

Eco Friendly Oahu Adventures & Tours

Oahu offers a number of eco-tours for clients who want to experience the island's natural wonders while also promoting environmental awareness.

Eco-tour operators include Wide Side Specialty Tours, Hawaiian Legacy Tours at Gunstock Ranch (as pictured), North Shore Eco-Tours and Holokino Hawaii.

Wild Side Specialty Tours offers small group charters off Oahu's west coast, during which clients can see whales, and have the opportunity to swim with wild dolphins, turtles and more marine life.

Meanwhile Hawaiian Legacy Tours at Gunstock Ranch will see clients planting a tree at the Hawaiian Legacy Forest at Gunstock Ranch. Each tree,



which clients pick for themselves, features RFID technology which allows clients to track its growth.

North Shore Eco-Tours take clients off the beaten path to explore the mountains, forest and valleys in Oahu. Its Huakai Nui and Huakai Iki adventures hike through rainforest, valley, streams and freshwater pools, while Puaa Maiki features off-roading in a Swiss Military Pinzgauer ATV through Waimea Valley's back country.

The recently-launched Holokino Haaii is a sailing canoe adventure, in which clients spend one hour with two-man crew aboard the Uluwehia traditional sailing canoe, listening to the stories of the ahupuaa (traditional land divisions) of the South Shore of Oahu and learning the basic principles of celestial navigation as practiced by ancient Polynesians and Hawaiians.

Mexican In Waikiki

Oahu's The Street Food Hall by Michael Mina is now home to Mi Almita Cantina, a Mexican restaurant by chefs Hugo Ortega and Michael Mina. The restaurant features authentic Mexican coastal cuisine with a modern island twist. The Street is located within the International Marketplace and is highly recommended for clients looking for affordable dining options.

Cocktails & Ramen



The annual Hawaii Food and Wine Festival after party is back on 26 Oct. The 7-Eleven Hawaii Presents Slurp! will be held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spas pool deck, featuring six world class chefs serving up creative takes on classic dishes such as pho and ramen as well as beers and frozen cocktails. General admission is priced from USD95, VIP USD125. See hawaiiifoodandwinefestival.com

Sunrise At Outrigger



The Sunrise Shack has made its debut in Waikiki opening at the entrance of Outrigger's Waikiki Beach Resort, offering a new, expanded healthy menu inspired by local ingredients.

The three Smith brothers and friend Koa Rothman running the brand are something of a North Shore institution—and are all accomplished watermen. Highlights from the shack's menu include bullet coffee, homemade tropical smoothie bowls, vegan salads and bites, superfood teas and more.

"For visitors seeking a healthy grab-and-go to eat on the beach or fuel up before island adventures The Sunrise Shack is the place," says Revell Newton, general manager of Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort. For menu details, see sunriseshackhawaii.com

HAL Extends Cruises

Two Holland America Line ships, Eurodam and Amsterdam, will offer extended cruises to Hawaii in 2018/19, advises Francis Travel Marketing. Clients will be able to choose from nine cruises with itineraries ranging from 16-20 days, most featuring and overnight call in Honolulu with plenty of time to visit Pearl Harbor, explore Waikiki or hike Diamond Head. The cruises also call at Hilo, Nawiliwili and Lahaina, with most adding a call at Kona. The season starts with Eurodam departing Seattle 29 Sep for a Circle Hawaii cruise, then on that 11 Nov for a roundtrip from San Diego. Amsterdam's 17-day Hawaii Holiday cruise sails roundtrip from Los Angeles on 21 Dec. Hawaii cruises continue through to Apr.

Free Tote Bag

Clients who spend over USD250 at the International Market Place before 30 Sep will receive a free tote bag. Simply show your receipts at Customer Service to receive the bag.



Crater Dive In Maui

The Maui Dive Shop now features an updated dive vessel, the Maka Koa advises Maui Visitors Bureau. The dive shop offers two-tank scuba dives at Molokini, a submerged offshore crater, where divers can spot dolphins, manta rays, whales and sharks. Prices start from USD179 for OW certified divers, or USD89.95 for snorkelers. See mauidiveshop.com



LGBTQ Friendly

The Plantation Inn in Maui has been designated as a Travel Advocacy Group approved LGBTQ Welcoming Accommodation for the second consecutive year. The boutique bed and breakfast offers 18 rooms and suites featuring vintage Hawaii décor, as well as a courtyard pool and jacuzzi. See plantationinn.com

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