

Holidays & History On Hawaii Island

Clients looking for an insight into Hawaii's history are recommended **Hawaii Island**, home to preserved **indigenous sites**, royal estates and **multiple museums** covering everything from Hawaii's nature to its cowboys.

Topping the list is indigenous sites, with Hawaii Island home to two of the best historic parks in Hawaii, including Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, where clients will find a hale poki (sacred house) and carved wooden kii (statues).

The other is Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, which boasts kii pohaku (petroglyphs) and heiau (religious sites).

... Museums

For those who prefer to explore history inside, recommendations include Hilo's natural history museum Lyman



Museum, as well as the Island Heritage Gallery, where clients will gain a better understanding of how Hawaii has changed from original Polynesian settlement to now.

There's also the Earth Heritage Gallery, exploring what Hawaii was like, pre-human arrival.

For an insight into the history of Hawaiian royalty, send clients to Hulihee Place, a restored oceanfront estate in Kona that was once the holiday home of Hawaii's royalty. Guided tours are available.

Paniolo Heritage Center is another must do, covering the history of Hawaiian paniolo (cowboys) and Hawaii's ranching industry. The museum offers an array of images and artefacts, including original Hawaiian saddles.

Target's Waikiki Debut

Kiwis looking to make their holiday budget go a little further in Waikiki are in luck—the International Market Place will soon be home to a Target store.

The *Star Advertiser* reports that the Target (which sells everything from groceries and essentials to clothing and electronics) will be located where Saks Fifth Avenue currently is, with an opening date yet to be announced.

The addition of Target at the Market-place comes as retail analyst Stephany Sofos says international shoppers are looking for bargains at places such as Ross Dress for Less and Target.

Slack Guitar Festival

The 31st Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival is coming to the island group, with some of Hawaii's best slack guitar artists set to perform at events from Jun to Nov.

The festival, said a must-attend cultural event during the summer in Hawaii, will be in Maui on 26 Jun at the Maui Arts & Culture Center, and in Oahu at the Waikiki Aquarium on 13 Aug.

The festival will then head to Hawaii Island, at Keauhou Bay Resort on 18 Sep, followed by Kauai on 27 Nov at Kauai Beach Resort. For further details, see [HERE](#).

Suntory Re-Opens



Suntory, Oahu's famed Japanese restaurant, has reopened in Waikiki following a multi-million dollar makeover.

The redesigned restaurant offers multiple Japanese dining experiences, such as teppanyaki (cooking in front of diners on a flat iron grill), kaiseki (traditional multi-course meals emphasising seasonal ingredients), nabe (shabu shabu or sukiyaki style hot pot), and other types of washoku (Japanese cuisine favourites like tempura, grilled fish, soba/udon noodles, and more).

There's a new sushi counter, which is now an omakase-style experience, which means chefs will create sushi for guests right in front of them, with sake and wine pairings also available.

Suntory is located on the third level of Royal Hawaiian Center in Waikiki, see details [HERE](#).

Pint & Jigger Reopens



Pint & Jigger is re-opening at a new location in Ala Moana Hotel, with its Speakeasy, Harry's Hardware Emporium, to also debut.

The popular bar is famed in Hawaii as one of the first bars to curate both craft beer and craft cocktails 'on the highest level' under one roof.

It boasts an ever-rotating tap selection from local and international breweries, a festive beer garden, and one of the most extensive whiskey collections in the state as well as a menu with specialties such as the beer cheese and butter-basted oatmeal stout burgers. Meanwhile, the 1920's themed speakeasy Harry's Hardware Emporium offers clients the chance to enjoy cocktails or wine alongside 'sophisticated fare'.

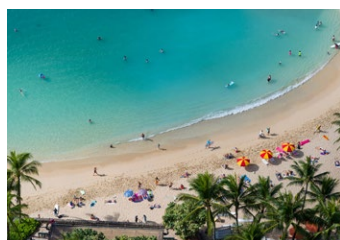
Both will be open from 1630 to late, see details [HERE](#).

Wahlburgers In Waikiki



Wahlburgers, the burger chain founded by actor Mark Wahlberg and his brothers Mark, Donnie and Paul, is coming to Waikiki this month. Located in the Ala Moana Centre, the family-friendly eatery will offer an array of burgers, salads and sandwiches as well as small bites and alcoholic beverages. Check out the full menu [HERE](#).

Update On Aqua Aston



Aqua-Aston Hospitality is encouraging agents with Hawaii bound clients to familiarise themselves with Aqua-Aston's properties via its Agent Resources Page.

The page offers detailed information on the brand's Hawaiian properties, which range from two- to five-star.

There is also a webinar that covers the exclusive five-star hotel Espacio—The Jewel of Waikiki, as well as Aqua-Aston's family favourites, and tools and tips for selling. heck it out [HERE](#).

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