

Take A Look At Diverse Hawai'i



Hawai'i Tourism is still riding high on a wave of increased Kiwi demand for the island state—but the STO is urging agents to check out the adventures of four travel agents who explored the island group earlier this year, in a Hawai'i Tourism incentive, offered in conjunction with Hawaiian Airlines.

Kiwi consultants Luke Keightley from House of Travel Morrinsville, and Therese Brooking from A Walkers World, joined two Aussie counterparts on an epic Hawaiian adventure spanning the islands of Hawai'i.

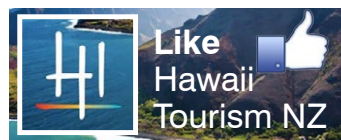
The result is a series of video clips which showcase the highlights of the agents' adventure 'and really give agents a feel for the distinct

experiences offered on the different islands, says Tourism Hawai'i New Zealand manager Darragh Walshe.

"We really urge New Zealand agents to take the time to check out the videos and the holiday options on offer to both agents and their clients," adds Walshe. To see the trip YouTube clips, which are broken down by island, [CLICK HERE](#)

Lanai Closure

The Four Seasons Resort Lanai at Manele Bay will close on 01 Jun for refurbishment and although no official reopening date has been proffered the property is taking bookings for the 2015 holiday season and first quarter of 2016. Update projects include removing the resort's lone pool and replacing it with three new ones comprising a family pool and an adults-only option. The guest rooms are also getting a makeover. However, Lanai's 18-hole Manele Golf Course and views restaurant remains open. The second of the two Four Season properties on Lanai is already closed, shutting its doors to the public on 05 Jan and turning it over to the construction workers on the Manele Bay project as their accommodation for the duration.



New Prince Waikiki GM

Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club has promoted Wade Gesteuyala to general manager. He has served as hotel manager since 2008.

Don't Miss Out

Discover Hawaii Tours has seen an increase in business from New Zealand, but the day tour operator is also reporting strong growth in its direct business from New Zealand. "We are really keen to work with travel agents in New Zealand, so I urge them to offer their clients our product, and earn commission, rather than their clients booking direct. We know an increasing number of New Zealanders are (booking direct) and agents may be missing out," says the company's Dean Calibraro.

Discover's Pearl Harbour tour is the most popular option for Kiwis, he says, adding that selling points for agents are the fact clients don't need to worry about getting tickets (which are becoming harder to obtain) as well the benefits of a narrated tour which offers another dimension to the moving Pearl Harbor story.

Summer Concert Series

The Ke Kani O Ke Kai summer concert series hosted by the Waikiki Aquarium offers visitors and locals an evening of live entertainment and food under the stars, advises sponsor Outrigger Resorts.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the aquarium galleries that remain open throughout the concert evenings which take place from Jun through Aug.

North Shore Ocean Fest

Turtle Bay Resort will host the fourth annual North Shore Ocean Fest on 06 Jun.

The free family fun day will feature food and crafts, games, kids activities, prizes, entertainment, and visitors can learn about Hawaii's unique ecosystem.

See turtlebayresort.com/content/north-shore-ocean-fest



Oceanfront Indulgence

The Outrigger Waikiki's Oceanfront Indulgence is catered to those who want to treat both their mind and body. The package includes a one-bedroom oceanfront suite or an oceanfront guest room, a welcome basket on arrival, the choice of a 50-minute private beach yoga session for two or a 50-min in-room massage for two, plus nightly turndown service, and a chilled bottle of Champagne with flutes. The package starts at AUD429 per room, per night for an oceanfront guestroom, or choose an oceanfront suite starting at AUD565 per room, per night. Three-night minimum stay for travel through to 21 Dec. Visit outrigger.com/suiteromance

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