

Disney's Aulani Top US Family Hotel



Aulani, A Disney Resort and Spa on O'ahu has been voted as the top US hotel for families in the latest *Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards for 2014*.

The sprawling Ko Olina resort offers all the extras you'd expect of a Disney property alongside a strong focus on the traditional Hawaiian culture.

For clients with a decent budget the resort can be highly recommended and it's a fantastic option for families looking to reconnect with their children.

In fact my children had so much fun at the resort we decided to cancel our planned day trips and just have fun exploring all the activities and amenities on-site.

Aunty's Beach House is a kids club second to none (and my three ac-

tually begged to go each day) with free activities from making 'goo' with Disney character Stitch to learning all about eruptions and science experiments with Eruption Disruption. Then there's a lazy river, multiple pools, water slides, a man-made snorkelling reef (with fish feeding opportunities) as well as the sheltered lagoon.

The breakfast Disney character experience is a must do (but pre-book clients) and resort occupancy is very high (especially over the northern summer peak) so urge clients to pre-book.

See more on Aulani for families in the upcoming *Travel Today* feature, or see resorts.disney.go.com/aulani-hawaii-resort/



Iconic Halekulani Hotel Celebrates 30 Years

The Halekulani resort in Waikiki is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year with a new website, private wine label, spa deals and a Legacy Package. Spa-Halekulani has 30-minute custom massages available until the end of Aug at 30% off, starting at USD95. The Legacy Package, priced from USD3580 for a minimum four-night stay and available until 22 Dec, includes daily breakfast, one lunch for two, dinner for two, sunset cocktails on one night, round-trip sedan airport transfer, special welcome amenities and free entry to Oahu art and cultural venues. See halekulani.com

Mauna Key Specials

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel have a 'Loves the Bay and LA' promotion to celebrate Hawaiian Airlines' new direct flights from Kona to Oakland and Los Angeles. Rates start at USD455pn plus tax at Hapuna and USD550pn plus tax at Mauna Key, for a four-night minimum stay, including fourth night free, USD300 resort credit, daily breakfast for two, kids eat and golf free, and 10,000 bonus HawaiianMiles when completing a five-night stay.

The deal is available through to 30 Sep. See princeresortshawaii.com/la

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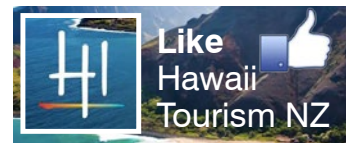
Jimmy Buffet's at Beachcomber and Holiday Inn Waikiki Beachcomber have mutually agreed to terminate the lease on the restaurant space from 31 Aug, says Outrigger.

The hotel 'intends to continue the tradition of having a high-quality restaurant at this venue' and is now exploring various options. In the meantime, clients can head to Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, just across the road.



Jazz Dinner Cruise

The Five Star Sunset Dining and Jazz Cruise, based in Honolulu, has released a new seven-course summer menu featuring locally grown produce and delicacies. The cruise, which departs nightly from Pier 8 at Aloha Tower Marketplace, includes a pier-side Welcome Hula, Captain's Welcome Reception, and a jazz trio performing as the ship cruises along the Waikiki coastline. Highlights of the menu include Maine lobster, beef tenderloin and candied macadamia nut crumble. It's priced from USD189pp. See starofhonolulu.com



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