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Aloha Friday

TABS ON TRAVEL TODAY

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Hawaii Cocktail Culture Wrap-up

Clients bound for Hawaii are spoilt for choice when it comes to relaxing with a cocktail and a view, so SPG Hotels Hawaii has compiled a list of five of the best bars where they can soak in Hawaii's cocktail offerings.

At Sheraton Kauai Resorts' RumFire Poipu Beach bar, clients can enjoy a signature smoked Rumhattan with 270° views from Poipu Beach to Spouting Horn. Alternatively the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa's Cliff Dive Bar at Black Rock is a hot spot for sipping a Maui Mist while enjoying traditions such as the nightly torch lighting and cliff diving ceremony.

Sports fans can enjoy the Pailolo



Bar & Grill at The Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villa, which offers drinks as well as sports games and even whale watching during hump-back season.

If Manta Rays are more your client's style the Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa Keauhou Bay's Rays on the Bay is situated on lava rocks where clients can try a Raystini cocktail while watching giant manta rays a few feet from the shore.

Rounding off the list is Relish Oceanside at The Westin Maui Resort & spa, which offers ocean views and alfresco dining, recommended drinks here include No Ka Oi Mai Tai or a Dragonberry Bomb.

Aqua Ohia Waikiki

The newly-refurbished Aqua Ohia Waikiki is now offering room service from its local restaurant Da Big Kahuna Waikiki.

The menu offers Hawaiian and American favourites including juicy burgers and pub style appetisers as well as a selection of spirits and fish bowl cocktails. Da Big Kahuna Waikiki is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner advises Aqua Aston. See ohiahotel.com

New Dining In Waikiki

Maui-born Chef Elmer Guzman has opened his latest concept Fish Hook Café at the Luana Waikiki Hotel & Suites. The café will serve up Guzman's famous poke bowls—along with a range of locally and sustainably sourced grab-and-go items, breakfast and lunch. Clients at the hotel will also have access to the Fish Bowl, the property's breakfast buffet serving Hawaiian-style staples such as meats, cereals, pastries and local fruits. Fish Hook Café is open 0700-1400, see luanawaikiki.com



Surfing Santas & Poke

It's a Hawaiian Christmas at the Sheraton Waikiki as the resort celebrates the 12 Days of Christmas with the hotels largest sand sculpture ever. The 'Sandsational' display (pictured) depicts the Christmas countdown, and shows Santa enjoying mai tais at RumFire as well as a mythical menehune with a Christmas tree, representing the second and first day of Christmas in the main lobby.

A second sand sculpture representing days three-12 is at the Sheraton Waikiki Porte Cochere. The sand sculptures are expected to remain at the hotel through early 2018 when a new sculpture will be made in the lobby.

Sheraton Events Revamp

The Sheraton Waikiki's meeting and convention spaces has undergone a USD1.4 million upgrade. The hotel is said to feature one of the largest hotel ballrooms in Waikiki (the 26,000-square-foot Hawaii Ballroom) along with suites and breakout spaces, several with prime ocean views. The recent upgrades include new furnishings, new banquet chairs, new state-of-the-art buffet equipment, and what it says is the most sophisticated technology necessary for today's groups.



Hilton Street Party

Hilton is offering a Street Party Pass Package which features a two-night stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach and a free party pass for The Street, A Michael Mina Social House dining experience. The deal includes exclusive line express service at The Street's Hawker stations. The deal is for bookings to 20 Dec for travel to 21 Dec.

Santa In Hawaii

Aston Maui Hill resort is Santa Claus' preferred Hawaii landing pad on Christmas Eve for the last 34 years, says Aqua Aston.

Santa will arrive at 1200 local time in a helicopter to greet families and children poolside with a bag of gifts. Also on offer is free musical entertainment, family friendly fun, and BBQ plates. See astonmauihill.com



Family Fun On The High Seas

Clients can journey into the world of pirates, invading the shores of Waikiki while searching for gold and glory, in the seas just off Waikiki with Hawaii Pirate Ship Adventures. The company offers a variety of themed sailings including a Pirate Daytime Cruise for families (from USD64, adults and USD54, children) and for those over 21, a BYOB Pirate Dance Cruise, starting at USD64. The experience is a huge hit with the younger sailors and the 'pirates' remain in character for the whole journey, which follows the coastline towards Diamond Head. Snacks are available on board and dressing up is encouraged. See hawaiiirateship.com

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