

Ultimate Hawaiian Experience?



NCL says its **Pride of America** cruises gives repeat travellers the ultimate Hawaiian experience—sailing to four of Hawaii’s islands and offering on board cultural experiences and a wide range of shore excursions.

NCL’s national sales manager Chris Danvers, who took the cruise last year, is converted and has declared the trip as ‘one of the best seven-day itineraries cruisers can experience anywhere in the world’.

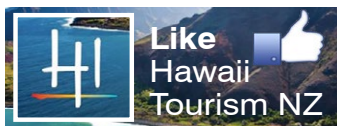
“I sincerely believe there is so much to experience on this sailing you could step right off a voyage and back

to back it with the same itinerary and experience a completely different sailing,” he says.

This is reinforced, Danvers says, by the number of repeat guests.

In addition to two overnight stays, in Kauai and Maui, the shore experiences range from snorkelling with turtles and exploring the ancient sites though to ziplining and Hawaiian canoe experiences.

Danver’s, however, wants agents to know it’s not just on-shore where clients will experience Hawaiian culture. On board there’s local themed entertainment and activities, he adds.



Volcanoes Come-Back

Since the re-opening of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park last month, visitation has been on par, with park official citing about 2000 people visiting each day.

Park spokeswoman Jessica Ferracane told the *Hawaii Tribune Herald* that Sep is usually a slower month for tourism on the Big Island, but she is expecting big numbers to return to the park when the winter season (Nov-Apr) picks up.

... Agent Focus

NCL says it’s extremely grateful for the support from New Zealand trade, which has resulted in massive growth over recent years.

At the same time the cruise line highlights its agent commission, which it claims is ‘some of the best in the cruise industry’.

Also helping agents sell its seven-day Hawaii cruises, says NCL, is its current Free at Sea offer. Clients can pick up to five free offers, including a one-night, pre-cruise hotel stay or a free specialty dining package when booking a suite. Terms and conditions apply. See ncl.com.au

HA Fares On Sale

Hawaiian Airlines has one way fares to Honolulu from \$429 (in Z class) for sales to 29 Oct. The levels are valid for travel 27 Oct -12 Dec 18 and 16 Jan -22 Mar 19. Add-ons to all neighbour islands apply. See the GDS for details.

Farmers Market Returns

The Ala Moana Center’s farmers’ market is back in a new location fronting Atkinson Drive.

The weekly market is held on Sun and features approximately 20 vendors selling an array of Hawaiian-grown produce, plants, cut flowers, artisan breads, baked goods and more.



Sam Choy In Kauai

Koloa Landing Resort at Po’ipu has welcomed Kauai’s first Sam Choy restaurant, Holoholo Grill. The grill features island cuisines using fresh and local ingredients as well as original recipes crafted by Choy. See koloalandingresort.com

Aloha Hawaii

AKL to HNL

From just **\$429**

One way including tax.
Book Z class. On sale till 29 Oct.
Neighbour Islands on sale also. See GDS for details.

