

Where To Find The Best Big Isle Luaus

A Hawaiian Luau is a must-do for any holiday to the Aloha State, including on Hawaii Island

Mauna Lani, an Auberge Collection Resort, hosts a Hale Hoaloha Luau every Fri, celebrating the beauty and stories of the area, known as Kalahuipua'a.

Highlights include traditional Hawaiian foods such as lomi lomi salmon and huli huli style chicken, as well as a traditional imu ceremony in the morning, Hawaiian makahiki games for children, live music and hula during dinner, and after dark, a fireknife finale.

Prices start from USD220 for adults and USD100 for children aged four-12 years, plus tax. For details, or to make a reservation, contact Mauna Lani [HERE](#).

In Kona, the Island Breeze Luau is staged at the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel every Sun, Tue, Wed and Thu—and it is known as one of the best luaus on the island.

Located on the beachfront in Kamakahonu Bay, highlights include Hawaiian inspired cuisine, including a kalua pig, an open bar, hula lessons, storytelling, a Royal Court Procession, and Polynesian performances.

Prices start from USD169 per adult, with children aged four- to 12-years from USD84.50 excluding tax.

On the South Kohala Coast the Fairmont Orchid, hosts The Hawai'iloa Luau every Sat.

The luau's buffet dinner is prepared by an award-winning culinary team, as well as an internationally-renowned cast of performers sharing the stories of Hawai'i through live music and hula.

Other highlights include the chance to meet the performers before the



show and learn about the traditional games and cultural practices, and a hosted bar. Prices start from USD159 for adults and USD79.50 for children aged six- to 12-years, not including tax. See details [HERE](#).

Hawaii On Show

For more photos from this week's Hawaiian Airlines 'return to Auckland service see pg 13.

Outrigger Races



The Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Races, the world's largest long-distance outrigger canoe race, is returning to the Island of Hawaii after a two-year absence. The event, 01-05 Sep, is expected to attract 3000 paddlers and outrigger enthusiasts from across the globe to Kailua-Kona. There is a wide range of festivities also on offer including a Historic Kailua Village Cultural Walk, a tour of Hulihe'e Palace and a cultural fair. For details, see [HERE](#).

Oahu Golf Packages



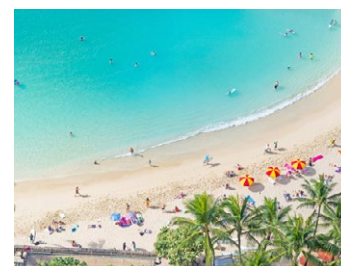
Waikiki's Sheraton Waikiki and Moana Surfrider: A Westin Resort & Spa have just launched new golf packages for clients looking to tee off during their beachfront stay.

Clients will play at Ko Olina Golf Course, an 18-hole course built in 1990 by renowned golf course architect Ted Robinson.

The Beach Stay and Play at Ko Olina Golf Club includes a four-night minimum stay in an ocean view room at either Waikikiproperty, as well as a USD175 special green fee at Ko Olina Golf Club and a 15% retail discount at the golf course, when booked using promotional code GOF.

The offer is available for stays to 18 Dec, see details [HERE](#).

Win A Hawaii Trip



A Hawaiian holiday is up for grabs for agents and brokers who tune into Expedia TAAP's upcoming agent webinar on 13 Jul, offered in conjunction with Hawaiian Airlines and Marriott International.

Attendees will hear from Marriott Hawaii's Deane Snively and HA's Lindsay O'Neil who will cover all agents need to know about what is one of New Zealand's top-selling destinations.

The webinar starts at 1030 and agents can register [HERE](#) to watch live, with those who are unable to attend still able to get in the draw by watching a recording within the next five days, which can be requested [HERE](#).

A Beachfront Room For The Whole Ohana



Hawaii's hotels used the C-19 operational pause to upgrade and the beachfront Sheraton Waikiki is no exception.

All of the property's 1636 rooms have been renovated and there's now a new room category, the Ohana Suite (pictured above). The two-bedroom oceanfront suite caters for up to six people, complete with room for the whole Ohana around the dining table. There's also a pull-out sofa and two lanais, perfect to take in the views over Waikiki Bay from sunrise to sunset.

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Hawaii Revisited

The Kiwi contingent has been hard at work rediscovering Hawaii this week.

1. Flight Centre New Zealand boss Dave Coombes gets into the Hawaiian spirit with Darragh Walshe from Hawaii Tourism.
2. Dustin Kalei, Executive Chauffeur Hawaii's host with the most, is pictured centre with Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe and Nick Dew from Hawaiian Airlines.
3. Hawaiian Airlines duo Andrew Stanbury and Rusty Williss take a break from the pre-flight festivities at Auckland Airport on Mon night.
4. Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe checks out the new-look Outrigger Reef hotel with Outrigger cultural advisor Luana Maitland and hotel gm Markus Krebs.
5. Cocktail tasting at the Sheraton Waikiki: It's a tough job for Hawaiian Airlines' Nick Dew, but someone has to do it.
6. Darragh Walshe from Hawaii Tourism is pictured with Janet Kuwata from the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum waving the red, white and blue on Ford Island, celebrating American Independence Day.
7. Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe plants a milo tree in memory of a friend under the watchful eye of Gunstock's Kenzie Highsmith.
8. Frequent New Zealand visitor John White from the Kaanapali Beach Hotel is pictured with Marriott director of sales and marketing Dale Carstensen at Waikiki's iconic Royal Hawaiian hotel.
9. Sheraton Waikiki general manager Jason Kim catches up with Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe.
10. Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe hams it up for the camera at Kualoa Ranch, home to countless movie props and filming location.



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