

Kiwi Jun Growth; Stabilised Capacity

Kiwi visitors numbers to Hawaii continued to climb in Jun, up 8.7% even as air capacity stabilised, says the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

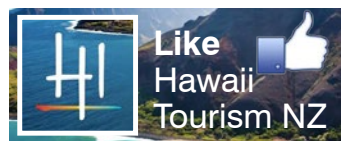
"Airlift is the same in Jun 2014 compared to Jun 2013—yet visitor numbers are up. It's great to see that arrival numbers have exceeded the

airlift gain," says Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe.

There were 5577 Kiwi visitors to Hawaii in Jun, and in the first half of this year arrivals have grown by 56.3%, helped by the launch of Hawaiian Airlines services last Mar.

The majority of those Jun visitors stuck to Oahu although 2047 headed out to a Neighbour Island, and Maui proved most popular with 1284 Kiwi arrivals.

Year to date Neighbour Island visitation is up 36.9% and both Maui and Oahu have seen 'huge growth' in Kiwi arrivals, says Walshe—but he adds Kiwi travellers are 'missing out' by not including Kauai and Hawaii Island in their travel plans.



GO Hawaii Deals

GO Holidays has Hawaii packages with Hawaiian Airlines fares for sales to 18 Aug. Four nights in Waikiki is from \$1399pp s/t with economy class flights ex Auckland. Travel from Wellington/Christchurch is from an additional \$179pp via Auckland. The wholesaler also has add-ons to Maui, Kauai, or Hawaii Island. Valid for travel 09 Oct-09 Dec, 16 Jan-31 Mar.

New Crystal Spa

Lumeria Maui has opened a new Crystal Spa. The plantation-style spa has five indoor and two outdoor shalas, a lounge 'offering a musical journey', colour and aromatherapy shower, AromaCrystalbar and crystal sauna. Details lumeriamau.com

Turtle Bay Christmas

Turtle Bay Resort is offering a fifth night free for stays over the Christmas holidays (16-25 Dec)—as well as special gifts like breakfast for two adults and two children, a Go-Pro camera to take home and 10% discounts on retail and spa outlets. Guests at the resort also receive one hour snorkel equipment hire, tennis and volleyball court rental per day, access to the new fitness centre, ukulele and shell hula lessons and 10-minute golf clinic. See turtlebayresort.com



Maui Agent Rates, Free Nights Incentive

Kaanapali Beach Hotel is offering agent rates starting at USD99pn (plus tax) for up to four nights, and extra nights are available at USD129pn (plus tax). The hotel is also offering agents the chance to earn free nights with its Maui For Free travel agent reward programme, giving away one free night for every 10 booked either direct or through wholesalers. For details, see travelagents.kbhmaui.com

Bike And Zip Tour

Skyline Eco-Adventures has launched a Bike 'n Zip tour on Maui, kicking off with a sunrise at Haleakala's summit before guests gently descend down the slopes to trade their bike for a zipline harness.

Clients then take on the two-hour Haleakala tour, including five ziplines, canyon crossings, drops through trees, a swinging bridge and Maui's only 'pendulum' up and back zipline. The Bike 'n Zip Haleakala Sunrise Adventure tour is priced from USD249.95pp for a full-day experience, including transport and breakfast. See zipline.com/bike-n-zip



Shopping Festival

The Ala Moana Center is hosting a Fall Fashion Event 12-14 Sep with fashion shows, giveaways, demonstrations, competitions and deals throughout the shopping centre. Festivities kick off 1700 on 12 Sep with cupcakes, DJs and a special gift for the first 500 customers, and fashion shows including modern and vintage aloha shirts. Shoppers who spend USD200 over the weekend can show their receipts at customer service and receive a clutch by a local designer. See alamoanacenter.com

Iconic Kahala Sold

The Kahala Hotel and Resort on Oahu, which has a long history of hosting visiting royalty and celebrities, has been sold to a Japanese investor for USD300 million—the second-highest price paid in Hawaiian history.

The hotel, formerly a Hilton property, has been bought by Resorttrust, and commentators suggest the company will add the property to its timeshare portfolio.

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