

# Aloha Friday



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# Adventures In Southeast Oahu



While Waikiki has enough to keep any client busy, those looking to get away from the hustle and bustle are recommended to spend some time in Southwest Oahu, home to the Kaiwai Coastline.

Highlighted spots here include the Hanauma Bay Nature Reserve. The reserve is set amidst a former volcanic crater, and the snorkelling here is described as 'first rate'. However, agents should note that this reserve is closed every Tue.

Heading east, the next must-stop is



## **Mandarin Oriental**

Next year will see the return of Mandarin Oriental to Oahu. The new tower is being built next to Ala Moana Center, and will feature 125 hotel rooms and 100 residential apartments as well as a rooftop restaurant and bar. See mandarinoriental.com

# **Waikiki Fitness**

The Aston Waikiki Sunset Fitness Centre re-opened earlier this year. Located on the 6th floor, the revitalised centre is open daily 0600-2200. Halona Blowhole, where an ancient lave tube spouts water up to 9m. The nearby Halona Beach Cove is also recommended, clients may recognise it as the location for the love scene in *From Here To Eternity*.

Makapuu Point Lighthouse Trail is also worth a stop. The 3km track is fully paved and offers views of the island and the ocean, while Makapuu Point itself boasts vistas of the Windward Coast, off shore islets, and even Molokai.

The final recommended stop for those spending a day out east is Waimanalo Beach, pictured above, which is famed for its perfect white sand.

#### **ATV Adventures**



Oahu's North Shore Eco-Tours has launched its biggest off-road adventure yet, Pua'a Kane-Wild Boar Off-Road Expedition. Clients will explore everything from rainforest valleys to scenic mountain ridges in rugged ex-military Pinzgauer ATVs. See northshoreecotours.com

### **Surf Film Fest**

The 12th annual Honolulu Surf Film Festival line-up has been revealed. Highlighted films include super swell movie *White Rhino* by Brent Storm as well as *And Two By The Sea* by Justin Purser which tells the story surfing twins CJ and Damien Hobgood and Surf *Like A Girl*, which tells the story of women surfers. The festival is on 06 Jul-04 Aug at the Honolulu Museum of Art, Doris Duke theatre. Regular screenings are from USD12, opening nights are USD30. See honolulumuseum.org

# **Credit At The Lodge**

The Lodge at Kukuiula, located on Kauai's south shore, is offering a USD1000 experiential credit to clients booking five-night stays in one of the property's three or four-bedroom homes, while those staying in a one- or two-bedroom home will receive a USD500 credit. The experiential credits may be used at The Lodge at Kukuiula's Hiilani Spa, Huakai Outfitters, the golf course and dining outlets. See

lodgeatkukuiula.com/offers



# **Haena Re-opens**

Kauai's Limahuli Gardens and the Kuhio Highway from Waipa to the end of Haena has re-opened, after floods in Apr 2018 forced its closure. Agents are advised that the opening comes with new rules, including a limit on numbers in Haena State Park. Clients must get a permit in order to enter the park, with a daily cap of 900. Also worth noting is that only 100 paid parking stalls are available, so the North Shore Shuttle Bus is recommended. Haena State Park is home to ancient taro fields and sea caves, as well as Ke'e Beach where clients can swim and fish. Napali Coast State Wilderness Park's many hiking trails are also located here. See dlnr.hawaii. gov/dsp/home/haena-napali-access





# **Summer School At The Surfrider**

Cocktail classes, beer tastings and ukulele lessons are just some of the highlights clients can experience at Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa's new Summer School. The free, eight-week course kicks off 01 Jul with classes on offer Mon-Thu from 1630 at the Waikiki property's Beach Bar. The schedule of classes includes Cocktails 101 with a resident mixologist, Ukelele lessons with Uncle Nate, Hula and Hawaiian Storytelling with a local dance instructor and beer tasting with local company Honolulu Beerworks. See westin.com to find out more.



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Return including taxes. Travel 01 to 30 Nov 19 and sales end today 28 Jun. Book O class. See GDS.

