# 'New' Outrigger; Agent Offers



Outrigger Hotels and Resorts is renovating the Waikiki Beachcomber and rebranding it as the Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger in Feb 2018.

Bookings have already opened for the Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger—and trade partners in its Outrigger Expert Programme will receive 30 points per night booked, and earn a \$50 booking bonus for qualified bookings of five nights or more until 21 Dec.

The USD25 million renovation includes complete makeovers to guest rooms, the pool deck and public spaces with timeless coastal décor.

The hotel, which is located on Kalakaua right by the revamped International Marketplace, will also feature the latest in-room technology, new meeting spaces and 'embrace environmental considerations'. Waikiki

#### **Hula With Aloha**

The Ala Moana Center is staging a Hula with Aloha Hawaiian culture experience Mon-Sat 0900-1500 until 06 Dec. Clients can learn how to hula from award winning kumu hula, with beginner, intermediate and advanced classes, along with other cultural activities such as lei making and Hawaiian storytelling. Classes can be set up in advance by reservation only, see hulawithaloha.com

Beachcomber by Outrigger is pitched as an upscale, urban oasis with a modern Hawaiian elegance that is inspired by the hotel's ocean views and surrounding natural environment. says Scott Dalecio, ceo of Outrigger Hotels and Resorts. "This reinvestment is the first of many exciting capital projects to come and part of our larger strategy to ensure sustainable growth for Outrigger's authentic and iconic brand."

Once renovated the hotel will also feature dining hot spot Maui Brewing Co, and Hawaiian Aroma Caffe.

#### Aloha G Adventures

G Adventures has introduced its first ever Hawaii programme, which explores The Big Island, Maui, Oahu and Kauai. "For years our travellers have been asking for trips to Hawaii, we're incredibly excited to introduce the new program and show travellers another side of Hawaii," says Scott Fuller, G's North America product co-ordinator. The eight-day Hawaii Adventure starts at \$3819, and includes highlights such as sailing along Waikiki Beach, eating pineapple at the Dole plantation, visiting Kualoa Ranch Nature Reserve where Jurassic Park was filmed and exploring the mountains and beaches of Kauai. See gadventures.com

# **Sheraton Upgrades**

The Sheraton Waikiki has undergone an USD1.44 million dollar upgrade in its ballroom and banquet area. The ballroom, which is the largest in Waikiki, renovation includes new furnishings in the foyer, new custom designed carpet, new paint and new banquet chairs.

The buffet equipment has also undergone a USD200,000 upgrade, and there is also a new farm-totable culinary concept, focusing on fresh and local ingredients.

#### **#HFWF17 Golf Classic**

The seventh annual Hawaii Food and Wine Festival is on until 05 Nov, with Roy's Annual Golf Classic kicking it off at Kaanapali Golf Centre. The 18-hole benefit tournament for IMUA Family Services features six culinary tastings, wine, cocktail and beer stations and luxurious prizes. The event features seven chefs including Henry Adaniya and Joey Macadangdang. For pricing and details see hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

## **Maui Bar Guide**

With Happy Hour, Pau Hana Hour, Aloha Hour, Hoppy Hour, Sunset Hour and even a Cappy Hour, knowing when and where to drink in Maui can be daunting for clients, but Mauitime has created a list of the best bars and when to go. The top three for West Maui start with Beach Bums Napili with happy hours 1400-1800 and 2100-2300 offering USD1 draft beers, USD5 shots and food specials. Betty's Beach café is next, offering happy hours 1400-1700 and 2100-2200 with USD3 margaritas, and USD5 appetisers.

#### . . . Adult Shave Ice

Our favourite is the Breakwell Shaved Ice Co's offer for adults to turn their cocktail into shaved ice for USD5 1400-1800. Popular adult shave ice options include mai tai, pina colada and a strawberry guava daiquiri.





### **New Ala Moana Center Dining Concept**

The Ala Moana Center has introduced its newest dining concept, which features 10 eateries to suit all tastes. Opening 27 Oct, the Lanai @ Ala Moana Centre will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner with indoor and outdoor seating for up to 450 people.

Clients can pick from tequila, wine and craft beer from Agave & Vine, or enjoy sushi, sashimi, poke and bento from Ahi & Vegetable. Also on offer is BRUG, a Japanese style bakery and Da Spot for clients looking for healthier exotic style meals and smoothies. Clients craving stir fry can visit HiTEA Café, but if sandwiches are more their style Ike's Place is the place to go. Alternatively Mahaloha Burgers is the go-to for hearty island inspired burgers. Lanai also offers Sobaya, a Japanese noodle house, and Teppenyaki Farmer, an open kitchen famous for its steak-rolls. Finishing up the offerings is Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha, which has shaved ice and locally made ice-cream.



