

## Meet Me In Hawaii



Pic: Hilton Hawaii

Beyond the scenery and Aloha Spirit the Hawaiian Islands offer a number of opportunities for meeting planners and attendees, and Meet Hawaii has noted its top reasons agents should be selling the island state for MICE clients.

First up is location; positioned in the mid-Pacific it offers convenient travel times as well as year-round non-stop services. It's also in a similar time zone as New York and Singapore for those conducting international business. Its year-round tropical weather is

another selling point. The third reason is diversity; the Hawaiian islands natural landscapes offer a variety of non-traditional meeting venues, from Hawaii Convention Center's rooftop garden, which overlooks the city to farm-to-table luncheons in a verdant amphitheatre shaped valley.

The final reason to encourage your clients to book their next meeting in Hawaii is culture; the islands offer a neutral meeting point for attendees arriving from around the world and feature a diverse multicultural population.

Planners with experience booking MICE programmes in Hawaii not only appreciate the many advantages of the Aloha State's location, but also value the unique opportunity to provide their attendees with memorable, impactful programmes, it says.



### Izakaya In Waikiki

Iron Chef Masaharu has opened Momosan Waikiki at the Alohilani Resort across the street from Kuhio Beach, one floor below Morimoto Asia Waikiki. According to Frolic Hawaii the new restaurant features ramen, yakitori and izakaya dishes alongside an outdoor beer garden with craft beer and sake.

### ... Merged Hilton Team

At the same time, Hilton has merged the sales team of its two flagship properties (Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort and Hilton Waikoloa Village). The move means planners now have a one-stop-shop and can easily compare both resorts offerings as well as combine them for a multi-island experience, says Hilton.

### Gannenmono Exhibit

The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum will feature a new exhibit honouring the 150th anniversary of the first Japanese plantation workers (gannenmono) to Hawaii. *Gannenmono: A Legacy of Eight Generations in Hawaii* will feature at the museum from 05 Jun, and includes first-hand accounts, historic illustrations and authentic cultural objects to tell the 'harrowing' tale of the first 150 workers. The exhibition will be open until spring 2019, local time, admission starts at USD24.95 for adults and USD16.95 for children. See [bishop-museum.org](http://bishop-museum.org)



### Aloha Aulani Offer

Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa has deals via select New Zealand wholesalers for clients who book by 24 Oct. Offers include stay four nights, save 25%; or stay five or more nights, save 30%; plus a USD150 per-stay resort credit for clients who book by 20 Jun. Offer is valid for travel 20 Aug-18 Nov and 24 Nov- 21 Dec 2018 unless sold out prior. More Aulani details [HERE](#).

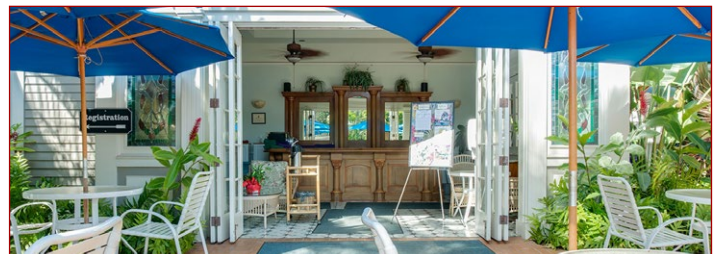
### T-Shirt Winners

Congratulations to Suzie Broadhead from helloworld Wanganui, Flight Centre Auckland Airport Kirsty Jackson, YOU Travel Napier's Sarah Peck and Karen Wedd from House of Travel Orewa, who have won a Hawaii map t-shirt thanks to Hawaii Tourism. The answer was D- the closest resort areas to the volcanic eruption are approximately 150km away.



### New At Ala Moana

The latest tenant at the Ala Moana Center is set to open its doors; Seoul Mix 2.0. The Korean street food eatery will feature comfort cuisine for lunch and dinner, with highlights such as kimchi fried rice, bibimap and burritos.



### Maui Adults-only Resort

Maui's Plantation Inn is an adults-only resort located close to Lahaina and five minutes from sister property Ka'anapali Beach Hotel.

Director of sales and marketing John White says it's a perfect option for Kiwis looking for that boutique experience, yet still close to town. "The property has great appeal to this market, it only has 18 rooms and no resort fee and the rate includes breakfast. It's quiet and offers something different than a large resort, and many Kiwis are looking for that here," says White. The recently renovated property offers a pool, free wifi, free car-parking and dining at Gerard's restaurant.

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