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Foodie Destinations In The Islands

Hawaii is chock-full of neighbourhoods and towns with awesome places to eat, but for the true foodie, Hawaii Tourism has narrowed down the top three true blue food destinations.

On the Island of Hawaii, Hilo takes the cake as the top foodie neighbourhood. The east side destination is home to everything from comfort food of long time drive-ins and lunch shops, to fresh-caught fish and multi-ethnic comfort food.





Restaurant Week In Nov

Clients heading to Hawaii 09-18 Nov can take advantage of the prix fixe menus that will be on offer at selected eateries during Hawaii Restaurant Week. Waikiki's International Marketplace is taking part in the initiative, and participating restaurants include Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi, the popular Flour & Barley Brick Oven Pizza, Goma Tei, Herringbone, Mi Almita Cantina and more. For details, and a full list of participants including Basalt (pictured), see restaurantweekhawaii.com/



Highlights include the local loco moco, okazuya and farm-and-farmers-market-to-table eateries, as well as inventive bakeries, pizza joints and taquerias.

Jumping over to Oahu, its Honolulu's residential and business district of Kaimuki that gets stomachs rumbling. The neighbourhood is home to a number of new and inventive restaurants, brewpubs, take-out spots, dessert havens and coffee cafes.

The final foodie destination, according to Hawaii Tourism, is the Maui neighbourhood of Wailuku. The old world town is home to a collection of time-tested family-owned eateries and bakeries, many of which are comfort food havens for generations of local residents.

Lei Making Classes



The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas in Kauai is now offering haku lei-making classes as part of its Hawaiian cultural programming. The lei making class is offered weekly on Thu, priced from USD20pp. See westinprinceville.com



Hula Into Holidays

The Ala Moana Center is kicking off the holiday season from 10 Nov, with daily holiday hula shows, photos with Santa and an exclusive Santa Blanket for those who spend more than USD500. See all the festivities and the details, and schedule your appointments with Santa at alamoanacenter.com

Museum's Untold Stories

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum has a new exhibition that delves into the wonders of Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island. *Rapa Nui: The Untold Stories of Easter Island* features more than 150 cultural treasures and never seen before biological specimens from the museum's collection. The exhibition is on display 03 Nov-05 May at the Castle Memorial Building. Admission is from USD24.95 for adults and USD16.95 for children/youth. See bishopmuseum.org

Stay & Play Golf

Kauai's Hokuala- A Timbers Resort has Stay and Play golf packages on offer, allowing guests to explore the new resort and it's world-class golf course first hand. The package features four nights' accommodation in a private oceanview residence, three rounds of golf per person, private round-trip gold transfers and daily breakfast. For more information, and prices, see hokualakauai.com.

Talk Like A Local

Clients can now speak Hawaiian like a local, as Duolingo, a science based language education programme, launches a new Hawaiian course. The online course features bite-sized lessons that will take only five minutes a day, designed to help with speaking, as well as reading and writing. See duolingo.com/course/hw/en/Learn-Hawaiian-Online

HA Industry Fares

Hawaiian Airlines reminds agents it has industry fares available to them via their consolidation units. Firm Industry tickets are available to full time agents and a companion to both Hawaii and Mainland, with fares to Honolulu priced from just \$530.00 return plus taxes. The fares bookable within 60 days of departure, are subject to availability and close out dates apply.



Asian-Latin BBO

Kiawe Roots has opened in Po'ipu, at The Shops at Kukui'ula on the Island of Kaua'i.

The island's visitor bureau says the restaurant offers a menu which matches southern smoked barbecue with Asian and Latin flavours. Kiawe Roots is open for brunch, happy hour and dinner, see eatatkiawe.com

Whales Spotted

The first Humpback whale of the season has been spotted north of Molokini, advises *Maui News*. Typically, whale season in Hawaii runs from Nov-May, with Jan-Mar the peak season.



