

## Experience Aloha Business Exchange



A group of Kiwi meetings and incentive planners have been in Hawaii this week attending the inaugural Experience Aloha Business Exchange—and exploring the island group.

Trip highlights included snorkelling in the pristine sea off Hawaii Island's Kealahou Bay, exploring the scenic byways of Hilo and surrounds (including Volcanoes National Park), a Kohala Waterfall adventure, floating down irrigation flumes and ziplining. Back on Oahu the group took in the sights of the iconic Kualoa Ranch, the Polynesian Cultural Centre and Sunset Ranch. As well as stops at Turtle Bay Resort, the Hawaii Prince Hotel and Disney's Aulani Resort—the Kiwi group also made time for the obligatory poolside experience (with frozen coconut mojitos, of course) at the swanky Modern Honolulu.



"It was a great opportunity for our Kiwi delegates to experience some of the activities Hawaii has to offer and meet with key suppliers on the day of the exchange," says Hawaii Tourism's Megan Hornblow.

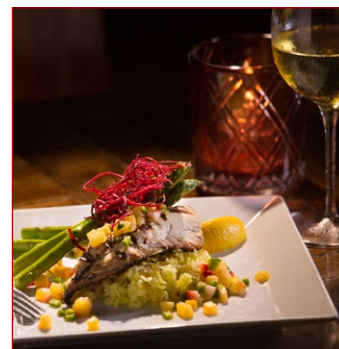
**1** Walking with the dinosaurs (well the bones anyway) at Kualoa Ranch is Tania Collins from MTC Concepts; Orbit Wellington's Jo Philpott; Megan Hornblow from Hawaii Tourism; and Nikki Shoultz from Corporate Groups.

**2** Catherine Barwood from Premium Travel joins Orbit Wellington's Jo Philpott, Megan Hornblow from Hawaii Tourism and Hawaiian Airlines' Mischa Knox in the pool for one of the hotel's legendary frozen coconut mojitos.

**3** Back row: Catherine Barwood from Premium Travel; Hawaii Tourism's Megan Hornblow; Lynn Retter from CTM; Anna Ziegler from the Extra Mile Company; Kalena Finlayson of Momento Travel. Front Row: Chris McLean, Air NZ; Vickie Carson, Global Events.

### Waikiki Eco Tour

In recognition of World Oceans month, the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort and Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort are offering an Ozone eco-adventure package that explores the underwater world with a focus on the endangered green turtle. The offer includes a buy one, get one free Snorkel Eco-Adventure Sail tour, two admission tickets to the Waikiki Aquarium and an in-room gift of sunscreen, goggles and a dive mesh bag for collecting ocean rubbish. Package prices start from USD239 per room per night for bookings made by 31 Dec. Visit [outrigger.com/ozone](http://outrigger.com/ozone)



### The Med Comes To Kauai

Hanalei Colony Resort has reopened its award-winning Mediterranean Gourmet restaurant after 10 months of renovations. Run by husband and wife team Imad and Yarrow Beydoun, their Lebanese roots inspire the international menu with selections featuring Greek, French, and Middle Eastern influences, as well as fresh local fish and Pacific Rim dishes. Diners can feast on a Wagu beef burger, seafood paella, and Moroccan lettuce wraps or try one of the vegetarian entrees. Desserts have Mediterranean roots with a local twist, like coconut baklava or chocolate lava cake. Visit [kauaimediterranean.com](http://kauaimediterranean.com)

### 60 Days Of Summer

Summer has arrived in Hawaii and SPG Resorts is laying on new activities and experiences for its guests. Running from 16 Jun to 14 Aug, the programme includes a Beginner's Hawaiian language class at Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay, an island style beach party at the Sheraton Maui complete with firepit for cooking s'mores or take in the new Nanea Ritual at Spa Helani located at the Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas.



### Reno On The Big Island

The Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel on the Big Island will commence renovations from Sep. The planned upgrades will include a new lobby area, luxurious guestrooms and suites, enhanced dining venues and an adults-only pool. It has a slated completion date of Jan, during which time the property will remain open with minimal disruption to guests. See [hapunabeachprincehotel.com](http://hapunabeachprincehotel.com)

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