

## Modern Twist At New Int'l Marketplace



The eclectic Waikiki shopping bazaar that was the International Marketplace for over 55 years is no longer—but the developers behind the revamp of the area are incorporating elements of the Waikiki landmark into the new design.

The three-level shopping, dining and entertainment precinct, now owned by Taubman, will feature retail shops, anchored by Hawaii's first Saks Fifth Avenue store.

In a nod to the location's past, the

giant Indian banyan tree is being incorporated into the development that will feature outdoor dining, water features and indigenous landscaping. Groundbreaking on the revitalized International Marketplace is due to start in the next couple of months and the centre is due to open in 2016. For details, see [shopinternationalmarketplace.com](http://shopinternationalmarketplace.com)



### Maui Music Line-up

An increasing number of Hawaii-bound travellers are including a little traditional Hawaiian music into their stay. For curious clients, a large number of hotels now offer free ukulele lessons as a part of their activities on offer. For those looking to immerse themselves in the sounds of Maui there are three, free, Hawaiian music events this year. The Maui Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival is on in Kaanapali 11-13 Apr; the Ki Hoalu Guitar Festival, Maui Style is being staged at Kahului 22 Jun; and the Maui Ukulele Festival is on 12 Oct. For more detail, see [visitmaui.com](http://visitmaui.com)

### Kualoa Horse Riding

Would-be horse riders of all ages can now take in some of the most dramatic views of Hawai'i, with Kualoa Ranch's new horsemanship classes for beginners of all ages. The one-hour class offers education in horse knowledge and care, as well as the chance to ride a horse while being led by a Kualoa guide. For details, see [kualoa.com](http://kualoa.com)

### Free Park Entry

The National Park Service is waiving admission to national park service sites on six days this year, including its five parks on the Island of Hawai'i. Entry will be free on Presidents Day (15-17 Feb), the first weekend of National Park Week (19-20 Apr), the National Park Service's 98th birthday (25 Aug), National Public Lands Day (27 Sep) and Veterans Day (11 Nov). Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park will have free entry, while Pu'uukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail do not charge entrance fees.

### Maui Under The Sea

For clients wanting to explore the undersea wonders of Maui without getting wet Reef Dancer offers glass bottom boat tours. The underwater cabin offers 360-degree views of the reef below and Hawai'i Tourism says the tours are perfect for kids who are too young for snorkelling. Clients can get up-close views of colorful tropical fish and coral—and maybe even catch a glimpse of a dolphin or whale swimming by. For details, see [mauiglassbottomboat.com](http://mauiglassbottomboat.com)

### HNL Voluntourism

The Waikiki Aquarium is undertaking five public beach clean ups along Waikiki Beach this year to help clear up invasive algae for those who want to 'give back' on holiday.

The ocean clean-ups will be held at 0900-1100 on Sats 29 Mar, 03 May, 28 Jun and 25 Oct. Volunteers will get training on how to differentiate between the invasive and native algae plants, and then use snorkels, paddleboards and buckets to remove it. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Details, see [waikikiaquarium.org](http://waikikiaquarium.org)



### HNL Adds-ons Offer

Creative Holidays has released five-night packages, staying at the three-star Ohana Waikiki West, priced from \$389pp share twin. The offer, for sales to 31 Mar and travel by 21 Dec, includes free rides on the Waikiki Trolley Pink Line (from Waikiki to the Ala Moana Centre), in-room internet access and shopping and dining discounts. Contact Creative Holidays for details.

### Outrigger Regency

Waikiki's Outrigger Regency on Boardwalk now offers clients access to the pool and pool bar at the Outrigger on the Reef hotel. The 48-unit property offers one- and two-bedroom condominiums, free Wi-Fi and three restaurants. Wholesalers have details or see [outrigger.com](http://outrigger.com)

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