Handmade Hawaii: Where To Shop





Hawaii Tourism has put together a few pointers for clients keen to bring home a handmade treasure from their time in the islands.

While there's endless stores offering aloha shirts and hula dolls, there's also plenty of unique souvenirs clients can pick up, including artworks,

Mauna Kea Celebrations

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel is set to conclude its 50th anniversary with special events and promotions during Dec. From 02-06 Dec, clients have the chance to meet Marc Goldstein, a member of the hotel's original design team. Complimentary 'talk stories' and architectural-focused tours will highlight Goldstein's visit. Additionally, during 02-06 Dec, the hotel is offering an Aloha Tennis Days package, featuring four nights' accommodation, three days of tennis instructional clinics and match play at the Seaside Tennis Club. Rates start from USD1895 plus tax for d/o, including daily breakfast, welcome group reception and more. Finally, from 02-07 the 42nd Annual Mauna Kea Pro-Am golf competition will be held. Entry fees begin at USD3620 including taxes, accommodation for five nights, daily breakfast, practice and tournament rounds, special dinner events, and more. Airfare is also included for each team's golf professional, who will compete for a prize-purse of USD10,000 based on a full field of 25 teams. For full details see maunakeabeachhotel.com

jewellery, woodworks and food.

On Kauai, Hawaii Tourism recommends visiting the galleries in Hanapepe Town for paintings of the Napali Coast—the town is home to more art galleries than anywhere else in Kauai. Oahu's Chinatown is the place for local fashions and it's also the centre of Oahu's art scene.

Kaunakakai in Molokai is known for the Hawaiian flavour of its farmer's market, and the main strip Ala Malama Ave is great for browsing shops and boutiques.

On Lanai, head to Lanai City, home to shops like Dis n Dat for Hawaiian jewellery; the Local Gentry, a small boutique clothing shop; and the Lanai Art Center.

There's great cheese at Upcountry on Maui (just don't expect to bring any home); and on Hawaii Island, clients can head to Volcano Village, home to glass blowers, painters and ceramic artists.

Eerie Aircraft

An aircraft found in the swamps of New Guinea is on display in the Pacific Aviation Museum, on Fort Island, Hawaii.

The B-17E aircraft crashed during WWII and was recently acquired by the museum. The aircraft was dubbed Swamp Ghost by Australian media upon its re-discovery by the Royal Australian Airforce in 1972. It is now the subject of a B-17E Swamp Ghost Tour. See pacificaviationmuseum.org

Moana '60s Brunch

Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort and Spa is hosting a 1960s themed 'brunch' on 24 Oct, with four Tattinger wines paired with dishes created by chef David Lukela. Guests will be hosted to a reception at midday and seated at 1215 in the Grand Salon, which will be decked out in 1960s decorations. They'll dine on danishes and granola, eggs and bacon, steak and mango bread. The brunch is priced from USD55 for reservations made before 1700 on 23 Oct.

Sony Open PGA Tour

The 2016 Sony Open in Hawaii PGA Tour, Hawaii's largest charity golf event, will attract 144 of the world's greatest golf professionals to Oahu next 11-17 Jan. See sonyopeninhawaii.com

Coffee Tour Hawaii

Honolulu coffee is preparing to open a centre where visitors can learn what it takes to get coffee from farm to cup. The Honolulu Coffee Experience Centre will feature a full café, gifts and pastry kitchen. See honolulucoffee.com

Ala Moana Delivery

The Ala Moana Center has launched a new same-day delivery service, with customers able to have their shopping delivered to their hotel for USD5. Shoppers need to bring their purchases to Guest Services, or buy the service at participating retailers.





Christmas Festivities At Outrigger Resorts

Clients can ring in the holiday season with Outrigger Resorts as hosts cheer 'Mele Kalikimaka' for all to hear. On 12 Dec, Santa will arrive by canoe at Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort for a special meet and greet, where he will be welcomed with a hula and song performance before getting to know guests, and posing for photos. The signature event is free and open to both hotel guests and the public.

Additionally, families can enjoy a breakfast with Mr Claus at Kani Ka Pila Grille at Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort on 15 and 16 Dec, from 0800-1000. Along with great food, there will be balloon twisting, face and body art painting, and of course, the chance to take a photo with Santa. It is USD30 for adults, USD15 for children 05-11 and free for children under two years. Reservations are required.



