

Aloha Friday

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Record High Lava At Big Island Park



Visitors to the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii Island are being treated to a rare show at the Kilauea Volcano, where the lava levels are rising in the Halemaumau Crater.

Visitors can now see the lava from the crater overlook, and it has overflowed several times onto the floor of the crater. Due to the record high

Pearl Harbor Shuttle

Roberts Hawaii has launched a new shuttle service between Pearl Harbor and Waikiki. There are seven pick-up locations in Waikiki, and guests who take the shuttle receive a copy of the newspaper from 07 Dec 1941. A round trip is priced from USD15 for adults or USD10 for children (four-11), and one-way is USD10 adults, USD8 kids. See robertshawaii.com/transportation/pearl-harbor-shuttle

Free Arts Events

The Royal Hawaiian Center will host a series of Discover Helumoa events in May to promote excellence in performing and visual arts. They include traditional hula, slack key guitar, arts and crafts and other events, all free to the public. See royalhawaiiancenter.com

levels of the lava lake, the park is advising visitors to prepare for crowded conditions and heavy traffic during peak visitation times.

For the latest on the lava activity, head to nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/

Big Island Jazz Fest

The 4th Annual Big Island Jazz & Blues Festival takes place 05-07 Jun at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, a weekend of jazz with performances by award-winning artists. The festival also includes a special Sun Brunch at Manta & Pavilion Wine Bar, showcasing more jazz and blues all morning. Details, bigislandjazzandbluesfestival.com

Hyatt Renovation

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa is putting the finishing touches of a full USD100 million renovation of each of its 1230 guestrooms. Updates include pillow-top bedding, bidet-style toilets, furniture with clean, modern lines and technical considerations such as outlet pods and dimmer-equipped light fixtures. The renovations, which began in summer 2014, are slated to finish this month. Visit waikiki.hyatt.com for further information.

New Moana GM

The Moana Surfrider has appointed Lawrence Hanson as its new general manager. Hanson will oversee new property improvements and projects for the resort including the creation of a new lobby bar experience that will open as Vintage 1901 by this northern summer. He was most recently hotel manager at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Longer Hula Festival

An extra day has been added to this year's Prince Lot Hula Festival (18-19 Jul) to allow more dancers to attend, the Oahu Visitors Bureau has advised. The festival is on at the Moanalua Gardens in Honolulu and honours Prince Lot Kapuaiwa, who reprised the once-forbidden hula in the district. There is no charge to attend the festival, and the public is invited to come along and enjoy the dancing. Food and refreshments will be available to buy. See moanaluagardensfoundation.org



Aqua Hotel Agent Rates

Aqua Hospitality, which operates the Monogram Hotel Collection, Aqua Hotels and Resorts & Lite Hotels in Hawaii, has released 2015 travel agent rates. Stays at Lite Hotels are priced from USD79pn, Aqua hotels are from USD99pn and the Monogram Collection properties are from USD209pn. Use promo code TAFAM at aquahospitality.com

Wellness Twist

Outrigger Waikiki is offering a 'Wellness with a Twist' package for guests. Included is a healthy snack welcome basket, a chilled bottle of Champagne (for a 'good health' toast), nightly turndown service and a choice of a 50-minute private beach yoga session for one person or a 50-minute in-room massage for one person from Infinity Fitness and Spa.

If travelling with a partner, Infinity Spa offers a 10% discount off their normal pricing for the second person. The package starts at AUD299 per room per night, with a two-night minimum and is available through to 21 Dec. Visit outrigger. com/wellnesstwist for details.



Agent Rates For Aston Properties

Aston Hotels and Resorts is offering 2015 travel agent rates at 25% off best available rates for three nights, with 15% off for additional nights. Blackout dates apply and the offer is subject to availability. Use promo code TAFAM at astonhotels.com



