

HNL Made Easy With Bikes To Go

Getting around Honolulu just got easier, and greener, thanks to the launch of a new bike share service, dubbed Biki.

After nearly five years of research, community outreach, feedback and public events, Biki was officially launched on Wed (local time), with 100 self-service Biki Stops now available throughout the city, from Chinatown to Diamond Head.

Each Biki Stop is home to a number of bikes, with clients able to simply purchase a pass on-line before



picking up their bike and riding away. Making the city more accessible for both travellers and locals a-like, the company says the bikes will come in particularly handy when something is too far to walk and yet too close to drive.

There are Biki Stops located at a series of popular tourist hang-outs, including near the likes of Ala Moana, the Hawaii Convention Center, Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Honolulu Zoo and the Honolulu Museum of Art.

Clients that have as little as 30 minutes to spare can pay just USD3.50 for a single ride; while those with more time can purchase a USD20 pass that provides 300 minutes. And for clients who are lucky enough to be enjoying an extended Hawaiian holiday, there's a USD15 monthly pass that provides unlimited 30-minute rides per month; or a USD25 monthly pass that provides unlimited 60-minute rides.

Interested users can log onto gobiki.org to sign up or purchase any of the passes before heading to a Biki Stop. In addition, a free mobile Biki app is available for both Android and Apple users.



Yoga At The Aquarium

Thought of taking a yoga class with stingray, sharks and hundreds of fish as the audience? The Maui Ocean Center takes yoga practice to a new level of peace with nature with yoga classes alongside its Open Ocean exhibit. The 75-minute classes are offered on select days of the week. Visit mauiocenter.com/aquari-om

Virtual First for Oahu

Wanting to enhance the pre-arrival experience for its guests, the Hilton Waikiki Beach is the first hotel in Hawaii to offer a stand-alone virtual reality app for mobile users. In partnership with YouVisit, the VR app was created to showcase what the hotel is all about and to give future guests a glimpse into the resort and surrounds.

The app is downloadable from iTunes or Google Play and usable with common headsets like Google Cardboard or Daydream. A 360° video tour is also available for desktop users. See hiltonwaikikibeach.com



Maui Canoe Surfing

For Hawaii-bound clients looking to try something new—suggest Canoe Surfing on Maui

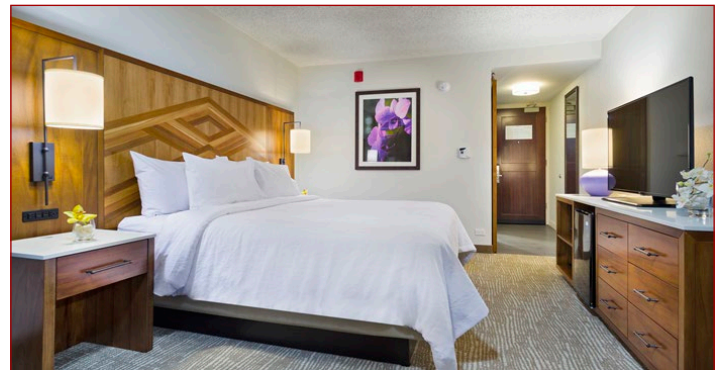
The concept is said to have been around since Captain Cook reported seeing Tahitians surfing their canoes as early as 1777, and now the team at Maui Surf Lessons are on hand to instruct riders on how to take to the surf on a canoe, advises Hawaii Tourism.

No prior outrigger canoe paddling or surfing experience is required and canoe surfing is said to be suitable for all ages.

Alternatively clients can also take stand-up paddle board or private surf lessons from the team's qualified instructors. For pricing and details, see mauisurflessons.com

Beat The Feet

The Fairmont Kea Lani is holding a week-long running retreat 22–27 Oct designed for guests to discover Maui with their running shoes. Participants will run scenic routes along the coast and slopes of Haleakala volcano and dine at popular restaurants. Visit hawaiiirunningretreats.com



First Hilton In Kauai Opens

After a major renovation and refit, the Hilton Garden Inn in Kauai opened earlier this month. Rebranded from the Aston Aloha Beach Hotel, all 216 guestrooms received improvements as well as the fitness area, lobby, indoor pool and the business centre. The beachfront property features an outdoor pool, jogging track, restaurant and bar, kid's playground, an activities desk, complimentary wifi and 465 m² of meeting/event space. The renovated property is the only Hilton-brand in Kauai and the second Hilton Garden Inn in Hawaii. For details, see hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

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