umbrella. With fresh Kona coffee and locally-inspired food, the resort says this deal is perfect for those wanting to start their day with an authentic taste of Hawaii.

### Wellness & Wisdom



Connecting women with Native Hawaiian leaders and world-class cultural practitioners is Roamori, a new wellness retreat in Hana, Maui. The all-inclusive retreat is designed to immerse women in the spiritual and intellectual views of Native Hawaiian culture with daily hands-on workshops of celebrated traditional practices including hula, Hawaiian oli (chant), lauhala weaving, lei making, ku'i'ai (pounding poi), and farm-to-table growing practices.

Rôamori is hosting all-inclusive, week-long events for women in 2019 on select dates, including 24 Feb-02 Mar and 28 Jul 03 Aug. Details can be found at [roamori.com](http://roamori.com)



### Holi In Hawaii

International Market Place is now home to new store, island HOLI, which features handmade textiles inspired by the Hindu spring festival. Highlights include apparel, accessories, blankets, home décor, parasols, pillows and more.

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