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NZ Talks Up Trade Benefits In UA Deal

Air New Zealand is already talking up the benefits for the trade distribution as the carrier announces its revenue sharing agreement with United Airlines.

Under the deal, the carriers will promote and sell each other's services between New Zealand and the US and domestically. The deal is due to come into effect from 01 Jul when UA commences services between Auckland and San Francisco (pending regulatory approvals).

While the deal is billed as a boost for inbound tourism, on the flipside the carrier says the deeper ties between the carriers will bring together 'an

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In-flight Hypnotherapy?

British Airways has introduced an alternative form of in-flight entertainment—hypnotherapy courses. Available on its business class-only service between London and New York, the 30-minute courses cover how to lose weight, stop smoking, give up alcohol, eat more fruit and vegetables and develop a more positive mental attitude.

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"Together with UA we will offer the highest frequency of direct services between New Zealand and the US, connecting to comprehensive networks at either end of the route," says Antony Price NZ gm of Government, corporate & distribution sales. "Our trade partners have played a large role in the success of the North American market to date. With the exciting changes to the retail landscape we see some great opportunities to further grow and develop this market with our partners."

While there's no word on whether United Airlines is set to open its own New Zealand office, or is sticking with its current GSA, Price says the trade will notice the airlines' combined presence.

"Our trade partners can expect to see a new and highly collaborative approach between the UA and NZ sales teams." says Price. "Together, the two teams will be working with our trade partners over the coming weeks to discuss the exciting opportunities of our new alliance."

Combined with NZ's Houston service launched in Dec, and the doubledigit capacity growth into NZ's existing US markets Price says the carrier now has a strong position to accelerate its growth aspirations for the North American market.

More Calls To End APD

The British Government is being called on once again to ditch its air passenger duty after a report found Scotland will have a 'huge competitive advantage' over England when it halves the duty from 2018. The UK's tax on long-haul air passengers is the highest in the world, according to reports.

Not The Breast Move

A 24-year-old Colombian woman was arrested at Frankfurt airport after officials uncovered that she was carrying 1kg of cocaine inside her breasts. Reports say the drugs, which were inserted into her body during a 'hastily arranged operation' have a market value of EUR200,000. The woman was sent to a local hospital to have the two 500-gram lumps of cocaine, which were wrapped in plastic, removed from each of her breasts. She will be charged with drug trafficking and faces jail time, say reports.



KLM's Stopover Buddies

KLM will match passengers with Amsterdam residents, shout them a drink and encourage the local to show the visitor their hometown, with its Layover with a Local app. Passengers with a six-hour or longer layover will be given train tickets to central Amsterdam to meet their local buddy at a pre-arranged bar for a drink and an adventure in the city. The app, which hasn't launched yet, will first be available to residents of the US, Canada and Italy. Check it out at layoverwithalocal.klm.com



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SQ To Market Malaysia

Singapore Airlines has signed a marketing agreement with Tourism Malaysia which will see the carrier promote travel to the destination in key markets including New Zealand. The two-year marketing collaboration memorandum was signed at ITB Berlin this week and takes effect 01 Apr. It will see the pair 'jointly explore and implement activities' promoting travel to Malaysia via SQ's Singapore hub and SilkAir services. They'll co-operate on advertising and promotional campaigns, as well as famil programmes for the trade and media. Together, SQ and SilkAir operate 111 flights per week to five destinations in Malaysia from Singapore.

Clark's A380 Scorn

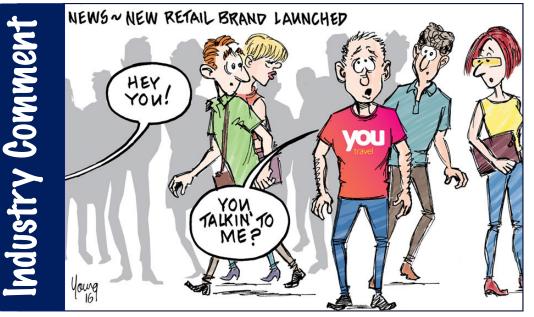
Emirates president Tim Clark has voiced frustration with Airbus, telling the Wall Street Journal the manufacturer's decision to focus on its A350s over upgrading the A380 shows a 'lack of clarity'. EK has been pushing Airbus to build an upgrade of the A380 with new engines, but Airbus has been prioritising improvements to the existing version. Its short-term focus is said to be whether to build a bigger version of its A350 long-range jet, although it has said it sees potential to eventually update the superjumbo. "There seems to be a lack of clarity there," Clark told the WSI-although he said he is optimistic the A380neo will eventually become a reality.

Rocky Stay, Play

Rocky Mountaineer says bookings of four to six nights will receive up to CAD400 per couple in added value in its Stay and Play offer, not CAD200 as the company advised yesterday.



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MH Cost-Cutting Sees Results

Malaysia Airlines Berhad (MAB) says it's making 'sustained progress' in its restructuring, with cost-cutting already producing results—however the carrier notes there is still a long road ahead.

