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## **Hawaiian Says** Aloha New Zealand



Hawaiian Airlines is returning to Aotearoa after a two-year hiatus, with its thrice-weekly services between Auckland and Honolulu set to re-start from 04 Jul.

Speaking on the news, HA's country director New Zealand Rusty Williss says the carrier can't wait to welcome Kiwi travellers back on board in Jul just in time for those clients looking to escape the New Zealand winter.

"Kiwi travellers also regain access to our extensive US domestic network of 16 gateways, including new

### Aloha Stadium Market



Kiwis looking to experience Hawaii like a local are recommended Aloha Stadium's Taste of Oahu night market, on the first Fri of every month. The popular market features food and live entertainment, as well as locally produced goods.

Tickets start from USD10 for adults and USD5 for children aged six-11. Find out more **HERE**.

destinations in Austin, Orlando, and Ontario, California, with the option to enjoy a stopover in the Hawaiian Islands in either direction," he adds.

#### . . . The Flights

The airline will continue to operate its AKL-HNL route with a 278-seat, A330 aircraft, configured with 18 business class lie-flat seats, 68 Extra Comfort seats and 192 Main Cabin (economy) seats.

Flight HA446 will depart AKL on a Tue, Thu and Sun at 2355, with a 1050 same-day arrival at HNL. HA445 will depart HNL on Mon, Wed and Sat at 1425, arriving at AKL at 2145 the next day.

The carrier's return to New Zealand completes its re-entry into the Oceania market, after HA resumed Sydney services in Dec.

#### . . . Hawaii Entry

Passengers arriving in Hawaii must comply with US federal travel requirements, this includes providing proof of C-19 vaccination and a negative antigen test result, taken no more than one day prior to travel, advises HA.

Hawaii-bound clients will also be required to take two rapid antigen tests upon arrival.

Agents can keep up to date with the state's entry requirements HERE, and find out more on HA's flights HERE.

#### **Waikiki Sports Bars**



A lot has changed on the Hawaiian hospitality scene since C- 19 hit, but roving Hawaii reporter, aka Hawaiian Airline's New Zealand manager Rusty Williss, has come up with an updated Waikiki sports bar 'top five'.

For those in the Beachwalk area Williss suggests Giovanni Pastrami and the The Yardhouse. Other recommended sports bars, all of which play the big rugby and or cricket matches, are Legends just off Kuhio Ave and Rivals on Kuhio Ave.

Clients looking for some stereotypical wings to go with their sports bar experience should head to the Skybox Taphouse, says Williss. "The wings are sensational," he adds. Williss is pictured at Skybox (International Market place level 3) with local Kelii.

#### **Set Sail In Maui**



Offering snorkelling, sunset and dinner sails exploring Maui, Molokai and Lanai is Trilogy Excursions. Famed as Maui's first sailboat company, the eco-conscious company offers expeditions with the environment in mind, for example, while snorkelling Molokini clients will learn not only about the endemic marine life, but how to minimise their impact on it. See more detailsHERE.

#### **Lavlow BBQ & Brews**



The Laylow Waikiki is home to a new eatery, Tex 808, which claims to serve up Hawaii's Best authentic Texas Style BBQ. It boasts a meat filled menu, with highlights such as slow & low smoked brisket, smoked buffalo chicken wings, pulled pork sliders and brisket tacos. An array of craft beer and cocktails are also on offer, with the house-infused pineapple margarita said to be a must-do. Tex 808 joins the property's other eateries, Seoul Tofu House and Paia Fish Market, as well as coffee bar Hideout Coffee. See details HERE.

#### **Manoa Falls Hike**



Nature And You is now offering a guided Manoa Falls Hiking Tour, for clients looking explore Oahu a little deeper.

Located not far from Waikiki, the trail is accessible and appropriate for all ages (four+), and has been described as the 'ultimate nature tour'. The trail takes clients to a 150-foot (45m) waterfall, offering an insight on Hawaii's endemic flowers, trees, and native birds along the way. Prices start from USD88 per person, including pick-up and drop-off in Waikiki, a guide, and lunch with a view atop Tantalus Lookout. See details HERE.



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