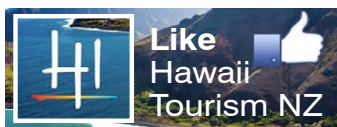


Go Beyond The Expected In Oahu



Hawaii Tourism is encouraging Hawaii bound clients to go beyond the expected and experience the culture and history of Oahu, highlighting some of its favourite 'secret spots'.

First up is Lijestarn House, located on the slopes of Mount Tantalus. The historic house was designed by Russian-born architect Vladimir Ossipoff and is now open for tours, as well as conferences, readings, meetings and other special events. Next, clients can take a short drive up scenic Pali Highway from Honolulu into beautiful Nuuanu Valley to Queen Emma Summer Palace. Also known as Hanaikamalama, clients can take tours of the house which



New Shuttle Stops

The Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) shuttle is operating a special route throughout Waikiki this (US) fall, with stops at The Modern Honolulu on Ala Moana Boulevard, The Trump International Hotel Waikiki on Saratoga Road and the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel on Paoakalani Avenue. The free shuttle service will run until 27 Nov on Tue and Sat.

features Queen Emma's belongings, furnishings, artefacts, portraits, and memorabilia.

Meanwhile, cultural historian Joe Recca offers two Waikiki Historic Trail Tours for the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association, in which clients can learn about what Hawaii was like some 200 years ago.

Clients can also 'travel back in time' and discover Oahu's rich railroading history any weekend with Hawaiian Railway Society, the island's only historic railroad. The 90-minute, round trip historic railroad journey travels along 10km of restored track between Ewa and Kahe Point.

For those looking for more of an adrenalin rush there is Hawaii Jeep and Specialty Tours five hour adventure of the Leeward Coast. The tour begins at Disney Aulani Resort, and includes highlights such as taro ponds, secluded coves, Yokohama Beach, Makua Cave, Makaha Beach and Pokai Beach (pictured).

And finally, for foodies, there is the Hawaiian Style and Hawaiian Food Experience with Lanai Tabura. Organised by Aloha Plate Food Tours, the experience sees clients sample beloved local foods such as poke, spam musubi and manapua as well as local desserts such as shave ice, coco puffs and malasadas.

DL's New Service

Delta Air Lines has commenced its new non-stop service between Seattle, Washington and Kauai's Lihue Airport. The daily flight is operated by a Boeing 757 aircraft.

Volunteer In Hawaii

For clients looking for a holiday that will see them giving back to the destination, recommend Oahu's AccesSurf. The non-profit enables people with disabilities to enjoy the ocean with a variety of programmes and activities, including its Day at the Beach monthly flagship programme. Held on the first Sat of every month at White Plains Beach Park the event features activities such as assisted swimming, floating, and surfing. Volunteers are needed for a range of land and water activities, such as the aforementioned ones, as well setting up, food, transfers and more. New volunteers must attend an orientation at 0800 and the programme runs from 0900 to 1300.

Hula Performances

The National Tropical Botanical Garden now offers a free hula performance at the South Shore Visitor Center every Thu from 1400-1445.

Flavours At Hyatt

As the Hawaii Food & Wine Festival creeps closer, Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa has released some of the details of its Symphony of Flavours event - a six course sit down dinner. Highlights include the Hyatt Maui chef Greg Grohowski's dish ekolu i'a, which features ahi, salmon, flounder, caviar and spicy tobiko paired with sparkling 2009 Henri Billiot Brut, as well as Willow Inn chef Blain Wetzel's Makaweli beef cheeks with grilled onion and thyme, paired with a 2012 Favia-Erickson Wine Growers Rompecabezas GSM. The event will be held 21 Oct from 1800, with tickets from USD250. See hawaiiifoodandwinefestival.com



Kerbside Check-in

Kerbside check-in at Honolulu Airport is a God send for families, or passengers who have really taken advantage of Hawaiian Airlines' 64kg baggage limit.

The HA Skycap check-in is located outside lobby two of HA's HNL departure hall. Skycap agents will collect passports and check clients in, and then take their checked luggage from the kerb and process it, leaving clients free to proceed straight to the TSA security check line.

Clients can ask their Uber/taxi driver to drop them off at the Skycap Check-in and the Skycap agents work on tips, so for a family, travellers usually pay USD20-25. Skycap agent Brian (pictured) has a soft spot for Kiwis and generally works Mon-Fri. If clients have any issues, 'tell them to ask for me', he adds.

Night At The Museum

Bishop Museum has partnered with the United Japanese Society of Hawaii to bring its annual Tsukimi No Kai (full moon viewing) event to the museum's historic campus on 25 Oct, 1730-2100. The event will feature a Tamagushi offering, blessing and a traditional tea ceremony as well as koto, shakuhachi and taiko drumming performances and more.

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