"We have seen a challenging quarter but I am pleased to see continued progress made in all key areas such as on-time performance and costs," says chief executive Christoph Mueller in a quarterly progress update. "MAB has been operating for six months now and although we have a long way to go and areas for improvement, we are making steady progress in the restructuring."

Mueller is known as 'the Terminator' for his job-cutting reputation, and since he came on board the carrier is said to have slashed thousands of jobs, as well as ended some routes.

The moves are paying off, says Mueller. "Diligent execution on efficiency and tighter cost controls has already produced results which have seen us emerging leaner and more focused." Looking ahead, this year the carrier is focused on building momentum in its restructuring. "There is still plenty to be done but the group is working hard to ensure that MH succeeds and prospers for

El Transatlantic

Clients who fly between North America and Ireland with Aer Lingus can clear US Customs and Immigration in Dublin before they fly, World Aviation reminds agents. Dublin-Vancouver fares are from \$831. the years to come," says Mueller. MH officially started its global partnership agreement with Emirates in the last quarter, with both carriers placing their codes on the Kuala Lumpur-Dubai route, and others.

Ryanair Goes Luxe

Ryanair is reportedly getting into the private jet business in a bid to cater to large groups, including sports teams and corporate clients. While it's a lowcost-carrier, and well known for its no-frills approach, it's reportedly adding the service due to demand from consumers. It's set to operate one Boeing 737-700 for its private jet service, offering 60 reclinable leather seats and fine dining catering available.

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Caribbean Interest Expected To Grow

The introduction of further services from New Zealand to the United States couldn't be better for Royal Caribbean International, as it expects more Kiwis will sign up for a Caribbean cruise thanks to the easier, and most likely more affordable, access.

"Absolutely there will be heightened interest amongst Kiwis for Caribbean sailings in the coming years," says New Zealand marketing and sales manager Mark Kinchley.

"The key with the Caribbean has

Santorini's Cruise Limit

The number of cruise passengers allowed to visit Santorini is set to be limited to 8000 per day. According to local reports, during its peak season last year, there were days when the island received over 10,000 passengers-which many are saying is too much and causes 'social, economic and environment pressures', due to the overcrowding. It is hoped the new cruise passenger rationing system will ensure the island does not receive more passengers than it can serve with efficiency and quality; and to ensure a distribution of traffic across weekdays to avoid days with excess arrivals. However, there will be a little flexibility with the new rules this year, as many cruise lines have already drafted their schedules, say local reports.

always been access and with the advent of further trans-pacific services the opportunities have substantially increased," he says. "The Caribbean is now becoming as equally attractive an opportunity here as the other key destinations."

In 2017 and 2018, the line will offer a diverse collection of year-round short and seven-night itineraries to 20 of the Caribbean's most popular island destinations—the standout of which will be onboard Harmony of the Seas, adds Kinchley. "People are going to travel around the world to follow this ship regardless of the destination. Western Caribbean has historically been the popular one, but Eastern and Southern are becoming as popular and offer further opportunities to sail with the world's most anticipated and largest passenger ships."

In total, seven of Royal Caribbean's 23 ships will sail Caribbean itineraries in 2017, from homeports in Florida's Ft. Lauderdale and Port Canaveral; as well as Galveston, Texas; and Puerto Rico.

During these cruises, clients will have the chance to enjoy many adventurous activities, such as cave tubing in Belize's Nohoch Che'en rainforest; catamaran sailing in Costa Maya, Mexico; befriending flamingos in Kralendijk, Bonaire; relaxing at the private Coco-Cay, Bahamas; and trying one of the local rum distilleries in St. George's, Grenada, just to name a few.



Island Escape: Book Now To Secure Cabins

Island Escape Cruises reminds agents to check for stateroom and suite availability and to secure cabins early for clients to save disappointment. With only 12 staterooms, the queen-bedded cabins are getting snapped up quickly, leaving only twin staterooms available, it adds. Several departures are already full, and the mid-season sailings are filling fast. See islandescapecruises.com for more.



Symphony Cruise Two-for-one Offer

Bentours has extended its two-for-one offer on the Symphony River cruise, travelling on the MS Rostropovich along the rivers, lakes and canals of Russia, between Moscow and St Petersburg. The cruise departs from Moscow and St Petersburg and is priced from AUD5013 for two people on an eight-day cruise, with dates in Jul, Aug and Sep, for bookings to 30 Mar. See bentours.com.au

TECH UPDATE For ALL Travel Agents

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Cairns Skyrail Closures

Cairns' Skyrail Rainforest Cableway advises agents that it is undertaking maintenance works this year and next, which means the attraction will be closed on the following days: 17-19 May and 15, 22 and 29 Aug in 2016; as well as 24-26 Mar and 08 May-04 Jun in 2017. For further details, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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New Concepts For AA's Lounges



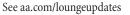
American Airlines is 'reimagining' its lounges, introducing new dining options, refreshing its flagship lounges and introducing new Admirals Club lounges in Houston and Orlando.

