

Loco Moco, Mochi & More In Hawaii

There are few better ways to immerse yourself in a destination than dining your way through it, and Hawaii is no different.

In light of this, Hawaii Tourism has put together a list of its must try eateries, from the most popular and beloved food-trucks to hole-in-the-wall and hidden-gem eateries.

Café 100 in Hilo on the Island of Hawaii is the go-to for comfort food, especially loco moco- a Hawaiian favourite consisting of white rice topped with a hamburger patty, fried egg and brown gravy.

Tin Roof in Maui (pictured) is known for its mochiko fried chicken



The Return Of Kabuki

Arts and culture enthusiasts in Hawaii will have the rare opportunity to enjoy authentic performances of Kabuki, the traditional theatre drama of Japan, in Honolulu next Mar for the first time since 1967. Acclaimed Kabuki artists from Japan will entertain the public with seven performances 02-08 Mar at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Kennedy Theater and the Hawaii Convention Center. Tickets are priced from USD80 plus taxes and fees, see jtbwt.com



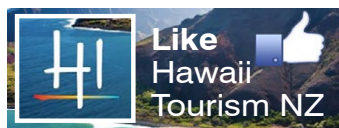
and pork belly bowls and Ono Seafood in Oahu for its spicy ahi poke. In Kauai, kalua pork from Porky's food truck in Waimea is a must try.

... Farm-toTable

Sweet Cane Café on the Island of Hawaii offers organic farm-to-table eats, while aa Roost Maui and Ai Love Nalo offer strictly vegan farm-to-table menus. Meanwhile, in Kauai, Verde offers clients dishes boasting local pork as well as hormone and antibiotic free chicken.

... Mochi & More

For desserts, suggest Moonstruck Patisserie in Hilo, home to an array of 'delectable desserts'. Maui Specialty Chocolates is highlighted for its fresh and fluffy chocolate filled mochi, while Molokai's Kanemitsu Bakery boasts hot bread served warm and filled with sweet cream cheese, butter and fruit spreads. And we can't forget Hawaii's iconic dessert shaved ice, with Wailua Shave Ice on Kauai the go-to, we recommend the Lava Flow, a popular shave ice pick crafted with pineapple juice, strawberry puree, and toppings of coconut foam, pineapple and strawberry.



USS Arizona Opening

The National Park Service has announced the USS Arizona Memorial is expected to re-open by Mar 2019, following upgrades.

While the repair process currently continues, visitors will still be able to see a 25-minute documentary film followed by a harbour tour of Battleship Row which pass as close as possible to the USS Arizona Memorial. See pacifichistoricparks.org

The Road To Hana

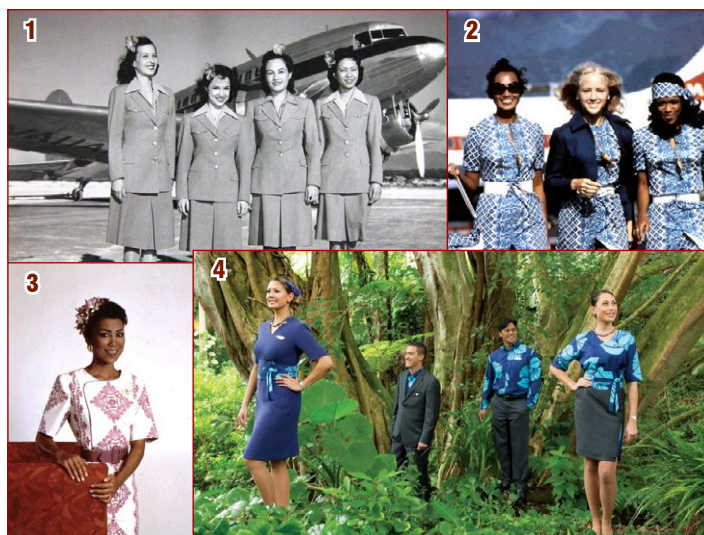
Clients looking to further explore Maui are recommended to hire a car for a day and drive the legendary road to Hana. The 83km route from Kahului journeys along Maui's rugged eastern coastline, and takes between two and four hours.

VIP Heli Experience

Mauna Kea Resort, on the Island of Hawaii, and Blue Hawaiian Helicopters have partnered up to launch their new Heli VIP: A Helicopter Ride Steps From Your Doorstep experience, offering resort guests on-site helicopter access steps from their hotel room.

Guests on the VIP experience can customise their own helicopter excursion.

Travellers seeking romance or wellness can seek waterfalls in search of the perfect date or outdoor picnic spot; while the more adventurous can hunt for the ideal cave for spelunking (cave exploring) or check out the island's volcanoes and lava flows. For more information, see Maunakeabeachhotel.com



HA's In-flight Fashion Flashback

As Hawaiian Airlines continues its 89th birthday celebrations the carrier is highlighting the 17 iterations of uniforms worn by its front-line teams over the years; from military caps and shoulder pads through to retro shift dresses and white pumps.

1 HA's first uniform in 1943. **2** Fast forward to the 70s, when white pumps and scarves were all in. **3** In 1992 HA's uniforms embraced Hawaiian culture a little more, featuring indigenous plants and flowers. **4** The current uniform, featuring elements from previous uniforms such as the blue colour (introduced in the 1960s) and elements of Hawaiian culture, first seen in the 1990s.

Mele Kalikimaka
and Happy Holidays everyone
From the Hawaiian Airlines team

