Aloha Friday

Oahu Luxury Beyond Waikiki

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Four Seasons has opened the new Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina—offering options for everyone from families and adventurers to honeymooners.

Set on the beachfront at Ko Olina on Ohau's leeward coast, Four Seasons says the 371-room and suite resort offers the island's most luxurious multi-faceted resort experience with sandy beaches and lush tropical gardens. All rooms have private lanai (balconies) and there's five resturaunts and bars on-site as well as a spa, fitness complex, tennis courts, a wedding chapel—and activities in the bay.

For couples there's an adults-only beach and pool as well as in-room massages, candlelit dinners on the private lanai, or even a bucket of popcorn and a bottle of champagne for snuggling up to an in-room movie. For those taking the kids there's a sheltered beach lagoon with all manner of water toys and games as well as a family pool. Children's menus are in the restaurants (and kids five and under eat free) and the Naupaka Spa



has a series of treatments created especially for younger guests ages 10 and up. There's also an on-site Kids for All Seasons club offering ukulele lessons, hula shows for kids aged five-12 years. There's also a Young Adult Centre which gives teens their own cyber café, private movie theatre and games.

Those staying at the hotel also get access to the Ko Olina Golf Club and the Ko Olina Marina.

... Opening Deal

To celebrate the opening of the property, Four Seasons is offering a fourth-night free deal (with rates from around USD709 per night) for travel by 15 Dec, subject to availability. Launch spa and golf packages are also available. Wholesalers have details.

Sky High In Kauai

Agents can offer clients looking at a Kauai visit on their next Hawaiian trip a little sky high holiday inspiration. *Matador Network*, said to be the largest independent travel publisher, created a video of the many outdoor activities visitors can experience while on the island. The video was filmed in part using a drone camera, and in some cases permits were granted for the first time to get the coverage. To see for yourself, **CLICK HERE**

Kiwis In Race Line-up

At least seven teams from New Zealand are set to compete in the Queen Lili'uokalani long distance canoe race being held off the Kona Coast in Sep, advises the Hawaii Tourism Authority. The now annual event was created by Louis and Mary Jane Kahanamoku (brother to Hawaii's legendary waterman Duke Kahanamoku) and is the world's largest long distance outrigger canoe race. The five days of festivities are due to start 01 Sep with outrigger canoe races in Kona. The signature 18mile long distance race is slated for 03 Sep, says the STO. kaiopua.org

Kona Coffee Fest

The annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (this year 04-13 Nov) celebrates the legacy and cultural traditions of Hawaii Island's Kona Coast coffee-growing region. The festival schedule has activities for all ages and interests, as well as tastings of Kona-grown coffee. For more, see konacoffeefest.com



Aulani Savings Disney's Aulani Resort in Ko Olina, which comes complete with its own lazy river, incredible kids' club, character dining and much more is offering Kiwi travellers savings of 30% for stays of five nights or longer, for travel 21 Aug-20 Nov and 25 Nov-19 Dec. The offer applies to sales to 25 Sep for most standard view, island view and poolside view rooms, studios and villas. Contact wholesalers for details.



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Serenity's Engaged

The first daughter of Hawaii, Hawaiian Airlines' Lindsey Morgan (aka Serenity) is now touting the family's ziplining adventure as a life-changing experience. Morgan was up in Hawaii sampling the seven crossing zipline adventure at the family's Kualoa ranch-when her Kiwi boyfriend Chris O'Neil proposed. Congrats and much aloha Serenity-and apparently you're all invited to the wedding. We heard special group fares will be released shortly from HA. Some people will do anything to stay in the country?

OceanFest Reminder

The annual Duke's OceanFest is on in Waikiki 20-28 Aug featuring ocean sports said to be close to Duke Kahanamoku's heart (surfing, paddleboarding, swimming, tandem beach volleyball, and stand-up paddling. The festival celebrates Kahanamoku's life as his spirit that still lives on in the Hawaiian people. Some events are open to the public. A lifeguard competition and beach volleyball games will be held in front of Outrigger Waikiki Beach. Clients can build a trip around the event with Outrigger's Duke's OceanFest VIP Package.

Turtle Bay From USD329

Turtle Bay Resort is offering its premier rooms, which have unobstructed views of the ocean, bays and surrounding surf breaks, from USD329 for bookings to 15 Jul and travel to 01 Sep.

ALOHA WAIKIKI! From \$1059 * Return (Kids 2-11 from \$839) * Book K class. Sales till 11 July. No credit card fees apply. See GDS for details.

