

An HA Family Tradition



Hawaiian Airlines made history last month by operating the first US wide-body commercial flight fully staffed by eight flight attendants all from the same family.

The eight flight attendants operated the specially named #OhanaFlight, and are all related to Ida Teita who joined HA over 30 years ago.



Hawaiian Culture

The Hawaii Tourism Authority is awarding USD3.5 million to support 124 Hawaiian culture, natural resources and community programmes in 2018, honouring its commitment to fostering sustainable tourism in Hawaii. The funding will go to 124 programmes, with USD1,240,000 awarded for Hawaiian culture, USD1,150,000 awarded to protect natural resources and USD1,153,300 for community enrichment programmes.

Also on the 30 Sep flight were pilots Woody Child and John DeRego. DeRego is the son of a former Hawaiian pilot and air hostess, and often flies with his son Nathan who is a first officer. All guests aboard the record breaking flight were surprised with a lei, 500 Hawaii Miles, Primo popcorn, complimentary entertainment, and amenity and keiki kits.

... HA's Kiwi Ohana

HA is also extending the aloha to the carrier's extended Kiwi ohana (family) and inspiring future generations of aviators.

Travel Today's Miss Lucca (who has inherited her grandad's love of aviation) was thrilled to meet HA pilot Lucretia Longo in Hawaii last week. The pair is pictured in the cockpit of an HA A330 at Honolulu's Daniel K Inouye Airport, after a 'girls make great pilots too' debrief.

Accommodations Tax

The Hawaii Tourism Authority advises agents that effective 01 Jan, the Transient Accommodations Tax applied to accommodations in Hawaii will be increased by 1%, to 10.25%. This increase will help pay for Honolulu's rapid transit system that is currently under construction.

Kauai Foodie Tours

Kauai's largest chocolate farm and vanilla plantation, Steelgrass Farm, continues to grow, having welcomed even more chocolate trees to its estate, advises Hawaii Tourism. The farm offers certified Kauai-made products, including chocolate bars, cacao nibs, honey and hand-pollinated vanilla beans; and by popular demand, the farm's Branch to Bar estate tour is now being offered four times weekly from 0900-1200. Clients on the tour will have the chance to sample 10 different chocolates from around the world, taste fresh tropical fruit, ripe chocolate fruit from the farm and more. See steelgrass.org for more.

Shuttle Stop Waikiki

Bishop Museum has added a shuttle stop at Duke Statue to its daily schedule around Waikiki. The shuttle will pick up at 1005 and 1150 and drop off at 1520 and 1635. A round trip starts at USD29.95 for adults and USD21.95 for children.

New Kauai Luau

One of Kauai's newest luau is complete with an ocean view, staged under the stars and beneath the palm trees of the Koloa Landing Resort's garden lawn, advises Hawaii Tourism. The luau features music and hula, while well-known Hawaii chef Sam Choy has created a 'feast of delicacies' for the menu and the grand finale offers up a Samoan fire knife dance. The luau is on offer on a Tue, year-round. See koloalandingresort.com/kauai-activities

New Exhibition Hawaii

A collaborative exhibition between the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum and the Polynesian Voyaging Society will be on display at the Bishop Museum 04 Nov to 24 Jun. The *Holo Moana; Generations of Voyaging* exhibitions will immerse clients in the art, science and culture of traditional voyaging. Immersive technology will bring voyaging to life with a simulator that will provide them with Hawaiian names, a touch screen map that will reveal the worldwide voyage of Hokule'a as well as a mini planetarium. A number of cultural objects given to the Hokule'a crew during their journey will also be on display. See bishopmuseum.org



Kona Coffee On Show

Kona coffee will take centre stage once again at the 47th annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, set for 03-12 Nov, reminds Hawaii Tourism. To be held throughout Kailua-Kona town on the island of Hawaii, the 10-day festival's activities will include Kona coffee farm tours offering a first-hand look at how the area's world-famous bean is grown and harvested. Other Kona coffee and food events at the festival will feature ample tasting opportunities, and hands-on cultural events will share stories of Kona's rich coffee history. See konacoffeeest.com for more.

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