# AllAN Aloha Friday

# Enjoy Hawaii Island At A Slower Pace



Pre-pandemic Kiwi travel to Hawaii Island was showing strong increases and as travel to the rainbow state rebounds Hawaii's biggest island offers clients the chance to explore at a slower pace.

For those looking to unwind the island has many ocean tide pools and brackish ponds, which can be found south of Hilo. Among the top choices is Richardson's Ocean Park, a calm black sand beach with a picnic area and tide pools perfect for snorkelling. Direct those clients looking to experience the islands lush rainforests to the East side of the island, home to dense rainforests. Hawaii Tropical Bioreserve & Garden, a 20-acre

#### Hawaii Numbers Up

Hawaii visitor numbers are on the up, with the latest Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism statistics showing 842,927 visitors came to the Islands in Jun, an 89% recovery on Jun 2019 figures. While this percentage is lower than the previous two months, the visitor count itself was the second best since Ian 2020, says Hawaii Tourism.

Notable was that 841,809 of visitors came via air, and some 1118 by cruise ships, and that the average length of stay was 9.44 days, up from 8.80 days in Jun 2019.

valley which is home to more than 2000 species of flora and numerous walking trails, is highly recommended.

#### ... Swing & Spa

For those looking to really relax, send them to the spa, or Fairmont Orchid's Spa Without Walls. The spa offers massages in outdoor huts by a waterfall or oceanside, with signature massage, the Hiwa Hiwa highly recommended; it incorporates Big Island flower essences and a mamaki (native plant) volcanic mud wrap. Wrapping up the de-stress list is a round of golf, with Mauna Kea Beach Hotel home to some of Hawaii's most scenic golf courses.

The Mauna Kea and Hapuna both offer 18-holes with lava rocks and Pacific Ocean views. For more inspiration on Hawaii Island, see <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Aqua Aston In AKL**

Aloha Downunder is in Auckland on 29 Aug, and Aqua-Aston Hospitality is looking forward to meeting with Kiwi agents. The group owns numerous Hawaiian properties, including Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki, Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel, ESPACIO The Jewel of Waikiki, Maui Kaanapali Villas, Aston Islander on the Beach, Aston Kona by the Sea and more. Find out more <u>HERE</u>.

### lao Monument Closes



Maui's 'Iao Valley State Monument will close 01 Aug-15 Jan as it undergoes the final phase of a slope stabilisation project and parking lot improvements. The monument can normally be accessed via a 1km walk, with entry starting from USD5 per person, excluding parking. See details <u>HERE</u>.

#### Hana Koa Brewing



Hana Brewing Co in Honolulu caters to travellers with 'a thirst for adventure'. The independent craft brewery opened in 2019, offering craft beers and family style share plates. Among the brews on offer is American pale ale Rooftop Pale Ale, Pina Hopala which is an oated coconut IPA, and a hazy IPA Dude Where's My Dino. The brewery is part of The Shine a Light beer collab, which exists to support survivors and seek pro-active change to prevent any future aggression. See details HERE.

# GO Hawaii App

The Hawaii Tourism Authority reminds those Hawaii-bound to download its GoHawaii app.Available on Apple and Android, the app offers exclusive insights into activities, accommodations and events, as well as tips, interactive maps voluntourism offers and an itinerary builder.

# 0 Na Lani Sunset Stories

29 Jul 22



Waikiki's International Marketplace is hosting a new free cultural show O Na Lani Sunset Stories on a Mon, Wed and Fri evenings through to Feb. The show includes the ceremonial lighting of the International Market Place's Lamaku Torch Tower followed by Hawaiian and Polynesian song and dance.

The show starts from 1900 through to 31 Aug and from 1830 Sep-Feb. See more HERE.

## Volcanoes & Art



Clients looking to know more about Hawaii's environment and wildlife while in the Island of Hawaii are recommended a stop in at Volcano Art Center.

Located in restored native rainforest, known as the Niaulani Forest, the centre offers a Trail Enhancement & Forest Fair Program with four activities that educate visitors about Hawaii's unique natural heritage. Clients can pick from complimentary weekly guided nature walks, monthly forest work days where a dedicated team of community members meet regularly to eradicate highly invasive species, and Forest Fairs, with the next happening on 08 Oct. See more details <u>HERE</u>.



