

Culture, Culinary and Craft Beer



Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa

The Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa has two new culinary experiences designed to showcase the culturally vibrant island ingredients available in the island.

The interactive gourmet Culture & Culinary Series is the result of guest feedback, and focuses on Hawaiian culture, locally sourced ingredients and island beverages.

Presented by the resort's cultural advisor Jack Stone and executive sous chef Chris Lederer, the series includes an in-depth talk story session, an interactive cooking demonstration (with tastings) and custom craft beer samplings from

Maui Brewing Company.

The Distillers Series will be led by Mark Nigbur, master distiller of Halimaile Distilling Company. Nigbur will educate guests on the locally made Pau Maui Vodka, FID Street Gin and Paniolo Whiskey, while a local mixologist creates craft cocktails to sample. A complimentary pupu menu, designed with ingredients and flavours that accentuate the cocktail combinations, will also be served.

Culture & Culinary Series dates are: 13, 27 Jun; 11, 25 Jul; 08, 22 Aug. Maui Distiller Series will run 01, 15, 29 Jun; 13, 27 Jul and 10, 24 Aug. All events are complimentary and open to hotel guests aged 21 and over.

Martin & MacArthur

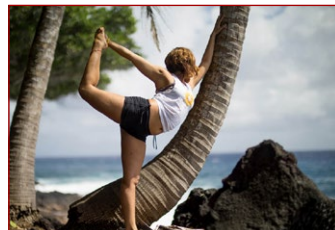
Hawaiian Koa wood furniture and gift company Martin & MacArthur is 'today' opening a new store at Waikiki's new-look International Market Place development on Kuhio Ave. There's free fudge for visitors on the first day—and the company has created 21 Koa wood rocking chairs that are now on display at the shopping centre.

Hike Kauai-style



One of the best ways to see the island is by hiking and Kauai Hiking Tours offers guided hikes ranging from easy to difficult and varying durations, depending on the clients' ability. The terrain around Kauai changes dramatically from coastal to jungle to ridge top and cloud forest and the experienced guides take hikers to favourite spots, while imparting local and historical knowledge. Personalised multi-day, overnight, hands on cultural tours and driving excursions are also available. Visit kauaihikingtours.com

Aloha All Yogis



The Hawaii Yoga Festival is being held for the fifth year on Hawaii Island (this year 10-15 Oct) at the Kalani retreat centre, advises Hawaii Tourism. The centre is located in the Kalapana-Kapoho rainforest, and this year's event will feature more than 60 sessions presented by practitioners from Hawaii and around the world—including yoga teacher, writer and body-positivity advocate Jessamyn Stanley. The festival includes Hawaiian cultural events, live music performances, permaculture tours and fresh-prepared meals. Clients buying tickets by 21 Jun can save \$100, using the booking code Solstice see hawaiiyogafestival.com

Nick's Alo-HA Tips

Hawaiian Airlines' Nick Dew has compiled a list of his insider tips for Hawaii Bound travellers.



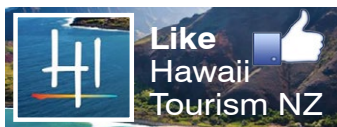
1 Urge clients to make the most of the happy hour deals on offer to sample the local cocktails. Alongside favourites such as the Mai Tai Hawaii's cocktail scene has come of age and there are on-site mixologists at a raft of bars across the islands. My new favourite is the bar at the Laylow Hotel which has just opened on Kuhio Ave. It's a boutique Autograph property and highly recommended.

2 There's plenty of dining options in Hawaii, at many high profile restaurants. There's also the recently-opened food court at Waikiki's International Market Place and the one at the Ala Moana Centre has been upgraded. But for delicious and well-priced sashimi and sushi at Hana No Sato restaurant in Koa Ave.

3 Urge clients to get out and explore. My favourite hike is the Kuliouou Rudge Trail hike which has amazing views over Oahu and takes 3.5 hours.

4 For clients looking to maximise the HA baggage allowance, direct them to the recently-opening Nordstrom Rack in the International Marketplace. It's awesome for bargains in the middle of Waikiki.

5 I like to make the most of my time in Hawaii, so I always check if I can check-out of the hotel via my in-room TV, and bypass the lobby queue.



HA Hawaii Fares

Hawaiian Airlines has released new short-life fares to Honolulu and Hawaii's neighbor Islands for sales to 08 Jun. Inclusive levels start from \$429 one-way, for bookings in Z class. See the GDS or consolidator for full details.

Aloha The Big Island!

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*Sales till 06 Jun, Book L class. See GDS for details.



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