

Hawaii Island Bird Festival And Trail



A new birding trail across Hawaii Island will launch as part of the inaugural Hawaii Island Festival of Birds in Sep.

The 145km Hawaii Island Coast to Coast Birding Trail (HICCBT) will



VIP Food And Wine

The Hawaii Food & Wine Festival has launched a VIP package available to just 15 couples, which will see guests taken on a five-day culinary journey culminating in a Hukilau Beach Cookout under the stars with 11 of the islands' top chefs. The First Annual Connoisseur's Culinary Journey (23-27 May) is priced from USD5995 if booked by 30 Apr, including five nights at the Kahala; or USD1500 without hotel accommodation. For details [CLICK HERE](#)

link a national park, forest reserves, a national wildlife refuge, several public trails and local businesses. Organisers hope that it will eventually be expanded to incorporate other areas of Hawaii Island and link to other heritage corridors and scenic byways. Clients will be able to traverse archaeological sites, rainforest, lava fields, volcanic vents, caves and waterfalls, all the while keeping an eye out for Hawaii's diverse birdlife.

... Birding Festival

The trail is set to officially open at this year's launch of the birding festival (24-25 Sep), held at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa.

There will be a range of events like workshops, bird-spotting, arts and crafts fair, dinners and a silent auction. For more details keep an eye on hawaiibirdingtrails.com

HA Goes Green

Hawaiian Airlines will showcase seven best practices that reduce fuel burn and carbon emissions on its Auckland-Honolulu flight today, to celebrate Earth Day. The carrier will demonstrate the seven best practices outlined by the Asia Pacific Initiative to Reduce Emissions (ASPIRE), including using preferred routes, time-based arrivals management and departures optimisation.

Aloha Down Under

Agents have until next Fri to register for the upcoming Aloha Down Under workshops in Auckland and Wellington next month. The largest delegation yet of suppliers from across Hawaii's islands will be heading to New Zealand for the agent events, where they'll be meeting with agents and filling them in on how best to sell Hawaii to their clients. There's also entertainment, food, drinks and prizes up for grabs. For details and to RSVP, [CLICK HERE](#)

Hawaii Tourism has set up a website where agents can head for more information on each of the suppliers coming to New Zealand. See alohadownunder.com.au

Aston Webinar

Aston Hotels and Resorts, which offers more than 50 properties across Hawaii's islands, is inviting agents to a webinar on next Thu 28 Apr at 1030. For details and to register, [CLICK HERE](#)



Pan Pacific Festival

A hula festival, block party and parade in Waikiki, and Taiko drumming are all part of the Pan-Pacific Festival, coming to Oahu in Jun. The festival also includes copious amounts of food, live entertainment, exhibits and demonstrations, all celebrating the longstanding friendship and goodwill between Japan and Hawaii's multitude of cultures. It's on 10-12 Jun at locations in and near Waikiki, and all events are free. See pan-pacific-festival.com



Hilton Returns To Hawaii With Kauai Hotel

Hilton Worldwide has returned to Hawaii with a Garden Inn brand opening on Kauai. The 216-room, suite and two-room cottage Hilton Garden Inn Kauai Wailua Bay sits where the Wailua River meets the Pacific Ocean and near Lydgate Beach Park, one of the area's only lifeguarded swimmable beaches, says Hilton. Facilities include 7460ft² of meeting space, gazebo suitable for weddings, free WiFi, fitness centre, two swimming pools, playground, The Garden Grille and Bar and The Pavillion Pantry offering 24-hours access to snacks, treats, drinks and microwaveable items.

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