Aloha Friday

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Aloha Down Under Webinars For Agents

Agents who missed out on Aloha Down Under last week can now get access to the presentations given by the visiting representatives--and there's a trip for two to Hawaii with Hawaiian Airlines up for grabs.

Prevu recorded each of the more than 20 representatives of hotels, tours, activities and tourism offices in Hawai'i that presented to Kiwi agents at the Aloha Down Under event in Auckland last week. The videos are uploaded on the Prevu website, and agents who watch them can take a quiz to be in to win the Hawaii prize.

To check out the presentations and



GO Waikiki Sale

GO Holidays, in conjunction with Air New Zealand, has a seven-night Waikiki package from \$1499 pp s/t utilising Seat + Bag economy airfares ex Auckland. Upgrade to The Works from \$100 pp and add \$169 pp for all other domestic departure points. Sales to 26 May for travel 02 Aug-24 Sep and 01 Nov-13 Dec. GO has details.



complete the quiz, see prevutrade. tv/destination/Hawaii/webinars/

Jack Johnson 2nd Show

Tickets to Jack Johnson's show at his hometown of Waikiki sold out quickly last week, so he's announced a second show on 02 Aug. Tickets go on sale to Hawai'i residents first on 17 May followed by a general sale on 18 May, with prices from USD35. See ticketmaster.com

For Basketball Nuts

A week of basketball related events will be held on Maui 23-28 Jun. The basketballMAUI initiative starts with the Maui Grand Slam at the Grand Wailea, followed by Poker With The Pros and the Night of Shooting Stars charity basketball game. The latter event will bring dozens of NBA players from mainland USA and will raise money to encourage, inspire and emphasize personal growth in young people. All events are open to the public. See basketballmaui.com



Hawaii Food And Wine Festival

More than 80 internationally renowned chefs and culinary personalities from Hawai'i, US and around the world are due to gather on Maui, O'ahu and Hawai'i Island 29 Aug-07 Sep for the fourth annual Hawai'i Food and Wine Festival. The festival will kick off on Hawai'i Island on 29 Aug with a sit-down gala at the Waikoloa Resort, followed by two weeks of food and wine experiences highlighting the state's local ingredients. See hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

Best Beaches In The US

The beaches of Hawai'i dominated the 2014 TripAdvisor Travellers Choice list of the best beaches in the US—and Lanikai Beach on Oʻahu was named the seventh best beach in the world.

Hawaiian beaches took out seven of the top 10 places on the US list. They were Lanikai, Oʻahu; Kaanapali, Maui; Hanalei, Kauaʻi; Waianapanapa State Park, Maui; Wailea Beach, Maui; Maniniowali Beach, Hawaiʻi Island; and Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve, Oʻahu.

Turtle Bay Preservation

The Hawai'i Government has agreed to fund the preservation of more than 600 acres of land around Turtle Bay Resort, protecting the land and coastlines from development. It includes the preservation of privately maintained but publicly available coastal hiking trails.

"The result will keep the country, country. It will protect pristine coastlines from development. It will provide open space and access for everyone," says Governor Neil Abercrombie.



Waikiki Lecture Series

Waikiki Aquarium is to host a series of distinguished lectures over the coming months in celebration of the facility's 110th birthday. There will be a range of thought-provoking lectures discussing major marine conservation issues. The first, Sea Level on the Rise on 22 May, will be delivered by Dr Chip Fletcher who aquarium director Dr Andrew Rossiter says is globally recognised for his research on the subject. Cost is USD10 pp. See waikikiaquarium.org for additional dates, topics and venues.

