

## Maui Named Best Island In The USA



The Hawaiian Isle of Maui has again been declared the Best Island In the US by travel bible *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine. It's the 22nd consecutive year Maui has taken out the hotly-contest-

ed title, voted by readers of the magazine.

Continuing the award winning theme, the Maui Ocean Center has been named the best kids' activity on the island by *MauiTime* newspaper, and the Maui Ocean Center has made the top 25 list in tripadvisor's Best Aquariums in the US.

The latter features the world's largest collection of Pacific Ocean corals and is home to a number of Hawaiian endemic marine species. Maui continues to be the second most popular island with Kiwi visitors, after Oahu.



### Cabin To Couture

Hawaiian Airlines has come up with an interesting solution to ensure the seats from its Boeing 717 aircraft didn't go to waste after they were replaced earlier this year. Instead, the seats will be making a comeback, in the form of fashion. The airline's Cabin to Couture exhibit during Honolulu Fashion Week will feature garments and accessories made from the seat fabric, thanks to the handy work of Honolulu fashion graduates. Honolulu Fashion Week, presented by Hawaiian Airlines, runs 20-22 Nov at the Hawaii Convention Center.



### More Shopping On Maui

The mall-wide upgrade at Maui's Whalers Villages and Shops is well underway, with new common areas, landscaping and restrooms.

Around 10,000sq feet of new retail space will be added once the project is completed next year.

Other new features include free in-mall WiFi and new Kate Spade and Lululemon shops. The centre is open 0900-2200 daily. For more details, see whalersvillage.com

### Hawaii Five 0 Cocktails

Waikiki Beachfront Bar RumFire has created two new cocktails to celebrate its partnership with the 'Hawaii Five-0' television series. Starwood Waikiki is the official production partner of season six of the show. RumFire now serves the E Kono Mai Tai (made with Jim Beam bourbon, Whalers dark rum and orange curacao), and the Hawaii Five-0'Clock Shadow (non-alcoholic, mango puree swirled through coconut syrup and banana and blended).



### Aston Webinar

Aston Hotels and Resort is running a webinar to update agents on its Hawaiian properties. The event is 24 Nov at 0830 AEST. For details, [CLICK HERE](#).



### Tommy Bahama Waikiki

The latest Tommy Bahama Restaurant Bar & Store has opened in Waikiki. The three-level flagship at 298 Beachwalk Dr houses a ground-floor retail shop, a second story restaurant and a rooftop lounge complete with sand patio. This is the eighth location in Hawaii including two other Tommy Bahama Restaurant Bar & Store sites—The Shops at Mauna Lani and The Shops at Wailea—as well as six additional retail stores.



### New Pools, Bar And Deli On Mau

Four new pools have opened at the Hyatt Residence Club at Hyatt Kaanapali Beach—along with an oceanfront tiki bar, a grocery store and a gourmet deli. The new additions compliment the property's two existing pools, and on-site eateries which include the Honolulu Coffee Company, Ululani Shave Ice, Umalu and Japendgo. The property now also offers an Oceanside yoga lawn. For more details see kaanapalibeach.hyatt.com

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