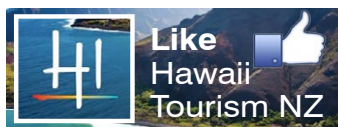


## Hawaii Island's Wide Appeal



From a festival dedicated to chocolate to Hawaii Island's first overnight road and trail running relay race, clients have plenty to plan their stay around at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, say the properties.

Events include the third annual Spring Doubles Tournament at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel (29 Apr-01 May), and the Seaside Tennis Club Grand



### Maui Hotel Closing

The Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui will close from 01 Jul, says the Hawaii Tourism Authority, which is promising to help its 385 employees find new jobs. The 310-room hotel (formerly the Maui Prince Hotel) sits on 1800 acres, and plans for the site include developing a Makena Golf and Beach Club, according to local reports. Hotel management are said to be working with neighbouring hotels to relocate bookings beyond 01 Jul.

Prix Championship (16-18 Sep). Hapuna Beach hosts the Big Island Chocolate Festival 13-14 May, which includes a cacao plantation tour, a college culinary competition, and several seminars. General admission tickets are USD75.

The Big Island Jazz & Blues Festival brings local and international musicians to Mauna Kea on 04 Jun; and the hotel will also be home to the 43rd Annual Mauna Kea Pro-Am (07-11 Dec). The Ragnar Relay Hawaii (14-15 Oct) overnight road and trail running relay makes its debut on Hawaii Island, with the 200-mile race beginning in Hilo and ending at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. See [ragnarrelay.com/race/hawaii](http://ragnarrelay.com/race/hawaii)

Both properties are offering special rates around some of the events. Check out [maunakeabeachhotel.com/events](http://maunakeabeachhotel.com/events) and [hapunabeachprincehotel.com/events](http://hapunabeachprincehotel.com/events)

### HA Wholesale HNL

Hawaiian Airlines has wholesale fares to Honolulu and Neighbour Islands for sale to 13 Apr. Economy and business class fares are available. Wholesalers have details.

## Beachfront Royal Buffet Breakfast Is Back

The famed Royal Breakfast Buffet is again available at Waikiki's Pink Palace—the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

The hotel's Surf Lanai, (formerly Surf Room) was known for its breakfast brunch buffet and the much-loved beachside buffet experience has just been re-introduced with a modern twist.

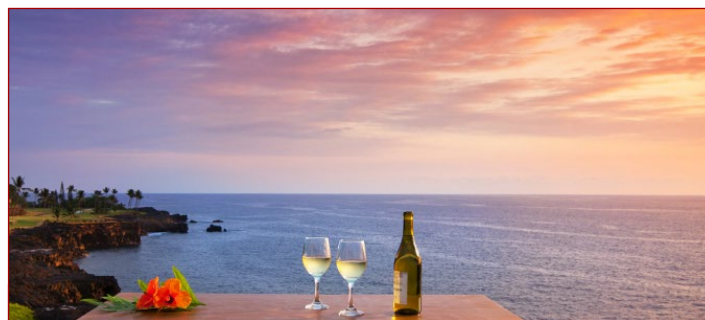
The highlight of the buffet, says Starwood is the 'Only at The Royal' signature breakfast items. Diners get the choice of one of the made to order meals which include the Pink Palace pancakes with guava raspberry shortcake; meat or crab omelettes; and for those after some local fare, a Royal Loco Moco featuring beef short ribs and eggs; Kalua Pork Style Hash or a classic eggs benedict.

Fresh Start offerings include pastries, exotic fruit salad, cereal, smoked salmon salad and mini bagels and



the like. Hot Selections range from pipikaula spinach breakfast sandwiches, a waffle bar, a three-potato hash brown and other traditional options.

The Royal buffet is USD38pp, adults, and USD18 for children six-12 years and 12 and available 06:30-1100. Urge clients to pre-book to avoid disappointment and a la carte breakfast are still available at the restaurant.



### Kona's New Kaiulu Club Lounge

Sheraton Kona has this week opened its Kaiulu Club Lounge—which is available to those booking club rooms and Platinum Starwood Preferred Guests. Hailed as offering new levels of luxury the lounge looks over Keauhou Bay and the village of Kaukulaelae, and offers an island-style breakfast as well as evening pupus (nibbles) and cocktails.

The indoor/outdoor lounge also offers guests high-speed internet access and use of a work station.

Guests who are not staying in a Club Room but would like to enjoy the lounge can opt in for a Club Upgrade which would provide access to the Kaiulu Club Lounge, adds Starwood.

The lounge is open 0630-900 for breakfast (including espresso coffee) and for appetizers 1500-1700.

Club access is for a maximum of two adults and two kids per club room, extra people are USD25 per day. Guest not staying in a club room who want lounge access will be charge USD50pp per day.

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