

## Explore Hawaii Like A Top Chef

Hawaiian Airlines has appointed Lee Anne Wong as its new executive chef.

Originally from New York, Wong moved to Honolulu in 2013 and says she is honoured to step into this new role and is excited to share her culinary style with guests travelling to Hawaii.

Wong will design and oversee Hawaiian's meal programme for first class passengers on domestic flights and business class and economy passengers on international flights when she commences the role on 01 Jun. In anticipation of her new position, Wong has created a list of must dos for clients flying to the



Hawaiian islands. "Kauai is perfect for the adventurer who loves hiking, and laid back windswept beaches," says Wong. "Oahu has all the energy of Waikiki and Honolulu, with boundless dining, shopping, art, and nightlife. Oahu's beaches have some of the best surf and the legendary North Shore is a great place to get away from the city for some fun in the sun," she adds. Maui is another must do, as it offers 'breath-taking views' and the road to Hana is one of her favourite drives on the island, 'complete with waterfalls and rugged ocean views.' "If clients get to the Big Island of Hawaii, I suggest they check out Hilo with its easy access to the volcanoes and lava rock pools." And as a chef, Wong has some tips on what all visitors must try when visiting the Hawaiian islands. "Make sure to check out spots offering local dishes such as poke, loco moco, luau and lau lau," she adds.

### ... Check Out Koko

Wong is also owner and chef at Honolulu's Koko Head Café, and has shared some tips for tourists vying for a seat at the popular restaurant. Come before 0900 or after 1300 to avoid the lines, or on weekdays, as it is usually a bit quieter. She adds that visitors should not be deterred if they see lines 'as they move fairly quickly.'



### Brunch At Surfjack

Every Sun from 0900 to 1400 Surfjack's is hosting a Mahina brunch with Aloha Got Soul at Mahina & Sun's.

The brunch features breakfast favourite such as avocado toast and choco mocha waffles as well as live music from Aloha Got Soul's record label. The hip Waikiki hotel is located on Lowers St. See surfjack.com

### Slingshot Rentals

Hawaii Jeep & Specialty Tours has launched the Polaris Slingshot, a three wheeled open topped vehicle that combines a motorcycle with a sports car. The fuel efficient Polaris features touch screen navigation and Bluetooth technology. The vehicle will be available to rent at the International Market Place in Waikiki, next to Customer Service on Level one.



### LV's Spring Pop-Up

Louis Vuitton Men's Spring/Summer 2018 Travelling Pop-Up will be at Ala Moana until 22 Feb. The new collection features colourful prints, technical details and light weight fabrics. A retro Louis Vuitton Van will also be displayed outside the pop up stores. Exclusive, limited items will be available for purchase at the pop-up.

### Volcano Explorer

Kapohokine Adventures Evening Volcano Explorer tours has added two new stop for clients staying in Kona and the Kohala Coast advises The Island of Hawaii Visitors Bureau. The tour now features stops at Bay View Farm coffee mill and Star of the Sea Painted Church. To find out more see kapohokine.com

### Lei Day May

The first of May in Hawaii is known as Lei Day, a cultural celebration of love and appreciation.



### Meet Me In Hawaii

As Hawaii becomes more accessible, it's MICE market grows and SPG Hotels has a number of meeting and convention facilities catering for large groups. The Sheraton Waikiki offers premium meeting and convention facilities, with one of the largest ballrooms in Waikiki. Clients looking for a cultural experience can opt for Sheraton Kona, which offers hula lessons and lei making in its meeting programmes while The Westin Princeville is the go-to for teambuilding, with a cook off activity using tropical ingredients.

Those seeking creative connections are recommended the Sheraton Maui, as it offers hula lessons, beach parties and a rotating field day of team building along with a scavenger hunt, and those feeling charitable can attend programmes at The Westin Maui and Westin Ka'anapali that give back to the local community.

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