

Hidden Hawaiian Gem Discovered



Hawaii Tourism New Zealand manager Darragh Walshe is encouraging Kiwi agents to recommend clients take a trip to Oahu's Waimanolo Beach—which has taken the top spot in Dr Beach's list of the best America beaches.

“Waimanalo is an absolutely stunning beach and easy to miss on a circle trip around O’ahu,” says Walshe who visited the now-famed

beach in Mar. “It is only approximate a 30-45 minute drive from Waikiki and visitors will find an almost deserted pristine beach with excellent swimming and boogie board conditions.”

Some of the Kiwi attendees of the Brand USA megafam stopped for a swim at Waimanalo as part of an ‘off the beaten’ track tour with a fantastic local guide from Discover Hawai’i Tours, he adds. “It is definitely a great tip to provide your clients and will win you much kudos as a hidden gem of O’ahu.”

It may also pay to urge clients to take an organised tour rather than to self-drive out to the beach—as the spotlight on the stretch of sand following its Dr Beach listing is said to have made parking near the beach a little challenging.

Agents: Cash Back

Aston Hotel & Resorts advises it has made it easier for agents to earn cash back rewards. Book your client at one of its 26 participating properties and you’ll receive a cash back bonus of up to \$250 per booking. No signup is needed, simply submit the completed form for the property you booked. See astonhotels.com/for-travel-specialists



Mangoes At Moana

For the fruit enthusiast...the date has been set for the annual Mangoes at the Moana event, which will be held in the Moana Surfrider’s Banyan Courtyard, on 18 Jul. The day-long celebration of all things mango will feature seminars, workshops, demonstrations, a farmers’ market, the Best Mango Contest and the Mango Throw Down. See starwoodhotels.com

Kids Golf Free

For a fun day of family golf, kids play free with their parents at Hawaii Prince Golf Club on Oahu and Hanalei Golf Course on Hawaii Island, through to 30 Sep. The promotion is applicable to registered hotel guests who are confirmed on rack rates, packages and promotional rates. Parents must purchase one round of golf at full price to qualify. Some blackout dates and restrictions apply, and rates are based on availability. See princeresortshawaii.com



Aston Value-adds

The Aston Aloha Beach Hotel on Kauai is offering 12% off, and free breakfast, with new bookings—plus client bookings will count towards the Aston agent rewards programme. This 216-room beachfront hotel is next to the Wailua River and is said to boast Kauai’s only protected swimming and snorkelling beach as well as two on-site pools.



Maui By Harley

EagleRider is encouraging agents who have Hawaii-bound clients and are keen to earn some incremental income to keep its Maui operation in mind.

EagleRider Maui offers Harley-Davidson, Honda or Suzuki bikes and scooters (clients don’t need a license to hire scooters), with the largest selection in the Valley Isle, says local EagleRider rep APTMS. It offers free shuttle pick-up from neighbouring hotels, locked storage closet, maps, helmets and all riding accessories. Rates are from USD159pd for a day hire, or USD119pd weekly, for a Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic. Honda Shadow 750 rates are from USD139/USD99pd. See eaglerider.com or ph: 0800 589 332



Culinary Series At Sheraton Waikiki

The stage is set for what will be the grand finale in a culinary series pioneered by Sheraton Waikiki senior executive sous chef Colin Hazama in 2014. The Chef’s Table and Farm Tour series debuted in Oct 2014, and the two-day finale, 31 Jul and 01 Aug, will reunite all six farms Hazama worked with for the series. It will feature a chef’s collaboration dinner, followed by a tour and picnic lunch at the KCC Farmers’ Market the following day. For more information visit flavorsofhawaii.com

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