

A Guide To Exploring Hawaii's West Side

As each of the Hawaiian Island offers a different experience, so too do the regions on each isle and agents are encouraged to get clients exploring each island more, starting off with the west side.

Kauai's west is home to Waimea Canyon State Park. Also known as the 'Grand Canyon of the Pacific' the 9100m canyon offers breath-taking views, and can be further explored at outdoor enthusiast 'mecca' Kokee State Park.

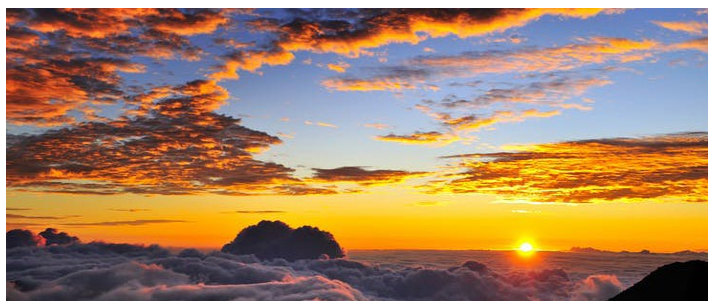
Over on Oahu's west side the Waianae Coast is said to feature some of the island's most beautiful sunsets and best underwater activities. Home to the largest population of Native Hawaiians, Waianae offers traditional Hawaiian values and practices as well as a number of ecologically-conscious water adventures in which clients can spot turtles, whales and dolphins.

Lahaina, on west Maui, is famed for



having some of the best whale watching in the world. Whale watching tours are available from Lahaina Harbor Jan-early Apr. Clients who would rather stay on land can head to Outlets of Maui for a spot of designer shopping at discounted prices.

In keeping with the wildlife theme, Hawaii Island's western Kona Coast is the best place in Hawaii for spotting manta rays. Clients who want to get closer to the rays, which can reach up to 6m long, can opt for a night boat tour in which they can swim with these gentle giants.

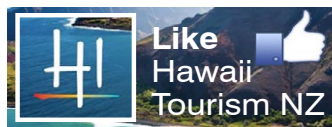


Roberts Launch New Shore Excursions

Roberts Hawaii tour company has introduced two new shore excursions for cruise ship guests interested in experiencing Maui's Haleakala volcano. Designed in partnership with Haleakala Ecotours and Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America cruise ship, the Haleakala Classic Sunrise Tour and Haleakala Summit Tour offer educational visits to Haleakala National Park and other rural areas and share knowledge of each location's agricultural heritage. The excursions are led by certified guides, who focus on Hawaiian cultural values and preservation, and share knowledge of Maui's geology, ecology, history and culture. See rhshorex.com

Waikiki Airport Shuttle

Way2Go has launched a new shuttle service between Honolulu Airport, Waikole Premium Outlets and Waikiki hotels. This service is perfect for clients who arrive early in the morning, and need to full in time before being able to check into their hotel. The service departs at 0830, 0930 and 1030 from Daniel K Inouye International Airport, and clients are free to shop until either 1200 or 1400 when the shuttle arrives to take clients back to their preferred Waikiki hotel. Baggage will be taken to the hotel separately, making shopping even easier. Prices start from USD40 for adults and USD30 for children under 12. See way2gohawaii.com for more.



Volcano Closures

National Park Services is reminding Hawaii-Island-bound clients that some areas of Volcanoes National Park are still closed. This includes The Pu'u Pua'I Overlook, Jagger Museum, Crater Rim Drive Kilauea Military Camp to Jagger Museum, Crater Rim Trail beyond Kilauea Military Camp, Iliahi Trail, Crater Rim Trail from Volcano House to Kilauea Iki, Kilauea Iki Trail and Nahuku - Thurston Lava Tube. See nps.gov/havo/closed_areas.htm to stay updated.

Kauai's North Shore

Clients wanting to discover Kauai's North Shore are recommended to stay at Wyndham Bali Hai Villas. Located in the Princeville resort area outside Hanalei, the property is located close to of Kauai's many restaurants, beaches, galleries, boutiques and picturesque golf courses. One and two bedroom suites are available, see vacationhawaii.com/wyndham-bali-hai-villas



Dial A David In HNL

For Honolulu-bound clients looking for transfer and/or driver options, David Lee (pictured) has become the trade's unofficial driver of choice.

Lee can be highly recommended to clients. He's great with children and with a seven-seater vehicle, he's ideal for friends and family groups.

Standard rates are USD45 between HNL Airport and Waikiki; or an Oahu day tour for USD275. Day tours can be tailored to suit client's interests—and Lee will even wait in the car while clients rush in and out of shops (a highly productive option for those short on time).

As an added bonus, Lee can 'speak Kiwi' on account of all the New Zealanders he carries. However, urge clients to book early as he is often booked in advance for the arriving Hawaiian Airlines flights from AKL, due to his popularity with New Zealand travellers. For bookings, e-mail dymlee18@gmail.com

Hawaii Planner

The Hawaii Tourism Authority has launched its new 2019/20 Island of Hawaii Vacation Planner, something it describes as the 'ultimate one-stop planning guide'. The planner is full of must-know details, insider tips and rich local insights on adventures by land, air or sea, enriching cultural experiences and essential dining and shopping. See the official vacation planner [HERE](#).

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