

Aloha Friday

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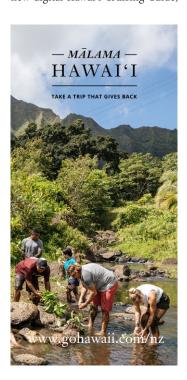
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NCL: Say Aloha To Hawaii Cruises



Hawai'i is one of Norwegian Cruise Line's most popular destinations amongst its Kiwi guests, for good reason.

"Our award-winning itinerary aboard Pride of America visits four islands, including two overnights and no sea days, making it the ultimate way to island-hop and the top choice for close-to-home cruising for Kiwis who can't wait to set sail again," says Damian Borg, NCL sales director Australia and New Zealand. "No-one does Hawai'i like NCL, and now that international travel is back on the agenda, Kiwi cruisers can also take advantage of incredible savings of up to 35% on cruise fares." NCL has launched a new digital Hawai'i Cruising Guide,



covering everything there is to know about its seven-day Inter-Island roundtrip itinerary on Pride of Amer-

The line's seven-day Inter-Island roundtrip itinerary departs Honolulu every Sat, 52 weeks a year.

It visits Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Island of Hawaii, with no sea days, and two overnight stays in Maui and Kaua'i. In addition there's more than 70 shore excursions on offer, with options such as a jungle falls bike adventure in Hilo and a journey to the Puna district, where clients will learn about the volcano goddess, Pele.

On board there's 14 dining options, an Oasis Pool and the Miami-inspired South Beach Pool as well a Mandara Spa, which boasts more than 50 treatments.

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NCL has up to 35%off for bookings to 31 Mar, as well as USD2900 in bonus value, including a free beverage package, shore excursion credit, a specialty dining package, a wifi package and access to NCL's 'third and fourth guest sail at a reduced rate'. View the brochure on-line HERE.

New At Bishop Museum

Honolulu's Bishop Museum has a new exhibition, Tatau: Marks of Polynesia, on show to 04 Jul. The showcase focuses on traditional Samoan tattooing (tatau), including photographs shot in a studio and on location in Samoa, exploring the work of traditional tatau masters as well as younger practitioners and artists. The museum is open daily and is admission from USD24.95, adults and from USD16.95 for children under 17 years. See HERE.

Duke's OceanFest Is Back



After a two-year C-19 imposed hiatus, Dukes OceanFest is back 20-28 Aug. The popular week-long Waikiki Beach festival will feature a host of water sports competitions including long-board surfing, surf polo, swimming, stand-up paddling and other skills. Named after the famed Hawaiian Olympian Duke Kahanamoku.

The Waikiki beach watersport showcase has been popular with Kiwi athlete's in the past (such as Tourism Hawaii's Darragh Walshe, and Megan Hornblow pictured at the 2019 event). See event details HERE.

Iolani Palace Concerts

After a nearly two-year hiatus, agents are advised that the Royal Hawaiian Band has returned to Iolani Palace for its popular lunchtime concerts. The concerts are free, open to the public and held on most Fri 1200-1300.Once known as the King's Band, the Royal Hawaiian Band was created by King Kamehameha III in 1836 and is the only full-time municipal band in the US. See a list of concert dates HERE.

Waikiki Plant Tour



Waikiki Aquarium has a new tour on offer, offering clients an insight into Hawaii's native flora and fauna. The Hawaiian Plant Guided Tour explores the Aquarium's native Hawaiian plant gardens, and is available on the first and third Thu of every month.

For those who would rather explore on their own, a complete plant guide book is available at Waikiki Aquarium's Volunteer Office, with a Hawaiian Plant Guide map found HERE. Further information on the guided tour can be found HERE.

Rusty's Coffee Tour



Hawaiian Airlines New Zealand manager Rusty Williss' tour of Hawaii continues, with him this week sharing the top spots for Kiwis seeking a caffeine hit!

First up is Holuakoa Coffee Shack, where Williss is pictured above. The shack is located in Holualoa Village on the Island of Hawaii, offering locally grown Kona coffee.

Also worth recommending to clients is Kai Coffee, which offers locally grown, hand-crafted Hawaiian coffee. Clients can find a cup at either of its Waikiki locations; Alohilani Resort and Hyatt Regency Waikiki.

Wrapping up the list is Kona Coffee Purveyors at the International Market Place, which offers 100% Kona coffee as well as James Beard award-winning croissants.

ALOHA Exploring



Clients looking to get out and about in Waikiki can do so via the Waikiki Trolley.

The trolley tours historic downtown Honolulu, having recently added a brand-new Heroes and Legends tour, in which clients will learn about the district's historical figures and their groundbreaking accomplishments. The trolley also offers transport between the Ala Moana Centre and Waikiki Shopping Plaza (pink line) and to Diamond Head via the Kalanianaole Highway (blue line). One-day all line unlimited passes start from USD45 per adult and USD25 per child, see details