

## Waikiki's Top Five Experiences



Readers of *Hawaii Magazine* have voted for Waikiki's top five experiences for holiday makers—and curiously in the top five is 'leave,' urging visitors to get out and explore the island group.

While there's much to see and do in Waikiki and on Oahu readers also recommended a neighbour island visit to complement a Waikiki stay, says the magazine. It's a sentiment echoed by Hawaii Tourism New Zealand, which has noted an increase in the number of Kiwis adding a neighbour island stay to their trip.

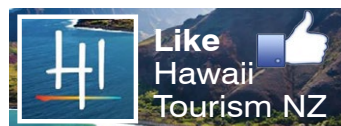
Back in Waikiki a visit to the iconic Dukes Waikiki (located beachfront at

the Outrigger Waikiki) is a must-visit, say readers of the poll. There's buffet breakfasts; chocolate hula pie; live entertainment—and signature mai tais in the Barefoot Bar.

Also in the Waikiki top five is 'people watching' and taking in the many colourful sights and sounds of the famed strip of beach—from the street performers to the surfers.

Not surprisingly 'lounging on the beach' also made the Waikiki top five experiences, but despite the generic recommendation, there's lots of different spots along and around Waikiki (Kahanamoku Beach, Gray's Beach, Queen's Beach and Kapiolani Beach Park). Different locations suit for those looking for different experiences—from turtle watching and surfing to the best spots with kids and for those looking to try their hand at surfing, paddleboarding or outrigger canoeing, to name a few). Urge clients to check with the hotel concierge for the best options to suit their needs.

The top ranking Waikiki experiences as voted by the readers was to 'just be' in Waikiki. "Waikiki's beaches, spas, warm ocean waters, restaurants and friendly locals offer a great setting to unwind, be present, relax, breathe and just soak it all in with aloha," says *Hawaii Magazine*. For more trip tips, see [hawaiimagazine.com](http://hawaiimagazine.com)



### HNL For Music Lovers

Agents with clients who are interested in getting out among the local musical talent when they travel might like to point them in the direction of the Doris Duke Theatre in Honolulu during the summer concert season. Successful local singer Joni Llamedo will celebrate the release of her first album with a homecoming concert on 25 Jul. Citing influences from Eric Clapton to Ella Fitzgerald, Llamedo has built a career in California.

### HA Passengers Up

Hawaiian Airlines carried 1.01 million passengers in Jul, up 5.2% on Jul 2014, according to its latest traffic statistics. Demand increased 3.8% on a capacity increase of 3.9%, leading load factors to fall 0.1 points to 84.5%. Year-to-date, passenger numbers are up 5.1% to 6.19m.

### Rooftop Concerts

A series of monthly rooftop concerts have launched at the Hawaii Convention Center on Oahu, offering free performances by local musicians as well as family activities. Guests are invited to bring their own blankets and chairs to enjoy the music, which is followed by the screening of a family movie. The next event is on 15 Aug, and kicks off at 1700 with the Sunset Mele Marketplace, featuring food and crafts. Visitors can't bring their own food in.

The music starts from 1715, and from 1905 *Big Hero 6* will begin screening. Entry to the event is free. The next Sunset Mele will be on 06 Sep, for details see [facebook.com/hawaii-convention-center](http://facebook.com/hawaii-convention-center)

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### Polynesian Show

The Sheraton Princess Kaiulani is bringing back a signature Polynesian show to its entertainment line-up. Te Moana Nui is set to debut in the Ainahau Showroom 28 Aug, with shows every Sun, Wed, and Fri. The show takes guests on a Polynesian journey where the history and culture of the Pacific come alive. Pre-show clients can dine al fresco at Pikake Terrace.

The dinner and show is USD105, adults and USD78.75, children aged 05-12 years. There is also the choice of a cocktail show, USD60pp, adults and USD45 for children. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



### Tokyo Street Style On Show In HNL

The Honolulu Museum of Art will host an exhibition dedicated to Tokyo's quirky Harajuku street style from 19 Nov-03 Apr. *Harajuku: Tokyo Street Fashion* explores the current trends and influence of the style, and includes complete outfits on mannequins, as well as photographs. See [honolulu-museum.org](http://honolulu-museum.org)

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