

Dukes OceanFest Back Again



For clients heading to Honolulu this month, Waikiki's popular ocean sports festival, Dukes OceanFest, is back for another year, reminds Hawaii Tourism.

The event, 19-27 Aug, honours Olympic champion Duke Kahanamoku and will feature 30 athletic ocean and beach competitions and special events during its nine-day schedule, with



Summer Vibes In Oahu

Oahu's International Market Place Island Vibes concert series is underway till 02 Sep with free performances every Sat afternoon from local musicians on the Queen's Court stage, advises Hawaii Visitors Bureau. Visitors to the market can also enter a competition to win a two-night stay at the new Laylow, Autograph Collection, including breakfast. Open daily 1000 to 2200, the revamped market offers shopping with a mix of upscale and lifestyle brands, a range of dining outlets and entertainment. Visit shopinternationalmarketplace.com

most taking place at Queen's Surf on Waikiki Beach, said to be a favourite place of swimmer, surfer, paddler and steersman Kahanamoku.

"Duke's OceanFest is nine days of fun, family-friendly ocean events that owes its success to the strength and involvement of the community in perpetuating the waterman legacy," says co-chair of the event Chris Colgate. "Every year, residents, visitors, competitors and spectators come together from around the world to enjoy Waikiki Beach at its best, just as Duke Kahanamoku did for decades."

Along with competitions, clients are invited to attend community events, such as the screening of *Duke Kahanamoku: Hawaii's Soul* documentary, which will be held 24 Aug at the International Market Place where nightclub Duke's was previously located.

Competitions to watch include the likes of beach volleyball, water polo, longboard and stand up paddleboarding and surfing, to name a few. Kahanamoku is renowned as Hawaii's 'greatest athlete', having won six Olympic medals.

See dukesoceanfest.com

Waikiki For MICE

Group rates are available at Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach including discounted rates of 10 rooms or more, one free upgrade for the meeting planner, and complimentary board room rental for travel through to 22 Dec, if booked by 20 Aug.

Located opposite the International Market Place in Waikiki and a five minute walk from the beach, the property offers free wifi, suites with USB charging ports and productivity-enabled guest-rooms. An on-site activities concierge can assist with local dining options and entertainment for groups, advises the hotel, or they can arrange to dine-in at the TR Fire Grill.

HA Hawaii Fares

Hawaiian Airlines has released new tactical fares to Honolulu and all Hawaii islands, including Maui and Hawaii Island. The inclusive levels are from \$497 one-way, for bookings in L class, and sales to 08 Aug.



Lava Trekking

Trekking across the lava fields sent down by the Kilauea Volcano on the island of Hawaii is what clients on KapohoKine Adventures Lava Expedition Tour will encounter as they set off on a strenuous 10-13 km roundtrip hike to view skylights in the lava tube system and surface flows of the glowing lava as it heads towards the sea. Priced from USD129 (Hilo side) or USD209 (from Kona), the full day tour includes transportation, lunch and dinner.



Outrigger Big Hawaii 5-0

Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort has racked up 50 years, and is celebrating by offering guests two special-offer packages.

The Outrigger \$50 for 50 promotion gives guests a USD50 resort credit when they book five or more nights until 22 Aug for travel before 15 Dec.

Meanwhile, Outrigger Hawaii 5-0 Celebrations packages are open for parties of up to 50 guests, and start from USD2500 (based on a three-night stay).

The 5-0 offers include deluxe ocean view or oceanfront suite accommodation, transportation to and from the airport, a welcome gift and an in-suite sunset sparkling wine celebration with appetisers for 10 people.

Aloha Maui

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* Book Z class, sales till 08 Aug. See GDS for details.



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