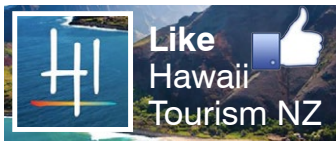


Musical Mele Mei Month Line-up



Outrigger Resorts has released details of its Mele Mei programme—a month-long celebration of Hawaii’s music, hula and culture in May. There will be nightly entertainment at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach’s

Kani Ka Pila Grille, and at Duke’s Waikiki and the Hula Grill at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach, as part of the month-long programme—as well as special concerts at Waikiki Beach Walk. Every Sun during the celebrations, the Kani Ka Pila Grille will expand its musical offerings to include two Hawaiian groups on stage 1700-2100, says Outrigger.



HA Gluten-Free

Gluten-free snack boxes are now available on Hawaiian Airlines’ New Zealand, Australia and North America flights, the carrier has advised. The snack boxes cost USD7. There’s also gluten-free salsa and tortilla chips and gluten-free hummus dip (both USD4).

... The Line-up

As well as the nightly entertainment, other musical events include a Beach Boys, Memories and Music Concert, on Waikiki Beach 01 May; at the Ala Moana Hotel on 03 May there’s the HARA Lifetime Achievement Awards luncheon show, and an Hawaiian Idol talent search. Also 03 May, Kaiao and Kuana Torres Kahele play at the Kani Ka Pila Grille. On 10 May Del Beazley will play at the Waikiki Beach Walk, while Huewa and Mailani will be at the Kani Ka Pila Grille. There’s also a Slack Key workshop with master player George Kahumoku, at the Outrigger Reef 22 May; and the Hawaiian version of the Grammys, the Na Hokku Hanohano Awards, will be staged at the Hawaii Convention Center 23 May. For a full list of gigs on during Mele Mei, see outrigger.com/events

Hawaii Bill For Beaches

Hawaii’s government is reportedly looking at how it can tackle beach erosion, which is currently threatening around 70% of its beaches according to a report by the US Geological Survey. Senate president Donna Mercado Kim has said restoring Hawaii’s beaches is one of the most important issues facing Hawaii Legislature. A senate panel will debate next week on a new bill that would put aside part of the transient accommodation tax to help fund beach restoration, say reports.

Top Five Sushi Joints

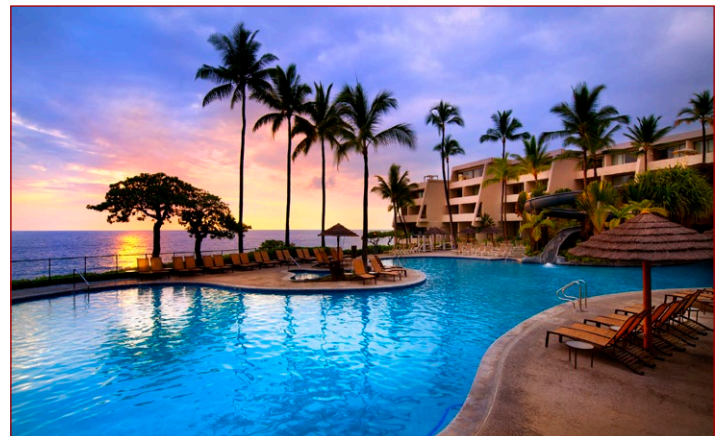
Hawaii Tourism’s *Good Food Guide* has singled out Honolulu’s top five sushi joints. Sushi Sasabune Restaurant on King St, just a USD10 cab ride from Waikiki, tops the list, followed by Morimoto Waikiki, located at The Modern hotel; Morio’s Sushi Bistro on Kuhio Ave; the Shirokiya Food Hall at the Ala Moana Center; and Chiba Ken of Hawaii on Ena Rd. For more details see gohawaii.com/nz

Hula To Hawaii

GO Holidays is offering four-night Waikiki packages from \$1399pp s/t, for sales to 31 Mar and travel 12 Apr-17 Jun and 11 Oct-30 Nov. The deal includes Hawaiian Airlines flights ex Auckland to Honolulu. Clients can add on a Neighbour Island two-night package from \$299pp.

SPAM Jam Reminder

Agents with Hawaii-bound clients are reminded of the festivities around the Waikiki Spam Jam, presented by Outrigger Resorts. Rated as one of the state’s top food festivals, the 02 May event showcases local food and entertainment in a family-friendly atmosphere. Clients can join the locals along Kalakaua Ave and sample Spam dishes served by some of Honolulu’s top restaurants. This year there’s also an Hawaiian music stage fronting the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, featuring performances from Ke Hena, Brother Noland, Germaine’s Luau, Del Beazley & Robi Kahakalau, and Sean Naauao. For details, see spamjamhawaii.com



Family Deal At Starwood Hotels

Starwood Hotels and Resorts’ 11 Hawaii properties currently offer a Love Your Family package from USD219 at the Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa on the Big Island of Hawaii. The deal includes kids eat free, resort credits of up to USD100 per day, and a range of activity programs designed for children. Adjoining rooms are provided where available. Details starwoodhotelshawaii.com

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