

## Aloha Friday

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### Major Outrigger Waikiki Revamp



Outrigger has announced a USD100 million revitalisation of its Outrigger Reef on the Beach property in Waikiki, which will see an existing five-storey building demolished and replaced with open recreation space including swimming pools, lounging areas and open-air dining.

The renovation will open the property to views of the ocean, and a

#### Aloha Downunder Mon

Hawai'i Tourism has reported a huge turnout for its Aloha Downunder event in Auckland on Mon—and reminds those agents who have registered that the event starts 1700, Pullman Auckland. The Christchurch event is 0700 at Rydges Latimar. A record number of Hawaiian product representatives are attending this year's show.

new tower, set back from the shoreline, will add more than 200 rooms. Outrigger will also add 15,000ft<sup>2</sup> of meeting space. The hotel is in the early planning stages of the revamp and is still working with the city for the approvals needed. Construction is expected to begin in 2017, with completion slated for 2019.

#### **GO Hawaii Package**

GO Holidays has Hawaii deals flying Air New Zealand for sales to 12 May and travel on select dates 02 Aug-24 Sep and 01 Nov-13 Dec. Seven nights in Waikiki is from \$1499pp s/t with return Seat + Bag levels ex Auckland. Upgrades are available.



#### **Hula Celebrations For Lei Day**

Hawai'i Tourism and Hawaiian Airlines celebrated Lei Day at Auckland's Wynyard Quarter today—complete with Hawaiian dancer and hula hoop competitions. Consumers joined in the fun, along with radio station More FM, but a highlight was the 'graceful' hula-off between Hawai'i Tourism's Darragh Walshe (pictured on left) and HA's Russell Williss.

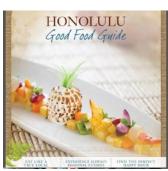
#### **Centre Revamp Update**

The five-year, USD100m experiential and facility improvement program currently taking place at The Polynesian Cultural Centre on Oahu's North Shore is expected to be complete by Feb 15 and celebrated with the grand opening of the expanded Hukilau Marketplace, now 119,000 ft² larger. The extra space means further retail, dining and entertainment options will be available.

The attraction is said to be increasingly popular with Kiwi travellers visiting Hawaii. Learn more at Mon's Aloha Downunder seminars, or at polynesia.com

#### **Kona Adventure Package**

Creative Holidays has a four-night stay at the Royal Kona Resort with adventure add-ons for sales to 30 Jun and travel 12 Oct-19 Dec. Priced from \$1115pp s/t in a standard room, the deal includes a Kohala Canopy Adventure Tour taking in the attraction's ziplines and elevated trekking, plus a Big Island Spectacular Helicopter Tour. Extra nights at the Royal Kona resort are from \$91pp. Creative has details.



#### **Hawaii Food Guide**

Hawaii Tourism has released a guide on dining in Honolulu, with information on everything from fine dining to where to find the best local favourites like manapua (steamed buns) and malasadas (fried doughballs). There's the top five sushi joints, sweet treats and happy hours, and a good smattering of tips from locals. The Honolulu Good Food Guide can be downloaded at gohawaii.com/au/statewide/foodguide



