

Agents Urged To Upskill On Hawaii



Hawaii Tourism Oceania has partnered up with Hawaiian Airlines to offer agents two Auckland-based, classroom-style destination training workshops next month.

Each of the Hawaiian islands has a different feel and offers Kiwi travellers a different type of travel experience, from the dramatic vol-

canic activity on the island of Hawaii to the lush rainforests of Kauai, the so-called garden isle.

The workshops are designed to up-skill agents on selling points of the different islands and will feature representatives from the visitor bureaux of Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii island.

The training sessions will be held at the Kingston Room, Rydges Auckland Hotel, offering in-depth training from each of the four island visitor bureaux as well as either a light meal in the evening or a buffet breakfast in the morning.

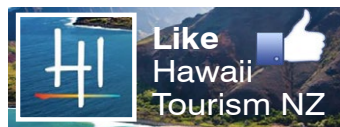
The evening workshop is on 1730-2000 07 May, and the morning workshop is 0700-0930 on 08 May.

Those who are interested can register [HERE](#).



Hands On History

Kona Historical Society is offering clients a glimpse into farm life from the past with its Hands on History programmes at Kona Coffee Living History Farm, advises Hawaii Tourism. Activities, such as Japanese calligraphy, tofu making and coffee roasting are taught by staff members, including a 94 year old coffee roaster. Hands on History is available Mon, Wed and Fri 1100-1300, see konahistorical.org



May Day Lei Making

To honour May Day the International Market Place is offering free lei making with Meleana Estes, master Lei maker on 01 May. The Lei making will be on level 1, Queen's Court from 1100-1500.



New Aloha Hour

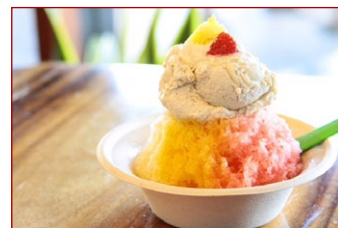
Uncle Bo's Pupu Bar & Grill Haleiwa on Hawaii's North Shore has introduced a new Aloha Hour 1500-1700, offering discounted draft beer and selected wines. Other highlights from the bar include its red/white wine sangrias and watermelon mojitos. Uncle Bo's can be highly recommended and there's another location near Waikiki. See unclebosrestaurant.com

Lava Views

Nui Pohaku Adventure Tours has completed a two-story overlook in Kilauea Volcano's East Rift Zone, advises Hawaii Island Visitors & Convention Bureau. The platform provides views over Kilauea's active lava flow. See nuipohaka.com

Meet At Hula Hulas

Hula Hulas entertainment restaurant is Hilo's newest meeting space, offering private and semi-private dining spaces accommodating 12-70. Featuring 270° panoramic ocean views, the Hawaii Island restaurant offers farm-to-table cuisine options such as custom buffets, specialty menus, plated dinners, cocktail mixers and more. See hulahlulashilo.com



Sweet Treats At HOPA

Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha (HOPA) is now serving its famous shave ice and ice cream at Lanai @ Ala Moana Center, including its popular Classic Rainbow (pictured). The menu features all-natural homemade ice cream, with flavours such as Tahitian Vanilla and Matcha Azuki Bean.



Kapalua Wine & Food In Jun

Mau's Kapalua Wine and Food Festival is set to be held 07-10 Jun this year, located on the shore of Kapalua Resort. Said to be the longest running food and wine event in the US, this year's line-up features wine seminars and tastings, cooking demonstrations, celebrity chefs, a pool side party, seafood festival and more. See kapaluwineandfoodfestival.com

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