

Ala Moana Center's Expansion Opens



The Ala Moana Center opened its new Ewa Wing Expansion today—a milestone that also marked the completion of a center-wide makeover.

The 60,000m² expansion brings 31 new stores including Bloomingdale's, Ted Baker London, Lorna Jane, Samsonite, Desigual, Magnolia Bakery and Nitrogenie ice cream (pictured).

There's new stores yet to open, such



as Zara (opening Dec) and Aesop (early 2016), while other stores like Nordstrom, Coach, Diesel and the Lego Store will eventually relocate to the new wing too.

For a complete list of the new stores, head to alamoanacenter.com/events/ewa-wing-expansion-opening/



Matcha At The Veranda

The Veranda at Halekulani has introduced its new afternoon tea menu complete with a selection of Matcha specialties. Perfect for clients who like to keep on top of their health whilst on holiday, Matcha is green tea that has been processed and is high in antioxidants. Served from 1500-1730 daily, there are a number of Matcha offerings available. Champagne afternoon tea is from USD49.

Bishop Open Seven Days

Honolulu's Bishop Museum will now open every Tue, meaning the museum is open seven days a week. The attraction has also started charging USD5 for parking. It's home to Pacific artefacts and natural history specimens, and welcomes more than 350,000 visitors a year.

Diamond Beach Cleared

A stretch of beach at the base of Diamond Head, in the area known as Cromwells, has reappeared from beneath a jungle of naupaka and beach heliotrope, says Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Property owners with homes on the shoreline were asked to cut back vegetation that encroached onto the public beach, and as a result the beach as a whole is much improved, says the DLNR.

HNL Car Rentals

An interim car rental facility has opened at Honolulu International Airport. The new facility, located on the eastern half of the Overseas Parking Structure, will consolidate the five existing car rental companies on the airport premises into one location.

It will also house a new car wash, fuelling stations, customer service building and hassle-free pick-up/return areas. The building is a short walk from the Overseas Terminal and Baggage Claim area, and buses will be provided.

The new permanent Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC), a major component of the Hawaii Airports Modernisation Program, is scheduled to open late 2020.

New At Prince

Prince Resorts Hawaii has appointed Patricia Guterres as regional director group sales. Guterres has 17 years hospitality experience, most recently as director of group sales at the Modern Honolulu.



Manta Ray Rules

Manta ray viewing at Makako Bay in front of Sheraton Keauhou Bay, on the Big Island's Kona Coast, will be subject to regulations following an increase in popularity at the viewing sites.

Tours are conducted in two specific areas where mantas tend to congregate at night to feed on plankton. In recent years commercial manta ray night snorkelling and diving at the two sites has expanded considerably and the activity is in need of regulation in order to preserve the resource and prevent the dangers posed by overcrowding, says the Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources.

It's working with the tour operators, Sheraton Keauhou Bay and other stakeholders to draft regulations.



Ukuleles On Show At Outrigger Waikiki

Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort will host a Ukulele Exhibition 21-22 Nov, where visitors will be able to view ukuleles from across the world. Ukulele builders will provide seminars on building techniques, and there will be live music throughout the day. The event is free, open to the public and takes place in the resort's lobby.

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