

Moves To Expedite Travel Through HNL

The Hawaii department of Transportation Airports Division has announced plans for a new Diamond Head concourse at the Daniel K Inouye International Airport.

The new Diamond Head Concourse will help ease the current congestion during peak times and provide a much needed increase in airport capacity, as Hawaii visitor numbers continue to increase.

“This is a major investment in the airport, and my administration is committed to improving HNL’s facilities for its passengers, airlines and businesses,” says Gov. David Ige.

“This project, combined with other airport modernisation projects happening now, will result in more gates, faster processing for international travellers and greater efficiency.”

The new concourse will feature 12-14 wide body gates, expandable to 21, a new Customs and Border Protection facility that will be able to process 4000 arriving passengers per hour, improved screening checkpoint and baggage screening facilities for the TSA and new parking for airport employees.

The USD1.1 billion concourse will be built over the next 10 years, with planning, design and environmental assessments to be undertaken first, before construction which is slated to start in five years’ time.



Eat The Street

On the last Fri of every month is Eat The Street, which sees over 40 food trucks and vendors attract over 7000 people to Kaka’ako Waterfront Park on Ala Moana Boulevard 1600-2100. Highlighted vendors include Gyozilla, Watanabe Bakery, Mega-Load burgers and ICE HNL. See eatthestreethawaii.com

Oahu For History

While Oahu is popular for its shopping and family resorts, Kainoa Daines, director of sales at Oahu Visitors Bureau says a lot of people don’t know about Pearl Harbour and the other memorials and museums on the island. “The beauty of Oahu is the diversity of the off-site experiences,” says Daines. His must see attractions on the island of Oahu include the Queen Emma Summer Palace, He’eia Fishponds and Waimea Valley. There’s also a lot of American history says Daines, clients who want to know more about this are advised to visit the USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park and the Missouri Memorial.

Sundown Sounds

Every Wed visitors staying at The SurfJack can head the Mahina Lounge from 1900 for mellow live music on the restaurant lanai, performed by acoustic folk duo Foreseeable Futures.

S’Mores At The Sheraton

The Sheraton Maui is offering a s’mores kits for those who want to indulge in their sweet tooth while on holiday. The kits come complete with Maui cookies, macadamia nut pieces, coconut flakes, li hing mui sugar, bananas, pineapple, strawberries, chocolates, graham crackers and marshmallows.

Kayak & Snorkel

Holokai Kayak and Snorkel Adventures on Oahu’s Windward Coast offers kayaking, sailing and snorkelling adventures at Heeiea State Park on Kaneohe Bay. The three-hour guided kayak and snorkel adventure is recommended for families as it features an instructional eco-tour, a kayak journey to Coconut Island and snorkelling at various reef patches along the way, observing sea turtles, rays and tropical fish. All proceeds from the tour support Heeiea State Park and non-profit Kamaaina Kids. See holokaiadventures.com



Stay A Night, Or Three

Globus has reported increased Kiwi demand for its three-night stopover packages for clients wanting to make the most of their time in Hawaii. Priced from \$899pp t/s the package includes three nights’ accommodation at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, daily breakfast and return airport transfers. Alternatively Cosmos offers a package deal from \$699pp t/s which includes three nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani and return airport transfers.



North Shore Surfing For Kids

Oahu’s legendary North Shore is home to big wave surfing championship the Vans Triple Crown, but also offers family friendly surfing, advises Go Hawaii. Sunset Suzy offers family surfing lessons at the North Shore, at quieter beaches with calmer surf ideal for young families. Lessons are offered year round, and Suzy adds kids often enjoy surfing with the help of her two golden retrievers Kaya and Coco. See sunsetсуzy.com.

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