Aloha Friday



Pastrami, Poke And Pasta In Waikiki

The Waikiki BeachWalk is Waikiki's shopping dining and entertainment district, and offers restaurants to suit every style.

Outrigger Hotels has created a list of the featured food outlets, helping clients cure their craving. Clients can enjoy Vietnamese sandwiches and gelato at BeachWalk Café, coffee and crepes from Café Glace and try the five-napkin cheeseburger at Cheeseburger BeachWalk.

For those craving Italian the



Airport Wifi

Honolulu International Airport now offers free wifi, available at all gates, lounges and concourses. Passengers at the airport without a personal laptop or tablet can also take advantage of ShakaNet workstations in the central concourse for a charge.



Tiki Bar Is Back

Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Waikiki's new Splash Bar has opened offering classic cocktails with locally crafted spirits. The bar will also host Aloha Friday celebrations, which offers special dishes and cocktails that highlight Hawaiian flavours. See princess-kaiulani.com/splash-bar BeachWalk offers fresh seafood and pasta at Taormina Sicilian Cuisine, Round Table Pizza offers pizza and New York style Deli Giovanni Pastrami has a variety of offerings. Seafood fans can enjoy modern Japanese Tappan and Sushi at Kaiwa or sample the local fare at the Poke Bar.

The iconic Roy's Waikiki offers clients authentic Hawaiian cuisine, while those who are craving cheap and cheerful can stop in at Subway. For a more western cuisine experience clients can stop for steak at Ruth's Chris Steak House. Wrapping up the list is the Yard House, which offers great food, classic rock music and a large selection of draft beer.

Whale Watching At Aston

Aqua Aston Hospitality has a number of properties which its says offer world-class whale watching from land. Clients are encouraged to bring their binoculars when staying at Aston at The Whaler on Kaanapali Beach, Aston Mahana at Kaanapali, Aston Paki Maui, Aston at Papakea Resort and Maui Kaanapali Villas. The properties are also located next to whale watching attractions such as The Whaler Centre of Hawaii which opened late last year and the Pacific Whale Foundation. See aqua-aston.com

Golf In Hawaii

The Hawaii Tourism Authority has extended its partnership with the PGA tour for four more years, continuing to support three championship golf tournaments in the Hawaiian Islands; The Sentry Tournament of Champions on Maui, Sony Open in Hawaii on Oahu, and Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai on the island of Hawaii.

Sheraton's Reno

The Sheraton Maui Resort will be undergo a USD25.4 million renovation that will see a refresh of 508 guestrooms and suites and the public areas, with a completion date scheduled mid-2018. The new design will be inspired by Maui's landscape, incorporating colours, textures and artworks.

Westin Maui Keiki Club

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa's family programme includes a kids' club offering for children aged five-to 12 years.

Options range from a photo safari on 'Sunny Sunday' to Hawaiian petroglyph crafts on Tiki Tuesday and net fishing on Aloha Friday. There are also night camps on offer for the youngsters. Keiki birthday celebrations for groups of eight to 20 people can be arranged. For details, e-mail WestinMaui. Experience@westin.com



Chinese New Year

The Ala Moana Centre is hosting its annual Chinese New Year Celebrations 15-17 Feb in welcoming the Year of the Dog. On 15 and 16 Feb, Wah Ngai Lion Dance Association will perform at 1800. On the 17th there will be a centre-wide celebration from 1100, featuring Kung Fu demonstrations, dance performances, Lion dancers, and more, while at 1400 families will have the chance to meet members from the Hawaii Lion Dance Association backstage. See alamoanacentre.com



Dedicated Wedding Cruise

Fair Wind Cruises in Kona has new private charters designed for clients planning destination weddings in Hawaii, advises The Hawaiian Islands Visitors Bureau. The company offers a guests of the bride and groom an ocean experience that has been fully planned by Fair Wind's dedicated groups and special events manager. See fairwind.com/group-private-charters



