New Waikiki Dining Options, Events



Waikiki's International Market Place has plenty of new offerings for Hawaiii-bound clients this Oct, including restaurants, Halloween treats and shows.

First up is the new Baku Restaurant, which overlooks Kalakaua Avenue with a menu including ramen bowls,



Waikiki Beer Festival

Plans are now underway for the third annual Great Waikiki Beer Festival, to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort 21 Oct. The signature event will gather more than 100 beers from Oahu's ever-growing craft beer scene and beyond. To be held on the beachfront Great Lawn from sunset to starlight, the event will also feature gourmet bites, a selection of wines and sakes as well as music from local artists. General admission is USD75, with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the Wounded Warrior Ohana local non-profit. See greatwaikikibeerfestival.com

sushi and sashimi complimented by sake and wine.

And for families, the centre will turn into a trick-or-treat venue for Halloween 31 Oct, at participating merchants and restaurants from 1000-2000

Football fanatics can enjoy special deals at the Market Place every Sun during football season, including at Flour & Barley Brick Oven Pizza which will offer up food and drink specials. Clients can also visit The Street, a Michael Mina Social House from 0700 to noon on a Sat and Sun for Kegs and Eggs while cheering on college and NFL teams.

Also on offer is complimentary shows at Kalakaua Avenue, thanks to the new O Na Lani Sunset Stories offering that features shows about tradition and culture. It is on daily from 1830.

There is also a variety of Happy Hour deals at Yauatcha, Herringbone, The Street, A Michael Mina Social House, Flour & Barley Brick Oven Pizza, Stripsteak, Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi, Kona Grill and Goma Tei. See shopinternationalmarketplace. com/events for further details.

HA Sale Fares

Hawaiian Airlines has released sale fares ex Auckland to Honolulu and all neighbour islands, out now till 14 Oct. Fares, to be booked in K class, start from \$552 one-way for travel from 22 Mar. See the GDS for full details.

Black Rock Snorkel Tips

Black Rock, the natural lava rock outcropping fronting the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa was recently ranked Maui's No.1 snorkel spot in *MauiTime's* Best of Maui 2017 awards — and to encourage safe snorkel practices, the resort has introduced a new complimentary talk.

The Black Rock Snorkel Talk, with Maui Ocean Center marine naturalists, is offered daily from 1000-1030 at the aquarium's on-site Hawaiian Marine Life Hale, with clients able to learn about marine life identification, sea turtle biology and conservation, reef etiquette and safety tips. See sheraton-maui.com



Whale Season

Thousands of North Pacific humpback whales will be returning to Hawaii from Jan to May, advises the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau (HVCB).

Clients can view the whales from the shore, or get closer with a variety of whale watching cruises on offer from the different islands, with Maui being the top recommendation.

HVCB says the island group, known as Maui Nui, has the largest areas of shallow water in the islands, perfect for humpbacks nursing their young.



BBQ With A Side Of Glam

Because what's a barbecue without a little glam, Maui's The Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas has introduced a new private dining experience, Glam B-Q, advises the Maui Visitors & Convention Bureau. A blend of glamour and barbecuing, the experience is set in a hidden location just off of North Kaanapali Beach with ocean and sunset views, with the likes of steak, lobster tails and s'mores to be served up by a grill cook, while clients relax in a large tepee-style tent. The experience is available to resort guests and non-guests, 1730-2130. See westinkaanapali.com/private-dining for further details.



