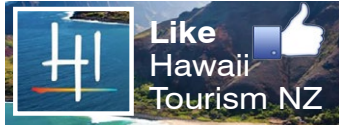


# Waikiki Holiday Inn Express Now Open



At 44-stories and 596 rooms, the newly opened Holiday Inn Express Waikiki is the largest HI Express property to open in the America's, advises InterContinental Hotels Group.

Located three blocks from the beach and four blocks from the convention centre, the hotel sits well for both leisure and business travellers to Honolulu, with plenty of on-site facilities. This includes the likes of a fifth floor sky deck with games of giant chess, nine hole mini golf, a video game room and ping pong; an outdoor pool with a sundeck and cabanas; and for the fitness buffs, a 24 hour fitness centre,



**Pacific Beach On Track**  
The USD115 million redevelopment of the Pacific Beach Hotel at Oahu is making steady progress, advises Hawaii Tourism. The Waikiki hotel's exterior, 839 rooms and suites, and public areas including a lobby aquarium, are being reimaged, while new features are to include a two-pool deck and two restaurants. The transformation will be completed by the end of the year, after which the hotel will be named Alohilani Resort at Waikiki Beach.

while yoga classes are also on offer. The property is also home to meeting space and outdoor seating. All rooms feature a compact fridge, coffee maker and microwave and clients can start the day with the complimentary Express Start breakfast bar featuring both hot and cold items, including signature cinnamon rolls.

**Learn About The Land**  
Visitors to Hawaii are invited to roll up their sleeves to learn more about the destination's forest and fishpond environments. The Maui Visitors and Conventions Bureau reveals there are a number of schemes open to travellers who are open to giving back while learning about some of the sacred places on the islands. Among the programmes, La Hana Lanai once a month allows visitors to explore the culture and heritage of Lanai island while working on the land or at the seashore. And, on Molokai, non-profit organisation Hui o Kuapa works to restore traditional native loko 'a (fishponds). Visitors are welcome to pitch in on a variety of schemes. Meanwhile, Maui Cultural Lands puts native flora under the microscope, giving visitors the chance to remove invasive plants and replant native trees at a number of sites. See lahanalanai.com, huiokauapa.org, maui-cultural-lands.org

**Hawaii On Show**  
Agents are reminded that registrations are open for this year's Aloha Down Under industry events, to be held in Christchurch 14 Aug (to register, [CLICK HERE](#)) and Auckland 15 Aug (registrations, [HERE](#)).

**Turtle Bay Deals**  
  
Kids eat free at Oahu's Turtle Bay Resort at North Shore Kula Grille for breakfast and dinner only till 04 Sep (for children 10 years and under). Plus the property is offering discounts of 10% for four night stays; 15% for five nights and 20% discount on six or more nights for travel till 21 Dec on new bookings only.



**Poolside At Surfjack**  
Waikiki's 1960s throwback hotel, Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club, has embarked on its second season of Summer at the Swim Club events. Poolside events include a mid-century pop-up shop, a 'talk story' with surf filmmaker Taylor Steel and puppy adoption day. There's also a pool party scheduled for 12 Aug, which will feature beach wear launches, polaroid booths, DJs, cocktails and light food. See surfjack.com for further details.



**Hiking With A Difference**  
Designed for the adventurous traveller looking for a path to the crater not normally visited on regular tours to Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park, the Kilauea Hike 'n Glow full day tour takes visitors down into the Kilauea Iki crater through the rainforest and across the still-steaming crater floor culminating in a walk through the Thurston Lava Tube. After returning from the six kilometre roundtrip hike, clients will sit down for a barbecue dinner at Volcano Winery, including a private vineyard and tea orchard tour and wine tasting. Priced from USD129 (Hilo side) or USD209 (from Kona), the full day tour includes transportation, lunch and dinner. Visit kapohokine.com

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