

## Surf's Up In Hawai'i



Pic: HTA, Kirk Lee Aeder

The 'winter' surf on O'ahu's North Shore beaches attracts surfers from around the globe looking to experience the legendary big waves firsthand.

Not for the faint hearted, the huge waves pound the shores Nov-Feb along the seven-mile plus stretch of breaks such as Waimea Bay (said to be the home of big wave surfing), 'Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline), Sunset and Hale'iwa beaches.

The headline act on the O'ahu big wave calendar, which attracts surfers and visitors from around the globe, is the annual Vans Triple Crown of Surfing competition which is held on various dates Nov-Dec (surf depending).



### New Waikiki Show

New Waikiki show Te Moana Nui aims to bring Polynesian tales to life through song, dance, costumes and storytelling.

As well as the show, there's interactive pre-show activities such as flower craft, kapa (like tapa), temporary Polynesian tattooing and storytelling, and the option to join a buffet feast with dishes like lomilomi salmon, mini pork laulau and furikake crusted mahimahi.

Clients can opt for a standard dinner show package, (USD115 plus tax adults); or a cocktail show package, from USD68 plus tax for adults. See [temoananui.com](http://temoananui.com)

Turtle Bay Resort is located along the North Shore Coast, and is an ideal base for Kiwi visitors. There's a popular surf break right out front of the resort, as well as an on-site surf school and board rentals—and clients may just spot some well-known surfers at the resort's Surfer bar (particularly over the Vans Triple Crown).

### ... Smaller Scale

For those looking to learn to surf, or not quite up to big wave surfing, during the northern summer months it's a totally different story along the North Shore beaches. Even breaks like Waimea are suitable for swimming (and life guards are on duty) during the summer months—and there's gentle but consistent small waves at Waikiki Beach year-round, perfect for beginners.

### ... Board Rules

For clients taking their boards with them to Hawai'i, Air New Zealand will carry surfboards at no extra charge, provided they fall within the passenger's baggage limits. If over those bag limits, then excess baggage charges will apply. Hawaiian Airlines too will carry a surfboard free of charge if the board is within its 2.92m limit, and the passenger's baggage limits.

### Waikiki Princess Open

The Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani hotel will remain open until Q1 2015, meaning more hotel beds will be available in Waikiki for 2014.

Property owners Kyo-Ya Hotels and Resorts were to close the hotel for upgrades, but have this week advised the property will remain open through until next year. The proposed USD500 million upgrade is said to be one of the highest investments made in a single Waikiki property.

### Aston Agent Deals

Aston Hotels and Resorts is offering special deals for travel agents 01 Apr-31 May as part of Mahalo Month. Aston's 24 Hawai'i properties have 'eduVacation' rates starting at USD79pn throughout the promotion, and reminds agents it offers year-round agent discounts of 30% off the best available rate.



### Shopping Package

Joie de Vivre's two new Honolulu hotels, Coconut Waikiki Hotel and Shoreline Hotel Waikiki, have released new Shop Til You Drop packages. Priced from USD169, the package includes 25% off best available rate at Coconut and 20% off at Shoreline, a USD50 gift card and Premier Passport for the Ala Moana Center, 10% off Macys, 10-25% off Hilo Hattie, and a free makeover at Sephora with a minimum purchase of USD50. Packages are available year-round (blackouts apply), see [jdvhotels.com](http://jdvhotels.com)

### HNL Fares

Air New Zealand has released new tactical one-way inclusive levels to Honolulu, priced from \$555 seat+bag for sales to 23 Mar and travel on selected dates Mar-Dec (closeout and conditions apply). For details see [airnzagent.co.nz](http://airnzagent.co.nz)

### New Consul General

New Zealand has announced it will open a Consulate General in Honolulu, whose tasks will include supporting Kiwis travelling to the northern Pacific as well as those in transit to the mainland US and other destinations.

The Consulate General will strengthen ties with northern Pacific nations, and will be cross-accredited to Palau, federated states of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

### Hawaiian Village

A Hawaiian Village will debut at Auckland's popular Pasifika event this weekend, advises Hawai'i Tourism Oceania.

Hawaiian performers down for the event include Hawaiian slack key guitarist Keola Beamer.

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