

Turtle Launches Its 'Rates Of The Year'



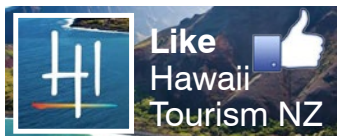
Oahu's Turtle Bay Resort, located on the North Shore, has released what it says are its best rates of the year for the northern autumn season—in time for Kiwi travellers to snap up rooms to check out the North Shore's epic surf and some of the world's top competitions. The rates at the expansive resort are priced from USD209 per night in the newly renovated ocean-view accommodation, overlooking the resort's 11km beach. The levels are valid for stays 01 Sep-

27 Nov, with big surf comps including the HIC Pro at Sunset Beach 28 Oct-10 Nov, or the REEF Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa 12-23 Nov and the Vans World Cup at Sunset 24 Nov-01 Dec.

In addition, as part of 'Golftober' at Turtle Bay, all guests golf for free on either course throughout Oct. See turtlebayresort.com

Wailea Marriott Bought

Sunstone Hotel Investors has announced plans to buy the 544-room Wailea Beach Marriott Resort & Spa and will begin a USD65 million renovation from next year, aimed mainly at upgrading the resort's public spaces. Marriott will continue to oversee daily operations at the resort.



Hukilau Marketplace To Launch In Jan

A new dining and retail precinct, the Hukilau Marketplace, is set to open in front of the Polynesian Cultural Center in Jan. The marketplace will offer free entry, parking and entertainment, and is perfect for clients to stretch their legs while making the scenic drive on Kamehameha Highway, says the PCC. Dining and retail options include the full service Pounder's Restaurant, Polynesian Bakery, Roulotte Court, lolly shop, food and retail kiosks and carts, a general store, home store, and a stage in front of the restaurant with regular live performances. The marketplace will have its own separate entrance and longer opening hours than the PCC (1000-2200 Mon-Sat). See polynesia.com

Kiss Open Maui Pub

Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley of Kiss fame have opened a new pub on Maui—and they're planning to visit often, says the Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau. The Rock and Brews in Paia will serve a wide variety of craft beers. See rockandbrews.com/paia

Outrigger Sea Cliff

Outrigger Royal Sea Cliff in Hawaii is offering free guest activities to share the state's rich culture. On Mon and Tue evenings there's parties with Hawaiian music, hula performances and complimentary light refreshments; Thu is movie night, with Hawaii-themed movies under the stars; and on Fri morning, the Mahalo party features lei making, Hawaiian music and storytelling.

Maui Snorkelling

Guided snorkel tours including Maui's Turtle Town are available from The Makena Beach & Golf Resort from USD20 pp, inclusive of snorkel gear, flotation device and guide. See makenaresortmaui.com



Waikiki Seahorses

Waikiki Aquarium will open a new Amazing Adaptations Syngnathid Exhibit featuring seahorses, seadragons and pipefish on 04 Jul. A diverse collection of the species will be displayed across nine exhibits, including two nursery tanks with live baby seahorse bred at the aquarium. Entry to the aquarium is USD12 for adults, USD5 for seniors and children aged four to 12, and free for children three and under. See waikikiaquarium.org

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