

Hawaii The Real Star Of TV Show



The sights and experiences of Hawaii beyond Waikiki have hit the small screen, with the destination emerging as the real star of this week's cringe-worthy episodes of *The Bachelor*.

Despite the dubious nature of the much-debated show, New Zealanders watched the desperate, but not always dateless, Kiwi singles follow the footsteps of dinosaurs at the famed Kualoa Ranch on Oahu where a group took an ATV ride and jumped on the ranch's new zip line course (both commissionable tours) among the scenery that has itself served as the location for countless movies and television shows. (For more, see kualoa.com)

Things got heated at Hawaii Island's Volcanoes National Park, where the footage showcased the dramatic geothermal activity at the US National Park, which is celebrating its centenary this year. The park has a

programme of free Hawaiian cultural activities lined up in the coming months—and has also just introduced new lava tube tours (which are proving so popular that clients will need to pre-book in advance). (For more, see nps.gov/havo/index.htm)

Over on the garden isle, Kauai, the budding romance reached new heights—in the form of a scenic helicopter tour over the island's dramatic and diverse scenery.

A helicopter trip is a must-do for Kauai-bound travellers, and while there are a number of operators to choose from—urge clients to pre-book to avoid disappointment if the flights are fully-booked on arrival. See gohawaii.com/en/kauai/#undefined

Iconic Waikiki also played a starring role on the show, with the girls shopping, posing for pictures on Waikiki Beach and sampling cocktails at the local bars.

Travel Today understands that more Hawaii experiences may feature on next week's upcoming *The Bachelor* episodes, on TV3 Mon and Tue from 1930.

Waipouli Resort Fee

The Waipouli Resort and Spa in Hawaii has notified Outrigger that its daily resort fee will increase to USD20 for new bookings from 01 Apr and arrivals from 01 Jan 2017.

Alamo Mahalo Deal

Alamo is offering an industry 20% off Mahalo Month deal for Hawaii-bound agents. The offer is subject to availability and conditions apply. For details see mahalomonth.com

Best Value In Hawaii

Aqua-Aston Hospitality says six of its properties have been recognised for providing 'Best Value' by readers of *HAWAII Magazine* in its annual Readers' Choice Awards. They include Aqua Waikiki Pearl, Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel, Aston Waikiki Circle Hotel, Aqua Kauai Beach Resort, Kauai Shores, an Aqua Hotel and Maui Beach Hotel, a Lite Hotel.



King Kamehameha Day

Hawaii is proud of its history, including its royal family, and every 11 Jun is King Kamehameha Day, a celebration of the legendary monarch who united the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1810. This year marks the 100th Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade, honouring the king with a 'uniquely brilliant display of pageantry'. The parade begins in downtown Honolulu and proceeds to Kapiolani Park. All-day celebrations kick off at 1100, with a special concert at the Waikiki Shell 1800-2100.



Special Offer For Waikiki Beach Club

The Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa in Waikiki has released a Beach Club Special, offering access to its exclusive club lounge with any room category of the special booked.

The oceanfront Beach Club features wellness-inspired breakfast, superfoods snacks and beverages throughout the day, evening appetizers, and unlimited soft drinks, beer and wine. There's also lounge seating, flat-screen televisions, a concierge service and computer and Wi-Fi access. The packages include Beach Club access for two adults and two children aged up to 12 years, and valid for new bookings through to 31 Dec. No minimum length of stay applies

In addition, the Moana Surfrider provides a welcome amenity to all families with children age three to 12 staying at the property, it adds. The package can be booked through wholesalers.



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