

Aloha Friday eve



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Aloha Downunder Spots Filling Fast

Agents looking to attend next month's Aloha Downunder events in Christchurch and Auckland are urged to register soon to avoid disappointment.

As well as product updates, consultants attending the movie-themed event will also be in to win one of a number of tickets to Honolulu.

Around 28 Hawai'i tourism repre-





Hawaii Music In May

Visitors to Hawaii are invited to enjoy the best in Hawaiian music next month as part of the annual Mele Mei Celebration, with festivities taking place across the island. There will be several concerts on throughout the month with artists ranging from the Hawaii Youth Symphony to seasoned Na Hoku Hanohano award winners.

The main concerts of Mele Mei are hosted by the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Halekulani and Outrigger Hotels, while other events include Na Hoku Hanohano music festival workshops, storytelling through the Hawaii Book and Music Festival, a hula showcase by Ogo's Hawaii Aloha Hula, and one of the largest ukulele events in Hawaii, the Annual Ukulele Picnic.

Mele Mei culminates with the 37th Annual Na Hoku Hanohano awards show at the Hawaii Convention Center on 24 May. See melemei.com sentatives are coming down for the 05 May shows (which will feature live Hawaiian music) and Hawai'i Tourism is reporting strong agent demand for the seminars.

For more details and to RSVP, **CLICK HERE**

Magnum P.I Flight

Paradise Helicopters take passengers on a flyby of Waikiki as seen in the opening scene of each Magnum P.I. episode. The one hour flight also includes a flyby of other scenes from the series such as Robin's Nest, Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe Bay, Kualoa Ranch, Sacred Falls and the North Shore. Prices at paradisecopters.com

Theatre Tour

A one-hour guided tour of the Hawai'i Theatre showing off its art, architecture and history is available for USD10pp on Tues at 1100. The heritage-listed building circa 1924 is in downtown Honolulu. See hawaiitheatre.com

On Yer Bike Waikiki

You don't have to be experienced to scoot off with Pedal Bike Tours in Waikiki. The new bike company offers tours of Honolulu and the North Shore especially designed for novices. Tours depart daily from the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Prices start from USD69 pp for a three-hour, ten-mile, mostly flat tour of Honolulu, a 'casual' ride from Waikiki on car-free paths, along local beaches, past the Royal Palace, and into Chinatown. Details pedalbiketours.com

Maui GM Appointed

The Maui Beach Hotel has promoted hotel manager Greg Peros to general manager of the property. Born and raised in Hawaii, Peros has been with the hotel for 10 years, first as a sales manager.

New Look Aston Waikiki

Enhancements to the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel include the bathrooms of the 645 guestrooms and the private lanais (balconies) that most rooms offer, advises the hotel, which will 'improve storage and functionality where guests need them most.' See astonwaikikibeach.com

Waikiki Wake-up

Guests at the Moana Surfrider can start the day with renewed vitality, hope and happiness if they take part in Hui Ho'ala, a renewal of mind, body and spirit, promises the Westin Resort property.

The cultural experience is held on Wed mornings 0545 when participants line up along the seashore and voice a traditional Hawaiian chant. Then they wade into the ocean in silence, immersing themselves before returning to the beach to watch the sunrise and chant again.

Hui Ho'ala is free to guests and anyone else who wishes to take part. See moana-surfrider.com

Beyond The Beaches

The hidden trails of the Waimea Valley on Oahu offer a view of Hawai'i beyond its beaches. The Hawaiian Hiking Company takes private guided tours through tropical Hawaiian forest and past ancient archaeological sites while teaching participants about the flora and fauna of the island. Details and prices at hawaiianhikingcompany.com



Hula In The Gardens

The largest non-competitive hula event in Hawaii will once again take place at the Moanalua Gardens in Oahu on 19 Jul. The Prince Lot Hula Festival is held each year to honour Prince Lot Kapuaiwa, who reprised the once forbidden hula in the district of Moanalua. It will feature an impressive line-up of hula groups performing in the gardens, with food and refreshments available for sale throughout the day. Entry is free but a donation is requested, see moanaluagardensfoundation.org

