

Duke's Oceanfest



The legacy of legendary surfer Duke Kahanamoku will be celebrated over nine days in Aug at the annual Duke's OceanFest, a popular event which last year saw a team of Kiwi lifesavers competing. The festival on Waikiki beach from 16 to 24 Aug includes competitions and events like surfing, stand-up

paddling, one-mile ocean swim, lifeguard competition, surfboard water polo, wounded warrior canoe regatta, paddle boarding, beach volleyball and beachfront luau. Most competitions take place near Queen's Surf in Waikiki.

Kahanamoku is known as the father of international surfing and won six Olympic medals, including three gold for swimming. See dukesoceanfest.com



Waikiki Go-Karting

A new Formula 1 go-kart racing track has opened at The Groove Hawaii just outside of Waikiki. There are also activities like driving clinics, outdoor climbing walls, Segway tours, indoor arcade, billiards lounge, private party rooms and full service restaurant. It's open daily 0900-2200 with free shuttle buses hourly from locations around Waikiki. See groovehawaii.com



Fresh From Nobu Lana'i

Cuisine on offer at Nobu Lana'i is now as fresh as it comes with the opening of a new half-acre garden at the Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay, says Hawaii Tourism. The vegetables and herbs from the garden makes up 65% of what's served at the restaurant, and it's all picked daily.

Sea House Offers

The Sea House Restaurant at Napili Kai Beach Resort on Maui has a number of special offers and menu items in celebration of its 50th anniversary throughout the year. The beachfront restaurant will have USD50 vouchers to give away each week, says Hawaii Tourism.

Royal Kona Updates



The Royal Kona Resort has made several improvements to its property in recent months, with brighter and more vibrant lobby entrance and public areas and a resurfaced oceanfront pool.

Don's Mai Tai Bar has changed the face of its tiki hut centre bar to give it a more modern look, and now offers 14 draft beers including local hand-crafted micro brews and international favourites, unique cocktails featuring Sammy's Beach Bar Rum, and over 10 types of Mai Tais. See royalkona.com

Made In Hawaii

For Hawaii-bound clients looking for authentic souvenirs, the 20th annual Made in Hawaii Festival is coming to Honolulu on Statehood Day Weekend 15-17 Aug. More than 400 local exhibitors will show off their wares, from food products to clothing and jewellery, arts and crafts amid a backdrop of local entertainment.

Entrance to the event costs USD4 for adults and it is open 1000-2100 Fri-Sat and 1000-1700 Sun at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall and Arena. See madeinhawaii festival.com

Wailea Family Suites

The Wailea Beach Villas in South Maui now offer five-bedroom, five-bathroom penthouse suites perfect for large families, reunions, weddings, girlfriend getaways and corporate retreats, says Visit Maui.

The suites can accommodate up to 14 people and include two living rooms and gourmet kitchens, while personal chefs and private adventure guides can also be arranged. See destinationresortshawaii.com



New Kaanapali Activities

Maui's Kaanapali Beach Hotel has added new Hawaiian activities to its free cultural programme for guests, including Hularobics, pareau and bracelet making. See kbhmaui.com

New Maui Event Space

Makena Beach & Golf Resort has opened a new event space with a tip to Makena's ranching history. The Makena Ranch is found on the slopes of Haleakala, and offers over 1400m² of space, views of Makena, an outdoor grill, traditional corral and a saloon bar area. See makenaresortmaui.com



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