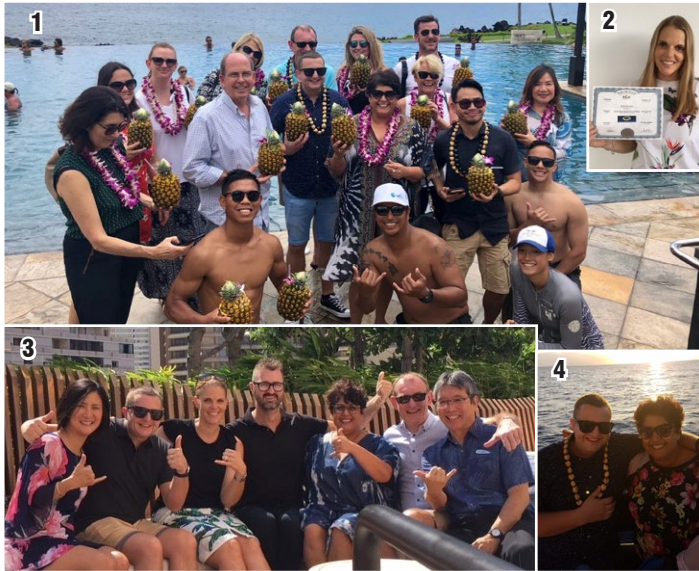
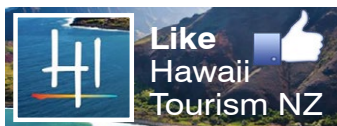


Experience Aloha Business Exchange



The second annual Experience Aloha Business Exchange took place in Oahu, Hawaii last week (08-14 June), organised by the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) in conjunction with Hawaii Tourism Oceania (HTO) and Hawaiian Airlines. This year's focus was on the Meetings and Incentives market, with delegates able to experience first-hand how Hawaii could not only meet but also exceed expectations for incentive clients. Highlights included enjoying an evening event on the Battleship USS Missouri, and visits to key off site venues such as Kualoa Ranch and Iolani Palace and Princess Estates. HTA also gifted all delegates attending the exchange a legacy tree which was planted in their honour as part of the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative.



Hawaii Tourism Oceania was also able to showcase the diversity of what The Hawaiian Islands could offer by adding on a couple of days in Maui post the exchange. The group experienced an amazing helicopter trip with Maverick Helicopters over Maui and Molokai, spent time at Wailea and Kaanapali resort areas and finished off the trip with a sunset dinner sail with Trilogy.

1 The HTO delegation enjoying drinks at the Wailea Beach Resort Prince Waikiki. **2** Megan Hornblow from HTO with her Hawaiian Legacy Tree certificate gifted by HTA. **3** The Kiwis with the Prince Resorts Team, from left, Taryn Kabei, Prince Resorts; APX's Carl Sinclair; Megan Hornblow, HTO; Insider Experience's Blair Jagusch; Alka Thapar, Hawaiian Airlines; Paul Beswick, Willimments, Brian Soma, Prince Resorts Princess Estates. **4** APX's Carl Sinclair and Alka Thapar from Hawaiian Airlines enjoy the sunset sail in Maui with Trilogy Waikiki.

HNL Wifi Reminder

Hawaiian Airlines reminds agents that Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) offers free wifi. Passengers can enjoy unlimited 45-minute sessions simply by watching a brief ad.

Hau Tree Cantina

The Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort's signature bar the Hau Tree Cantina features a new menu, offering craft margaritas and mojitos alongside Mexican fare with a Hawaiian twist.

HA HNL Sale

Hawaiian Airlines has tactical one-way fares to Honolulu from \$426 (L class) for sales to 25 Jun. Reduced levels are also available to neighbour islands. For details, see hawaiianairlines.co.nz



Turtle Independence

While the rest of Hawaii celebrates Independence Day on 04 Jul, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows on Hawaii Island's Kohala Coast is celebrating Turtle Independence Day. Mauna Lani raises juvenile Hawaiian green sea turtles in its salt water ponds until they are old enough to be released into the ocean on 04 Jul. This year's turtle release begins at 1030, and will also feature a welcome ceremony with hula performance by Halau Waiau. See maunalani.com for details.



Outrigger Named Hawaii's Best

Outrigger Hotels and Resorts has been named Best Hotel Chain in Hawaii for the second consecutive year, at the 2018 TravelAge West WAVE Awards. This comes as it was also awarded the title of Best Hotel Brand for Families at Marina Del Ray last week.

Outrigger Enterprises Group Sean Dee says the awards are the icing on its anniversary cake, as the company celebrates 70 years.

"We feel incredibly humbled by and grateful to our travel agent partners for their vote of confidence and inspired to work even harder to ensure that each link to our iconic Outrigger brand is stronger than ever before," adds Dee.

At the same time, the state of Hawaii was named Destination with the Highest Client Satisfaction, USA and the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau was named as the U.S. Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Agent Support in the Western Agents' Vote of Excellence (WAVE) Awards.

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