

Hawaii Prepared For Climate Change

Hawaii governor Neil Abercrombie has slammed a damning report on the possible impact of climate change on Hawaii's tourism industry, saying the state is aware of the issue and working on ways to combat it.

The Honolulu Star Advertiser carried a front page article titled 'Isles Warned of Grim Future For Tourism' last week, which said the industry was being warned to prepare for changes including increased storms and the loss of beaches due to climate change.

While opening the Hawaii Tourism Conference, Abercrombie said the article was an 'utterly false represen-

tation of where we are in the hospitality industry today in Hawaii'.

"It tells us there's nothing we can do, that we are doomed, and it's not true," he said.

While acknowledging that global warming is a real threat, Abercrombie said the state is leading the US in terms of 'coming to grips with climate change' and has the people and institutional framework in place to deal with it.

Hapuna Aloha Festival

Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel on Hawaii Island will host a special Festival of Aloha on 21 Sep as the hotel celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. The family event, on 0930-1600 in the hotel's courtyard and ballroom, includes live entertainment, Hawaiian craft vendors, food stalls and more. Entry is free, see hapunaprincedhotel.com



Puna Culinary Festival

Clients will be able to experience the best of Hawaii Island produce at the eight-day Puna Culinary Festival, on 21-28 Sep. Visitors will be able to meet with local growers, enjoy meals by top chefs, cooking classes, sustainable farm tours, market visits, workshops and other events. The festival opens with a Hawaiian-style pork dinner on 21 Sep and is followed by Delicious, a 'whimsical food themed art show'. See punaculinaryfestival.com

New At Ohana Waikiki

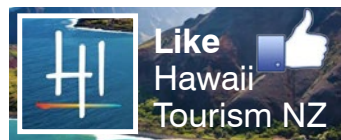
A new fitness room has opened at Ohana Waikiki Malia, says Outrigger. Located on the fifth floor and open 0630-2100, equipment includes treadmill, bike and weights.

Mauna Kea Tennis

The three-day Grand Prix Open and Class Championship tennis tournament is being held at the Mauna Kea Resort 19-21 Sep. The tournament is on at the resort's Seaside Tennis Club, recently voted among the top tennis resorts worldwide. Tournament accommodation rates start from USD175 plus tax at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel and USD249 plus tax at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. Entry to the tournament is from USD50 for one event or USD65 for two, there's no charge to watch. See maunakeabeachhotel.com/events

Modern Shopping Deal

The Modern Honolulu has a Paradise Shopping Package for travellers heading to Hawaii this Nov, with rates starting at USD239pn including hotel credit of up to USD75 per room, 10% off services at the spa and a special amenity bag from Ala Moana Shopping Center (limited to the first 100 guests). Guests will also be able to meet with the shopping concierge, who will map out the 'must-shop stops'.



World Travellers Top Sellers In Hawaii

A group of World Travellers agents have just returned from a five-day trip in Hawaii, won in a Hawaiian Airlines sales incentive.

There was fierce competition among the shops for a place on the trip, says World Travellers general manager Wendy van Lieshout.

The winning stores were able to take a partner, family member or friend on the trip. They stayed at the Modern Honolulu, including dining at signature restaurant Morimoto and a night out at the Modern's Addiction nightclub. Other highlights included a visit to Kualoa Ranch including a cruise to view the mountain formations of Kualoa from the sea, and a jungle tour exploring the ranch's more remote and untouched valleys. Some of the group were also lucky enough to experience Jack Johnson's concert at the Waikiki Shell.

Pictured at Kualoa is David Marriott, World Travellers; Andrew Parke, World Travellers Fuzion Travel; Victoria Keating, World Travellers Queenstown; Megan Parke; Wendy van Lieshout, World Travellers; Kylie Thompson, World Travellers Elliott Travel; Kylie Watson, World Travellers Elliott Travel; Sofya and Rod Vickers, World Travellers Titirangi; Jo and Craig Corbett, World Travellers Galaxy Travel; and Malcolm McKay, World Travellers Queenstown.

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