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Maverick Choppers Open In Maui



Maverick Helicopters has opened a new operation in Maui and is offering three package options for scenic flights over the island.

Prices start from USD329pp for the Maui Spirit, a 40-50 minute flight discovering the Haleakala National Park and Hana rainforest. The flight will take an in-depth look at



Maui Steel Guitars

The Kaanapali Beach Hotel, Lahaina will host a steel guitar festival 24-26 Apr. The event features Hawaiian steel guitar performances by master players, along with music and cultural workshops. See mauisteelguitarfestival.com

East Maui Taro Festival

Hawaiian culture, with taro as the staple and symbol, will be celebrated at the East Maui Taro Festival at Hana Baseball Park on 25 Apr. On Sat, there's an all-day celebration with hula, cultural demonstrations, Hawaiian music, arts and crafts, a farmers market and food booths with taro dishes. On Sun, enjoy a taro pancake breakfast. See tarofestival.org

the moonlike crater and large lava flows of the park's volcano, as well as soaring over the Hana rainforest with views of the jagged cliffs, waterfalls and some of the most isolated areas of the island. Trip highlights also include the historic town of Hana, Manawainui Valley and Maui's coastline where humpback whales can be spotted in winter.

The 55-65 minute Molokai Voyage (from USD369pp) takes in both Maui and Molokai, and includes the world's largest sea cliffs on Molokai, views of the Kahiwa Falls, Halawa Valley, and the Pailolo Channel, featuring scenic waters and Elephant Rock. Maui sites include the famous lao Valley State Park, Honokohau Falls, Haleakala, the West Maui Mountains and possible views of the Wall of Tears waterfalls.

Maui's highlights are on show on the 60-70 minute Maui Dream (from USD399pp), including the Haleakala National Park, Hana rainforest, West Maui Mountains and lao Valley State Park. Clients will pass Lahaina, the famous whaling port; Kapalua, one of Maui's premier resort areas; Kaanapali, West Maui's signature beach; Wailea, a community with staggering ocean views; and Hana, known for its dramatic seascapes. For details see flymaverick.com/maui

Hawaiian Mother's Day

Hawaii's The Royal Hawaiian resort is gearing up for its Mother's Day Brunch on 10 May. The brunch will feature performances by Raiatea Helm, Ke'alohilani Serrao and De-Andre Kamele Brackensick. There are three different seating options available, VIP Premium at \$175 for adults and \$87.50 for children 5-12 years old; Stage View at \$125 for adults and \$62.50 for children 5-12 years old; Patio at \$95 for adults and \$47.50 for children 5-12 years old. For details visit royalhawaiian.com/dining/mothers-day

Tapa Ballroom Reno

The Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort recently completed USD7 million in renovations of its Tapa Ballroom. Seating up to 1900 people, the top-to-bottom transformation of the 16536 square foot ballroom includes new chandeliers, a large three-dimensional sculpture and tapa patterns throughout the ballroom and meeting rooms. Visit hawaiianvillage.hilton.com

Room & Activity

Outrigger Resorts has a Room and Activity deal at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort or Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort. Clients will receive a USD25 voucher at check-in which can be used towards activities booked at the hotel's Outrigger Activities Desk. Package are from AUD255 per night for a city view room at the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort and AUD279 per night for a city view room at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach The offers are for travel to 21 Dec.

SpaHalekulani

Halekulani's award-winning spa, SpaHalekulani is featuring an exclusive Gentleman's Choice menu, offering a selection of services just for men. Visit halekulani.com

Free Maui Concert

The Baldwin Home Museum Lawn, Lahaina will host a free concert under the stars with live Hawaiian music 30 Apr, as part of the Lahaina Restoration Foundation's ongoing Hawaiian Music Series. See lahainarestoration.org



The Pink Palace's New Mailani Beach Tower

The Royal Hawaiian is set to unveil the newly transformed Mailani Beach Tower later this month which will feature a new Mailani Lounge (pictured above), a separate reception area, personalised concierge services, daily custom-crafted experiential rituals and events and in-room Mailani-only upgrades.

See upcoming issues of *Travel Today* for details or visit royal-hawaiian.com/mailani-beach-tower for details.



