

# Kona Coffee Fest Celebrates History



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Hawaii's oldest food festival, the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, returns this 07-16 Nov with new events like Kona coffee farm tours, native Hawaiian arts and culture, and child-friendly activities.

Coffee has been grown on Hawaii Island since the early 1800s but by the second half of the 19th Century it focused mainly on the Kona district, where large coffee plantations flour-

ished until the coffee market crashed in 1899.

Japanese immigrants then leased the land in plots and created their own family-run farms, and today around 600 independent Kona coffee farms continue to operate.

Highlights of the 10-day festival, which has been around for 44 years, include the Kona Coffee Cupping Contest, Kona Coffee Belt Farm Tours, coffee picking and recipe contests, a living history farm tour to experience life on a 1920s coffee farm, and the Kamehameha Schools Ho'olaule'a celebration of art, food, music and fun. See [konacoffeefest.com](http://konacoffeefest.com)

## HA Wyndham Tie-up

Members of Hawaiian Airlines' frequent flyer programme HawaiianMiles can now earn more miles through Wyndham Rewards. Members can earn 500 HawaiianMiles for qualifying stays at Wyndham hotels, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, TRYP by Wyndham, Dream hotels and Night Hotels, and also two HawaiianMiles for every USD1 spent on stays at properties including the Howard Johnson, Super 8, Ramada, Travelodge and Knights Inn.

## Outrigger Appointments

Outrigger Reef on the Beach has appointed Richard Oshiro, a regular visitor to New Zealand in his previous role with Miramar, as its new director of sales and marketing. Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach has promoted Mary Loy to director of sales and marketing.



## Westin Moana Surfrider Upgrade

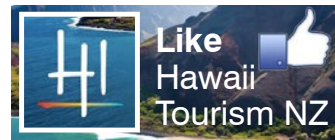
Westin's Moana Surfrider resort has recently completed a USD21 million renovation which included refreshing the 552 guest rooms and 36 suites in the Tower and Diamond wings, creating a new penthouse in the Tower and building a new beach club (pictured). The rooms have new furnishings and bathrooms, and the Beach Club offers concierge services, Wi-Fi, breakfast service, snacks and refreshments. See [moana-surfrider.com](http://moana-surfrider.com)

## Hawaii Airports Upgrade

Hawaii is to pour more than USD335 million into improving its airports, including upgrading the concessions at Honolulu and upgrading the Overseas Terminal, used by airlines like Air New Zealand and Fiji Airways.

The funds are designed to 'improve the air travel experience' for visitors and transform the islands' airports into world-class facilities, says governor Neil Abercrombie.

The money will go towards building a car rental facility at Kahului Airport on Maui, roadway improvements at the Overseas Terminal at HNL, creating an extra 2600m<sup>2</sup> of concession space at HNL's Ewa Concourse (there's currently just 480m<sup>2</sup>), and improving aircraft rescue and firefighting facilities at Hilo International Airport.



## Pearl Harbour Package

A close-up and personal tour of the ships, submarines and aircraft of Pearl Harbour is available to guests of the Embassy Suites Waikiki Beach Walk. Until 21 Dec guests who stay four nights at the property receive up to two full-day passes to the memorial to visit and explore the historic sites. See [embassysuiteswaikiki.com](http://embassysuiteswaikiki.com)

## Prince Hawaii Deals

Prince Resorts Hawaii has kids eat free, kids golf free, and two-for-one deals available through to 30 Sep. Kids aged 12 and under can dine for free when accompanied by a paying adult at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club, Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel and Mauna Kea Beach Hotel; and those aged six to 17 get a free round of golf when their parents buy a round at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club and Hapuna Golf Course. Families can get two rooms for the price of one at Mauna Kea with rates from USD969 plus tax pn including daily breakfast for two. See [princeresortshawaii.com](http://princeresortshawaii.com)

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