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Hawaii For Families; What To Recommend

For clients looking for a family destination, it doesn't get much better than Hawaii, home to a culture where Ohana is deeply important.

From snorkelling to sandcastles and sunset luaus, there's plenty on offer for families on every one if the Hawaiian Islands.

For example, for water-based activities clients can head to Waikiki Beach on Oahu for surfing lessons, go whale watching in Maui, go snorkelling in the tide-protected tide pools of Poipu Beach in Kauai, or on the Island of Hawaii, families can





Cocktails For A Cause Hilton Hawaii is putting the spotlight on local agriculture and giving back to the island's environment with a limited series of cocktails available at properties on Oahu. On Earth Day (22 Apr) the hotel brand is launching Cocktails for a Cause, which sees one US dollar from every specialty cocktail sold directly benefit the mission of the Koʻolau Mountains Watershed Partnership until 27 May. Highlighted cocktails featuring in the offer include the Garden Isle Colada, Maui Mule, Ocean sunrise, Coral Reef-refresher and West Side Splash.



swim with dolphins and manta rays on the Kona Coast.

Beyond the beach, agents can also recommend a range of museums and natural attractions for families who want to learn more about Hawaii's culture and nature.

Options include learning the hula at Smith Family Garden Luau in Kauai or at the Polynesian Culture Center in Oahu. For culture and science, families can head to Oahu's Bishop Museum to watch planetarium shows and participate in lava demonstrations or Hawaii Island's Imiloa Astronomy Centre where they can learn more about how the stars were used by Hawaii's early navigators.

Looking towards nature, highlighted options include the family-friendly hikes at Iao Valley State Park in Maui and zip lining at Oahu's Kualoa Ranch, also known as the filming location for *Jurassic Park*.

A number of family-friendly festivals are also featured on the islands throughout the year, with a full calendar available <u>HERE</u>.

Hula Grill's Award

The Hula Grill Kaanapali has won a number of 2019 OpenTable Diner's Choice awards, taking out the Most Booked, Hot Spot and Hawaii Regional Cuisine categories. The Hula Grill celebrates Hawaiian culture, architecture and cuisine using local produce and traditional cooking methods. See hulagrillkaanapali.com

Catch A Game

Clients in Hawaii this Aug have the chance to watch the Los Angeles Rams take on the Dallas Cowboys at Aloha Stadium on the 17th. See therams.com/Hawaii for details.



Hike 'N Flow In Hilo

KapohoKine Adventures has a new Hike 'n Flow tour exploring Kilauea volcano's historic 2018 lava flow. The tour follows flow from a 12-metre-tall upland wall of lava that covered an area highway to coastline locations. Clients will see cracks and sink holes, seismic activity created in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and visit Puna district's MacKenzie State Recreation Area and Pohoiki coastline to witness how lava flows encircled both areas. The tour includes moderate hiking, lunch and dinner, and is priced from USD199. See kapohokine.com



Outrigger Refreshed

Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger's USD35million renovation is now complete, with the property now boasting 498 freshly redesigned guest rooms, renewed public spaces an all new lobby and more. Highlights from the renovation include a refreshed pool area with new furniture and an expanded infinity inspired hot tub, a new street presence and new in-room technology, including 55" flat screen TV's which clients can stream from their mobile devices.

Calling All Quilters

Agents with crafty clients are advised that the Tropical Inspirations Quilt Show will be held at the Kona Hawaiian Quilt Museum in Kailua-Kona, 20-21 Jul on the Island of Hawaii. See konahqm.org



Whale Watch Tours

Maui Kayak Adventures has recently added a new, four-hour whale-watch kayak and snorkeling experience. The tour sees clients view humpback whales, as well as other marine life such as sea turtles, tropical fish, manta rays and more. Maui's whale watching season is from Dec-May with Feb and March the peak. See mauikayakadventures.com/tours/whale-watching/

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