

Hawaii National Park Turns 100



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii Island is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary with a host of free events and festivities. The park is offering a centennial-themed After Dark in the Park programme monthly on a Tue night giving park visitors a 'fascinating facet

of the park's 100-year history.' There's also ranger-guided excursions and a host of 'free dates' where park entry is free. The variety of events on offer ranges from a quilt show, parades and art exhibitions.

The free 36th Annual Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Cultural Festival & BioBlitz is being staged 27 Aug with hula, music, art and the change to try out Hawaiian crafts.



Turtle Bay Deals

Iconic North Shore landmark Turtle Bay resort has released some discounted offers. The Oahu resort has rates for its rarely-discounted beach cottages from USD469 per night, for bookings by 15 Mar and travel by 30 Jun. The resort also has spring rates in its hotel rooms (which each offer ocean views) from USD299 per night, for sales to 15 Mar and travel by 30 Jun. Contact wholesalers for details.

... New Museum

The national park will also unveil plans for a new museum which will showcase art, photographs, artefacts, and other historic objects. For more details on the year-long celebration, [CLICK HERE](#)

Kaanapali Mahalo Deal

The Kaanapali Beach Hotel on Maui is offering agents a USD99 plus taxes Mahalo Month rate for up to four nights plus taxes. Agents can stay for an additional three (max seven-night stay) for USD129, plus taxes. A second room can be booked at the same rate for those looking to bring friends or family. For more on the hotel see, [kbh-maui.com](#) and for the Mahalo Month details, see [mahalomonth.com](#)

Prince Free Nights

Prince Resorts Hawaii's properties, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, and Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club, are currently offering special packages and deals including free nights. The Winter Escape package (available until 31 Mar) offers free nights; Suite Sunrise (valid until 30 Jun) includes 20% off and daily breakfast with any suite booking; Kids Eat Free and Kids Golf Free are both available 01 Mar-30 Sep; and there's a Room & Breakfast offer available until 22 Dec, including a fifth night free and daily breakfast for two. See [princeresortshawaii.com](#)

Waikiki Dining

Holiday Inn Resort Waikiki Beachcomber's restaurant, Jimmy Buffet's at the Beachcomber, will be closing 29 Feb. The new restaurant, Maui Brewing Co, will start renovations in Mar and reopen at the end of the year. Meanwhile, Aroma Caffe will open 01 Mar in the former Surf Museum area, offering breakfast. The hotel adds that there are also many restaurants within walking distance to the hotel.



Kona Billfish Tourny

The 57th Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament is being held off Kona on Hawaii Island 30 Jul-06 Aug, and organisers says the event attracts anglers from around the globe. For clients who just want to go along to watch the weigh-in, the tournament HQ will be at Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach. Hawaii Tourism says Kailua Pier is a great place to watch the tournament start each morning at 0730 as the boats line up across Historic Kailua Bay. "Spectators can expect to see lots of scoreboard action as teams weigh in their big fish at the end of fishing each day at 1630," adds the STO. For detail, e-mail [hibt@hawaii.rr.com](#)



Volcano Cycling Tour

Visitors can take on the infamous Ironman Kona bike course, pedal through coffee plantations, along the scenic coastline in the Puna district and up the world's largest active volcano in a new bike tour from Ride & Seek and Big Island Bike Tours. The eight-day tour is priced from USD3900 and offers two departures (19-26 Mar and 05-12 +Nov). It includes luxury accommodation, visiting The Hawaiian Vanilla Company, sampling a variety of coffee, experiencing multiple climate zones, cliff jumping, soaking in the naturally heated tide pools of Kapoho, and plenty of local cuisine. See [rideandseek.com/kom/hawaii](#)

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