

Neighbour Island Airport Upgrades

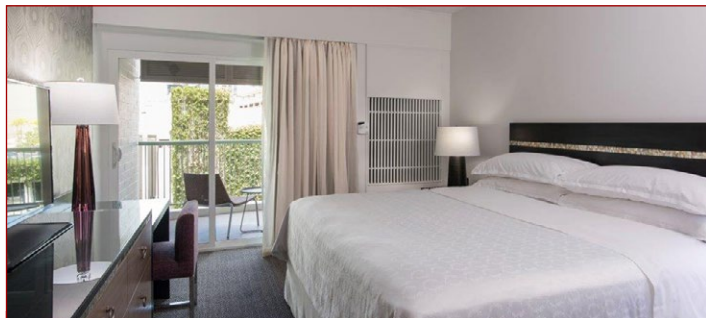
Inter-island travel in Hawaii is set to improve, thanks to a USD10 million cash injection from the Federal Aviation Administration to enhance airport operations and runway safety at two key neighbour island airports, Senator Mazie Hirono has announced.

Maui's Kahului Airport and Hilo International Airport on the Big Island are to receive the funding which will boost facilities at each of the airports. As part of the federally funded upgrade Kahului, Maui's main airport,

will receive a little over USD6 million to support the acquisition of privately-owned land surrounding the approach and departure airspace for Runway 2-20, among other initiatives.

Meanwhile, on Hawaii Island, Hilo will receive over USD4 million in funding for drainage improvements needed to eliminate airfield ponding for aircraft safety purposes. At the same time the second level of the airport is set to be enclosed—and air conditioning added.

“Federal funding for these runway improvement projects will help to strengthen runway safety at the Kahului and Hilo International airports,” says Hirono.



New Rooms For Waikiki

The Sheraton Princess Kaiulani in Waikiki has added 76 newly renovated rooms to its inventory, bringing the total number of rooms available to 1140. The new Kaiulani category room features a limited view with a 69sqft balcony, the Sheraton Signature bed, flat screen tv, mini-fridge, charging stations and upgrade bathrooms. All rooms are non-smoking and rollaways are not permitted. The property reports they are the most affordable in Waikiki for new rooms.

Ukulele Fest In Jul

More than 20 world-class musicians and acts will come together for this year's 47th Annual Ukulele Festival Hawaii 16 Jul. This year paying tribute to the late legendary local musician Eddie Kamae, the event will see a mix of both local talent from Hawaii and international entertainers perform. Also on offer will be free ukulele lessons, ukulele displays and giveaways, food booths, shopping stalls and more. The festival, to be held at Kapi'olani Park 1030-1700, is expected to attract 10,000 attendees. See ukulelefestivalhawaii.org

Happy Hour In Waikiki



A new menu mixed with a retro look and feel has been unveiled at Splash Bar, located at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani. Original 1960's Tiki statues from the Sheraton Waikiki's Tiki Bar add to the new look, giving the bar a feel of walking down memory lane. Daily Happy Hour runs 1100-1800 with a different tropical cocktail each day for USD8, draft beers at USD4 and reduced prices of wine by the glass. The menu features small plates including the PK Pupu Platter with samplings of Korean chicken wings, pork quesadillas and ahi poke; and a selection of homemade desserts.



Donations For Heli Tours

Paradise Helicopters is offering clients the chance to 'green their seat' as part of a new initiative with non-profit Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative. Clients are able to choose from a menu of nearly 20 tour options available for the sponsorship of koa legacy trees, which are planted for permanent reforestation.

With the sponsorship of seven trees, a client will receive the half-hour Diamond Head Scenic tour that departs out of Paradise's new Kalaeoloa Airport base operation near the Ko Olina Resort area on Oahu. Other options range from North Shore tours, to volcano and waterfall adventures on Hawaii Island, to a circle-island tour of Lanai.

See hawaiianlegacytours.com for further details.

New At Market Place

A range of new shops has opened at the new International Market Place development in Waikiki. This includes the likes of well-known brands Billabong, House of Samsonite and Pacific Harley Davidson. Also new is furniture maker Martin & MacArthur, luxury brand Vince, Japanese supermarket chain Mitsuwa Marketplace and eatery The STREET, A Michael Mina Social House. For details, see shopinternationalmarketplace.com

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