Aloha Friday

Hawaii Says Mahalo: Deals For Agents



There's more than 100 special offers for travel agents now available as part of Mahalo Month—Hawaii Tourism's way of saying thanks to the industry for selling and promoting the islands.

Mahalo Month provides travel professionals with exclusive special rates and offers from Hawaii's travel industry 01 Apr-31 May, including discount accommodation and touring options. "With the growth in Kiwi demand for Hawaii, a trip to the Hawaiian Islands could be just the ticket to help you maximise the opportunities and ensure the best possible holiday experience for your clients," says Hawaii Tourism's Darragh Walshe.

Travel professionals will be able to take advantage of special offers on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Hawaii Island, Lanai, and Molokai.

Accommodation rates start from US-D99pn, there's discounted car rentals, some tours offered free of charge and others at 50% off, and discounts for attractions and dining. Hawaiian Airlines and Air New Zealand are also both offering industry rates.

See mahalomonth.com



Maui Food And Wine Festival In Jun

The shores of West Maui will play host to master winemakers and celebrity chefs for the annual Kapalua Wine & Food Festival 11-14 Jun. Celebrity chefs Michael Mina and Charlie Palmer and Maui's own culinary stars will take part in a weekend of wine, food and fun, and there's interactive wine tasting panel topics include Zinfandel, Willamete & Anderson Valleys, Women in Wine, and Sports Stars of Wine. See kapaluawineandfood.com

New Hydrafacials

Hydrafacials are now available at the Moana Lani Spa, a treatment that can take as little as 15 minutes and has no down time, meaning clients can put on makeup and return to their normal activities immediately after the treatment, says the Waikiki oceanfront spa. The process removes dead skin cells and extracts impurities while simultaneously bathing the new skin with cleansing, hydrating and moisturising serums. See moanalanispa.com



Car Rental Bonuses

Avis and Budget are offering special gifts and discounts for clients when booking a rental in the Hawaiian Islands. The Free Makana Guide allows clients to receive gifts like coffee mugs and tote bags, free meals and entry into attractions throughout the islands. They just need to show their rental keys and contract at the businesses listed to receive the gifts or discounts. The promotion is valid until Jan 2016. Download the guide at avis.com/ freegift or budget.com/freegift

Sheraton To Timeshare

The Sheraton Kauai is expected to be redeveloped as a timeshare property, as part of Starwood's plans to spin off its vacation ownership business into a separate entity. Starwood says under the move, Sheraton Kauai is one of five properties it 'expects to transfer to the new entity for future timeshare development'.



Camping By Volcanoes

Clients looking for a unique experience at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park might like to spend a night camping in the park, says Hawaii Tourism.

The historic Namakanipaio Campground has recently refurbished the cabins in the park, including upgrading the community facilities. The campsite is found three miles from Volcano House and is nestled in a eucalyptus grove. It features 10 Camper Cabins with new flooring and beds, a refurbished community bathroom, and campsites for visitors who prefer to pitch a tent. The cabins sleep up to four people, and for keen campers there is equipment available to rent from USD15pn for the site and USD-50pn for each tent—including

All guests need to pay the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park entrance fee of USD10 per non-commercial vehicle, or USD5pp on foot, bicycle or motorcycle, valid for seven consecutive days.

See hawaiivolcanohouse.com



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