

Carnival's Hawaii Cruise Appeal



Value for money, affordability and the appeal of the Hawaiian Islands are some of the reasons why more Kiwis are opting to explore Hawaii on a Carnival Journeys cruise, says Francis Travel Marketing.

Journeys' cruises are longer than Carnival's regular sailings, starting at nine days, which means there is more time for clients to immerse themselves into what the ship offers as well as the destination, says FTM sales and marketing executive Susan Baxter.

"The Hawaii cruises leave from North America's West Coast ports Vancouver, Los Angeles, San Diego or Long Beach and cruise to Hawaii on a series of 10 to 16-day cruises," she says. Clients have a whole day in each port, some till 2300, which allows for plenty of time to discover the islands, she adds.

... What's On-board

All Carnival Journeys' Hawaii cruises include Authentic Eats, based on local Hawaii dishes and local entertainment from Hawaiian hula dancers.

"Clients will also have the chance to participate in Throwback Sea Days, where everybody is encouraged to bring along something to wear from the eighties, be it leg warmers or big shoulder pads, and enjoy a day of cruising in the past," says Baxter.

On-board, clients will find activities and spaces catering for all ages.

"When there are sea days adults can retreat to the Serenity adult-only area and the kids can head along to Seuss At Sea kids club. There is also plenty of entertainment, the Comedy Club; Hasbro, The Game Show and nightly productions," says Baxter.

The popular 14-day roundtrip sailing ex Long Beach on Carnival Splendor cruises to Maui, Honolulu, Kona and Hilo and is from \$2639pp t/s.

Say Aloha To Neo

Hawaiian Airlines has taken delivery of its first US-produced A321 neo. The aircraft will be used to grow HA's Western-US network and provide greater access to the islands. Airbus adds that HA will open additional A321neo routes between the US West Coast and the Hawaiian Islands as it introduces a total of 18 aircraft through 2020.

XTERRA World Champs

XTERRA, the world's premier off-road triathlon, is coming to Maui 28 Oct. The Maui race is the last in a series of more than 100 off-road trail races held globally, and features a 1.5km swim, 32km mountain bike and 10.5km run. To enter, racers must qualify in one of 43 races leading up to the final event. This year's race is full, but for interested clients next year's event is 27 Oct. See xterraplanet.com

The State Of Superfoods

Hawaii is home to a variety of superfoods, providing energy, antioxidants and an overall health boost for those seeking a rejuvenating holiday.

Hawaii Tourism has listed its top four superfoods, beginning with KonaRed, the red fruit which surrounds a coffee bean that can be made into a juice which delays aging, prevents disease and provides a mood boost. Alternatively clients can try Noni juice, a green fruit which is used to treat menstrual cramps, tumours, broken bones, skin conditions and inflammation. Those in need of an energy boost are recommended breadfruit, which is full of minerals such as calcium, copper, iron and more. For healthy skin, Kukui nut oil is the go to, used to treat burns, eczema, psoriasis, acne, scars and more.



Summer Day-Cation

The Hilton Waikoloa is offering a new Splash & Relax day pass for families who are not staying at the hotel. The pass is USD50pp and offers unrestricted access to Hilton Waikoloa's ocean-fed Lagoon & Beach; the Kohala River Pool; the Kona pool, featuring a 53m waterslide, whirlpools and waterfall; and the Ocean Tower adult-only pool. Guests will also have access to the resort's amenities. The pass is available for purchase at the resort's Kona Pool welcome desk.



Maui Anniversary Aug Dinner Celebration

Restaurant Nick's Fishmarket is celebrating 25 years on 25 Aug with an evening of food, wine and spirits, advises Maui Visitors Bureau. The evening will feature food stations, a champagne and wine bar, specialty cocktails and entertainment, and will also raise money for the grand opening of Kihei Charter School's campus. Tickets are USD150pp, and the restaurant is located at Fairmont Kea Lani Maui Resort, which is also offering special overnight rates for attendees from USD319. Tickets can be purchased from fm20.eventbrite.com.

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