

# Aloha Friday

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# Say Aloha To Bargains At Waikele



The Waikele Outlet Malls (15 miles from downtown Honolulu) continues to attract swathes of Kiwi travellers—and the trip out to the centre is worth the journey.

Shuttles from Waikiki are priced from around USD15 return, it's an easy self-drive or taxis are also available.

While not as large as its mainland cousins, Waikele is home to a host of well-known brands from Calvin



#### **Kona Brewhouse Gig**

Seven-piece band Ozomatli will return to Kona Brewing's Brewhouse Oasis on 25 Oct. The band's music is described as a merging of genres including funk, reggae, rap, cumbia, merengue, salsa and hip-hop. The show also includes Hawaiian slack key guitarist LT Smooth, a free photo booth and Halloween costume competition with a USD1000 cash prize. The Brewhouse Oasis is at the Kona Brewing Company's Brewery Block. Tickets start at USD39, see konabrewingco.com

Klein and Coach to Ralph Lauren, Vans, Armani Exchange and many more.

Kate Spade is the newest addition to the line-up—regularly offering 40% off, and even bigger discounts at sale times.

There's also more shops opening across the road from the outlet mall, with the likes of Gap Outlet and Old Navy now trading—it's an easy walk or accessible by a free 'trolley'.

The locals say the best sales are on at the weekends—however it's also when the shops are at their busiest. Traffic can get heavy at peak times getting to/from the centre which is usually open Mon-Sat, 0900-2100 and Sun, 1000-1800.

Upgrades are currently underway at the outlet centre, but all the stores are open.

#### ... Coupon Book

Clients who pre-register as a VIP on the Waikele site before they leave can pick-up a VIP discount coupon booklet at the centre, or they can present their AA card. Alternatively the coupon book is available for USD5 and offers a host of savings at a number of stores. For more details, see premiumoutlets.com

### 2014 Hawaii Bowl

Clients keen to catch a game of American football while in Hawaii can watch a team from the Mountain West playing a team from Conference USA at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl in Dec. Now in its 13th year, the game is on 24 Dec at the Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. See sheratonhawaiibowl.com

### **Hawaiian Tops US OTP**

Hawaiian Airlines flights in Aug arrived on schedule 94% of the time, topping the list of best on-time airlines in the US, says the carrier. The Department of Transportation figures for Aug show that Delta Air Lines followed in second place with 84.8% OTP, and Virgin America (84.3%), Alaska Airlines (83.8%) and Frontier Airlines (77.5%) rounded out the top five on-time carriers.

## **Lanai Seasons Closed**

Four Seasons Resort Lanai, the Lodge at Koele will reportedly be closed for most of next year.

The 102-room property is being used to house staff who are working on the renovation of the Four Seasons Resort Lanai at Manele Bay. The resort closure is expected to begin from 05 Jan.

#### **GO Hawaii Deals**

GO Holidays has Hawaii deals in conjunction with Hawaiian Airlines Halloween fares, including free flights to the Neighbour Islands, on sale to 31 Oct for select travel dates 16 Jan-25 Mar and 17 Apr-30 Jun. Four-night Waikiki packages are from \$1399pp t/s, add-on a two-night Neighbour Island deal from \$99pp s/t.



### **Aulani Fourth Night Free Deal**

Aulani, a Disney Resort and Spa has a fourth night free deal at the increasingly popular Ko Olina resort (located on Oahu). The offer is available for sales through to 23 Feb and for travel 04 Jan-23 Mar 2015 (some blackouts apply).

The deal includes breakfast at the resort's Ulu Café, and there's also a 30% off discount for stays of five nights or longer. The offers do not include suites and three-bedroom grand villas, and there's a limit of two rooms per reservation. Contact wholesalers or see disneyaulani.com





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