

Plenty For Arty Clients On Maui

From a painting cocktail party to hands on workshops with local artists, there's a range of new activities and experiences on Maui that are perfect for clients who like to get arty on holiday, says the Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau.

At the Island Art Party in Kihei's Aze-ka Mauka Shopping Center, there's regular scheduled and private parties where an artist leads a group in painting a canvas. Guests are seated at long tables, music is played and there are drinks and cocktails for sale. See islandartparty.com

Clients can have a go at painting a



The Beauty Of Glass

The Grand Wailea (Maui) is cementing its reputation as an art hotel by hosting a group of glass artists to discuss, debate and deliberate the current trend for glass in the art world. The event is open to the public and there will be exhibitions and demonstrations of the art on the weekend 11-14 Dec. The Grand Wailea has over 900 original and commissioned pieces of artwork throughout the property.



Waikiki Pool Gets The 3D Treatment

The Sheraton Waikiki will turn the switch on the world's first 3D pool mapping light show at the resort's Helumoa Playground pool next to Rum-Fire restaurant. Two light shows have been developed to dramatise Hawaii's culture and history, played out on the surface and surrounds of the giant pool. The first, Helumoa – The Birth of Hawaii, simulates hot lava flowing from volcanoes and Hawaiians' use of hula as storytelling, while the second, Helumoa – The legendary Story of Waikiki, will illustrate the early days of Waikiki, including its surf culture and the rise of the Moana Surfrider and the Royal Hawaiian. Details see sheraton-waikiki.com

wine glass or bottle, glass ornament or small canvas while enjoying a wine or craft beer and gourmet appetisers at The Wine Palette in Kapalua Resort. It's open daily from 1000-1400, see the-wine-palette.com

The Hui Noeau Visual Arts Center on the Kaluanui Estate has launched a new Explore and Discover Program, which invites guests to join community artists and instructors for a field trip and hands on workshop. Reservations are recommended at least one month in advance, see hui-noeau.com

The Molokai Arts Center in Kualapuu holds classes as well as art events featuring poetry, literature and music, see molokaiartscenter.com

And for those who prefer to buy their art rather than create it, there's the gallery and gift shop as well as classes at the Lanai Art Center, see lanaiart.org

Maui Art Encounter

Guests at Four Seasons Resorts Lanai, The Lodge at Koele, can interact with local artists who showcase their work at the resort, such as Cory LaBang who designs and produces handbags and select vintage pieces and was awarded Best Hand-crafted Vintage Accessories by Hawaii's Magazine. All displayed artwork is for sale.

Ala Moana 04 Jul Sale

Ala Moana Center will host entertainment, sales and giveaways 03-06 Jul for the shopping centre's annual Fourth Of July celebration.

Visitors will be able to pick up or print out a 20% savings pass to be used over the three days at more than 80 participating stores, and on 04 Jul the centre will sponsor Hawaii's largest 04 Jul fireworks display launched from the Ala Moana Beach Park. The discount pass can be printed out from alamoanacenter.com

New Lahaina Exhibit

The Lahaina Heritage Museum in Old Lahaina Courthouse has a new Always Lahaina exhibit giving an overview of the extensive history and rich culture found in Lahaina.

The exhibit tells the story of Hawaii through the ages, from ancient times to early days of tourism.

Interpretive wall panels are paired with artifacts and antiques from each era, and visitors can listen to narratives, view touch screens, a map of Maui and watch videos. See lahainarestoration.org.



Art Deco In Honolulu

The heyday of Hawaii's art deco tourism advertising era will be on display at the Honolulu Museum of Art from 03 Jul, showcasing the days where the state's beaches weren't the focus of visitors. Garden view rooms used to be more popular among visitors who'd steamed to the islands by ship, and there's a range of Matson ads on display in the exhibition alongside sculpture and paintings by Hawaii artists, including Georgia O'Keefe. See honoluluuseum.org

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