

New At Doris Duke's Shangri La



For clients who think they've done it all on Oahu, The Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art has opened the Mughal Suite at Shangri La to the public for the first time in the property's history.

The bedroom-and-bathroom suite is Shangri La's cornerstone, and a set of rooms that Doris Duke commissioned while on her 1935 honeymoon with James Cromwell.

The newly-renovated suite reflects the rooms' earliest completed ap-

pearance in 1939 as documented by historical photographs. There's also an exhibit in the Mughal Suite that will showcase Duke's rarely viewed collections of sumptuous gold, diamond, ruby and emerald Indian jewellery, jewel-encrusted jade vessels, ivory figurines and enameled-gold decorative objects. For details, see shangrilahawaii.org

... Doris Duke Exhibit

The Honolulu Museum of Art will next year open a new exhibition titled Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, showcasing artworks from the famous home of the HNL philanthropist and art collector.

On 12 Feb-07 Jun, the show will also feature new works by eight contemporary artists of Islamic background. The exhibition has been travelling around the country for the last two years before finishing in HNL, and is described as a must-see even for those who have visited Duke's Shangri La property at Diamond Head. There are lectures and performances as part of the exhibition, and a major flower show. See honolulumuseum.org

Kaua'i Kitsch Christmas

Clients looking for a kitsch Christmas kick in Kaua'i can head to the annual Festival of Lights, a long-standing tradition which celebrates Christmas folk art including a Christmas tree made from 7500 green toothpicks and wreaths created with egg cartons. There's also Kaua'i themed trees such as SPAM, Hula Bear and Kilauea Lighthouse, and Aloha Recycled Treasures made from plastic water bottles. It's on at the Historic County Building in Lihue until 27 Dec from 1800-2000 Fri-Sun, see kauaifestivaloflights.com

HA Christmas Sale

Hawaiian Airlines is holding a Christmas sale, with flights to Honolulu starting at \$1135 for sales to 24 Dec and departures 21 Jan-27 Mar. Interisland and mainland USA fares are also available.

HA Most On Time In Oct

Hawaiian Airlines says it was once again the most on-time of the 16 largest US carriers in Oct, with HA flights arriving on schedule 89.7% of the time. The airline has earned the title of most on-time US carrier for 10 consecutive years. HA has also released its traffic statistics for Nov, which show it carried 6.7% more passengers than in Nov 2013, to a total of 817,563. Year-to-date, passenger numbers are up 2.2% to 9.32 million. Load factors for Nov were at 80.3%, an increase of 1.1 points.



Holidays At Aulani

Disney's Aulani Resort is hosting Christmas activities from now until the end of Dec. They include holiday entertainment on the Halawai Lawn, with seasonal touches to the Starlit Hui and holiday films screening at the Ohana Disney Movie Nights every Tue and Fri. Children aged three-12 can enjoy holiday-themed craft activities in Aunty's Beach House, and older kids can stop by the Pau Hana Room for seasonal crafts. On Christmas Day, there's a special savoury buffet feast and live entertainment, or a special three-course prix fixe menu. Disney characters in holiday dress will also be hanging around Waikolohe Valley or the Halawai Lawn each day.



Honolulu Festival A Three-Day Celebration

The 21st annual Honolulu Festival will celebrate cultures from across the Pacific next 06-08 Mar. The three-day celebration of art, music, dance, and crafts features sights and sounds including aboriginal dance performances, cultural demonstrations and a vibrant parade through Waikiki. See honolulufestival.com

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