

## Turtle's Beach Cottages Refurbished



Turtle Bay's beach cottages have been redesigned and bring a new 'gold standard for tropic luxury', says the property.

The cottages have been redesigned by Group 70 International, with all 42 cottages receiving overhauled bathrooms, new furnishings and new wood flooring. The multi-level retreats offer dramatic 15-foot high vaulted ceilings, polished walnut floors and a Kallista deep-soak tub, says Turtle Bay. They're clustered around the shore of the bay in a private parkland setting,



and guests staying in the cottages benefit from dedicated Cottage Hosts, surprise gifts each day, and access to in-cottage Nalu Kinetic Spa treatments. The cottages are now part of the high-end Collection at Turtle Bay product.

The refresh follows the completion of renovations on each of the 410 oceanview rooms in the Turtle Bay hotel tower last year.



### Halekulani Wine Events

Halekulani will host three wine seminars on 12 Sep as part of the Hawaii Wine and Food Festival. From 0930-1030 there's a champagne panel and tasting; from 1100-1200, a 'once-in-a-lifetime' tasting of 10 vintages of Opus One; and 1'230-1330 is the Master Sommeliers event, where 'we let our hair down and throw away the spit cup'. Seats are limited, see [hawaiiifoodandwinefestival.com/tickets](http://hawaiiifoodandwinefestival.com/tickets)

### Maui Brewing In Oahu

Maui Brewing Co will open its first Oahu location at the Holiday Inn Resort Waikiki Beachcomber next northern autumn. The restaurant will replace Jimmy Buffett's, which will remain open until spring 2016, when it will close for a multimillion dollar renovation. Maui Brewing Co offers handcrafted ales and lagers, and has partnered with restaurateurs Chris Thibaut and Bill Terry who will use local agriculture and products as much as possible.

### Kona International?

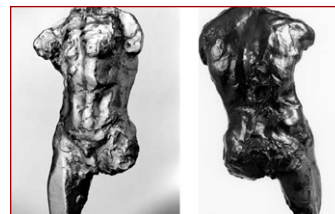
Kona International Airport may soon be open to international flights again, with a Homeland Security funding bill including wording that would allow US Customs and Border Protection to possibly staff the airport.

International arrivals were processed at the airport in the past, but it hasn't been used for international flights in five years because of security concerns, the *Associated Press* reports.

### Aqua-Aston Vs OTAs

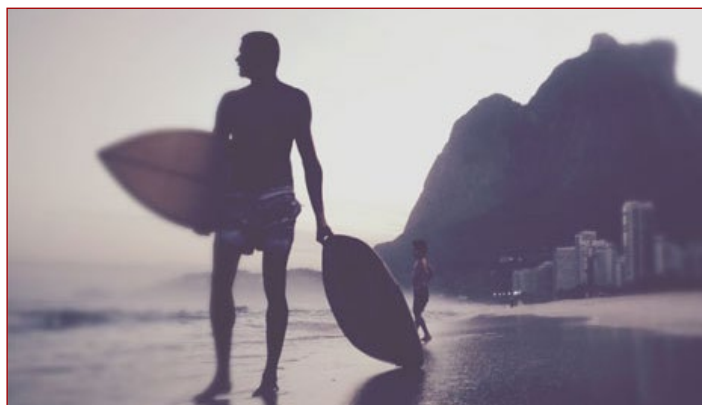
Wholesalers have welcomed a move by Aqua-Aston Hospitality to prevent online travel agents (OTAs) from undercutting their net rates. The company says rate parity continues to be a challenge, as third party affiliate OTAs are pulling net rates from wholesale partners and marketing them worldwide, leading to a loss of revenue.

It's introduced new practises which it hopes will eliminate such price-cutting tactics, with penalties including fines and stop-sells.



### Rodin In Honolulu

The works of Auguste Rodin, including his famous sculpture *The Thinker*, will be on display at the Honolulu Museum 23 Jul 2015-10 Jan 2016. Auguste Rodin: *The Human Experience*, Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collections features 33 works also including the iconic *Meditation* (with arms), *Mask of the Man* with the *Broken Nose* and *Torso of the Walking Man*. The museum has designed programmes around the exhibit including a lecture on 23 Jul, touch tours for the visually impaired, sketching, and a monthly Rodin-and-yoga session where participants discuss the works and then take part in a 45-minute yoga session reflecting the artworks and discussions. On 28 Aug the AR-TafterDARK party will focus on the exhibition. See [honoluluuseum.org](http://honoluluuseum.org)



### Hawaii Surf Film Festival Launches Sat

The best in surf cinema, both past and present, will be on show at the Honolulu Surf Film Festival at the Honolulu Museum 11 Jul-01 Aug. Films include *Beyond the Surface*, about India's first female surfer; *Into the Sea*, the story of three women who introduced surfing to Iran; and 1970s classic *Pacific Vibrations*, often referred to as 'Woodstock on a wave'. Tickets are from USD10, see [honoluluuseum.org](http://honoluluuseum.org)

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