

## Sampling The Flavours Of Hawai'i



Pic: Scott Penman

Hawai'i is a cultural melting pot—and there's no better way for clients to experience the best of these cultures than through the huge range of food on offer.

While Waikiki offers a wide range of contemporary dining options for clients looking for a more authentic experience, Hawai'i Tourism recommends Kapahulu Ave—just a five minute drive from Waikiki.

Here they'll find the infamous Rainbow Drive In (pictured) which is hugely popular with the locals and offers traditional Hawaiian plate lunches.

The plate lunch is the staple for the locals and often includes rice, macaroni salad and meat ranging from kalua pork to mahi mahi.

Other spots on Kapahulu popular for plate lunches are Ono Hawaiian Foods and Zippy's (open 24-hours). Clients with a large appetite might

like to try a loco moco, which is served at plate lunch places across the islands. Essentially it's a hamburger steak and egg served on rice with gravy.

For those looking for something a little sweeter, Kapahulu is also home to the famed malasada (warm Portuguese donut) from Leonard's Bakery or a colourful shave ice from Waiola Bakery and Shave Ice.

### ... Captain's Choice

Hawaiian Airlines New Zealand manager Russell Willis (aka Captain Aloha) has picked three of his top dining tips for Hawai'i-bound clients.

He recommends Uncle Bo's Pupu Bar and Grill for the spicy baked opah Mauna Kea, (559 Kapahulu Ave). Lucky Belly is also among his favourite for its ramen 'especially the ramen belly bowl with bacon and sausage', (50 N Hotel St, Honolulu). And for those looking for steak he recommends Hy's Steakhouse. Tell clients to try the char-grilled bone-in rib-eye or bone-in New York strip (2440 Kuhio Ave).

### Cultural Christmas

For clients who are Hawai'i-bound pre-Christmas, Hawai'i's Polynesian Cultural Centre is staging its annual Christmas Lagoon—a 25-minute canoe ride that winds through a live Christmas production, complete with Christmas lights, decorations and musical performances featuring actors and animals. The events run 12-23 Dec. For details see Polynesia.com

### Trump Waikiki's 30% Off

The Trump International Hotel is offering a 30% off deal on its one- and two-bedroom suites for stays of two nights or longer by 30 Jun. The suites are great for families and for clients travelling with infants as the suites can be configured with cots, baby bath tubs, a nappy bin and baby soap. The hotel also offers Trump Kids amenities such as child-sized robes, slippers, and welcome amenities. The suites have fully-equipped kitchens, a washer/dryer and pull-out sofa beds. The offer is subject to availability.



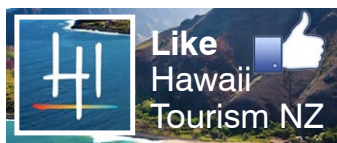
### Coconut Peanut Butter

For clients looking for souvenirs other than Kona coffee and chocolate covered macadamia nuts—HA's Russell Willis suggests North Shore Goodies' coconut peanut butter, which has earned something of a cult following. Sold at markets and some supermarkets around O'ahu it's made just of coconut and peanuts and is available at the Kings Village Night Markets in Waikiki Mon, Wed and Fri. (see kings-village.com).



### Pearl Harbor Commemorations In Dec

The Pearl Harbor attractions on Oahu will stage special ceremonies on 07 Dec to commemorate the anniversary of the events which propelled the US into World War II, says Hawaii Tourism. The gates to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center open 0630 for the commemorative programme which runs 0730-0930. For more details and ticket information, see pacifichistoricparks.org or pearlharborhistoricsites.org



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