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# **ESPACIO:** Luxury Makes Its Debut



A new uber chic apartment property has opened this month in Waikiki—offering a high end escape for the well-heeled or those celebrating a special occasion.

Dubbed the 'Jewel of Waikiki', Espacio boasts nine multi-bedroom suites overlooking the ocean, located directly opposite Waikiki Beach's Duke Kahanamoku statue.

The property is looking to 'redefine luxury' and each suite offers the services of a butler, a designer kitchen (pre-stocked with guests' favorite snacks and beverages), balcony with a jacuzzi and spa-like bathrooms with a private dry-saunas.

Each of the two- or three-bedroom suites also feature luxury touches, from handwoven organic cotton bedsheets from Japan to globally sourced artworks. Clients have a flexible check-in and check-out times as well as access to a luxury fleet of cars, an on-demand chef service and in-room iPads which control everything from climate to lighting and service requests.

The property's public areas include a rooftop Jacuzzi and infinity pool. There is also a full-service spa and fine dining Japanese-French restaurant Mugen, with a menu by chef Jason Yamaguchi. Local representative Gaye Wood from Linkd Tourism says while the product is definitely luxury, she has already been fielding some inquiries from Kiwis. "The high-end traveller in New Zealand has been looking for something like this for some time," says Gaye. "What was 80 rooms is now nine suites—it's impressive."

Introductory rates are from USD1700 a night, subject to conditions and availability. Wholesalers have details, or see espaciowaikiki.com

# **Kauai Festival**

Kauai will stage Eo e Emalani I Alakai, a festival which honours Queen Emma 12 Oct. Clients can expect exhibits, crafts, a silent auction, and delicious food as well as Hawaiian music and chant. The festival is held at Kokee State Park 0900-1600. See kokee.org

### **Endless Summer**

International Market Place is celebrating the last official day of summer on 22 Sep with an Endless Summer pop-up event, which sees the centre's wellness experts offer complimentary services. The event is held at Queen's Court 1200-1630 and admission is free. For more information see shopinternationalmarketplace.com

# **HA Hours Change**

Hawaiian Airlines reminds agents that its New Zealand reservations hours of operations have changed. The team is available Mon-Fri 1000-1900, with those who call after hours to be directed to Manila.

# **LEGO Exhibition Oahu**



Until 27 Oct, Bishop Museum is featuring an exhibition on LEGO. Travelling Bricks: An Exhibition Made of LEGO Bricks features 120 LEGO models that have been created by professional LAGO artists, with highlights including a six metre LEGO Titanic and models of familiar and iconic images of Hawaii, including Aloha Tower, and Hokule'a. There is also an interactive area where clients can get creative themselves. See bishopmuseum.org/Travelling-Bricks

# **Culinarium Oahu**



For agents with groups bound for Oahu, there's a new Culinary Team Building Experience at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head. Ideal for groups 12-20, the Culinarium is a Top Chef type experience which sees teams of three- or four battle it out to prepare a threeor four-course meal with two key ingredients and a basic set of pantry ingredients in an hour. Once the hour is up, the finished dishes are enjoyed by all participants while the Culinarium team judges rate the food and teamwork and pick the final winners. Find out more at continuinged. kapiolani.hawaii.edu/culinarium





### **Taste Of Chinatown In Kakaako**

Boasting fresh locally-grown fruits and vegetables, as well as delicious treats and eats is the Kakaako Market, held at 1050 Ala Moana Blvd every Wed (1600-2000) and Sat (0800-1200). For clients considering including this market in their itinerary, suggest they include a stop at Encore Saloon from Chinatown, which serves up its famous margarita. See farmlovers-markets.com/portfolio-item/kakaako

# Aloha USA AKL to HNL to 13 US Cities

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