In what it's calling a first for any US carrier, AA will introduce meals with full table service and at select hubs

High Season Seoul

Asiana Airlines has 'good value' one-way fares from New Zealand to Korea for high season travel, says World Aviation. AKL-ICN fares start from \$1162 ow for travel 10 dec-15 Jan, book in GDS via Sydney. including Los Angeles, New York JFK, Dallas Fort Worth and Miami. Scheduled to debut at JFK early next year, the Flagship Dining experience will be offered to international and transcontinental first class customers.

Meanwhile larger and more modern flagship lounge experiences will be introduced at gateways including at LAX, JFK and Chicago, offering access for more premium passengers; and the arrivals lounge at London Heathrow is also set for a refresh. Admirals Lounges are also undergoing renovations, with JFK, LAX and MIA the next scheduled lounges to open with the new look.





Win New Cal Macarons

Agents who book Aircalin flights this month will be in to win a box of 24 macarons—the more bookings, the more chances there are to win. The incentive is part of the ongoing New Caledonia Tourism monthly and yearly incentives, which sees agents win prizes like champagne and tickets, as well as an annual New Cal famil. To be in to win, agents need to log their bookings at learnnewcal.co.nz

Marco Polo Appt

Marco Polo Hotels has welcomed Philip Schaetz to the role of vice president, sales & marketing, succeeding Jennifer Cronin who was promoted to president of the company last month.

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Choc Afternoon Tea

Clients looking to celebrate Easter in style can attend one of The Langham, Auckland's chocolatethemed Afternoon Teas 26-28 Mar. Clients can enjoy the likes of black forest pop cakes, chocolate and Baileys cheesecake, peanut butter mousse and more, at the Eight dessert bar.

Meanwhile, Palm Court will also serve a chocolate-themed Afternoon Tea with Wedgewood as well as its usual Afternoon Tea selection. When booking, clients must indicate they would like to enjoy the Afternoon Tea.

Fiji's Suncoast Recovery Underway

The majority of resorts on Fiji's Suncoast sustained damage during Tropical Cyclone Winston but repairs are well underway and expected to be completed soon, says Tourism Suncoast in a post-cyclone update.

The Suncoast and town of Rakiraki received a direct hit from the cyclone, with the eye passing directly overhead. "We are all grateful that all of our staff and guests at all our Suncoast properties got through this without any

Boom Box Mayhem

A disagreement over a boom box got physical on a Spirit Airlines flight that had just landed at Los Angeles. Reports say two women, who appeared to be intoxicated, started playing loud music on their portable speaker after landing, and when other passengers asked them to turn it down, they held the speaker in the air, in a bid to taunt the other passengers. And it seemed to work, as a fight broke out amongst five women. Airport police and FBI agents reportedly responded when the aircraft reached its gate, but no charges were filed.

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United Travel North City - Porirua injuries," says Tourism Suncoast secretary Allan Carter. "Although many properties sustained some damage we expect to be all up and running in very little time."

As of 10 Mar, Volivoli Beach Resort is expecting to re-open in eight weeks; Macdonald's and Starfish Blue expect to be operational in four weeks; Wananavu, Bularangi and Bethhams are operating as normal; and Talanoa Treks expects to be fully operational from 12 Mar.

Back-Roads Guarantee

Back-Roads Touring Co advises agents that all of its summer 2016 tours are now guaranteed to depart. The announcement comes off the back of 'unprecedented sales' for the 2016 season, and additional departures being introduced, says brand manager Hugh Houston. "Both the classic and new product offerings from Back-Roads touring is continuing to receive a positive response from travellers and we are not seeing any signs of this slowing down." In addition, the company will celebrate 30 years in business this year, and is 'continuing to investigate fresh destinations and experiences to further the brand's success'.



200 Years Of Australian Fashion

A 4m tall Swarovski crystal-encrusted gown with lights, and Australia's earliest known surviving dress, are among the 120 works on show at the new *200 Years of Australian Fashion* exhibition at The National Gallery of Victoria. It's on 05 Mar-31 Jul, see ngv.vic.gov.au



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New Dublin Bus Tour

Dublin Bus has introduced a new tour marking the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising, one of the most important events of Ireland's history, says Tourism Ireland. The 1916 Tour-Beyond Barricades will see theatrical performances on board a specially designed bus visiting key sites of the rising. The tour is 'completely factual and guarantees to thrill, educate, and entertain in equal measures', says Tourism Ireland. Tours operate seven days a week, with daytime and evening performances. See the 1916 tour.ie

Agent Famil: Best Of WA

It was a whirlwind six days for agents on the recent Qantas and Western Australia trade famil, which saw the group explore Perth, Fremantle, Mandurah and Margaret River.

Tourism Western Australia marketing manager New Zealand and host Louise Frend says the famil got off to a great start, with the group exploring the new Elizabeth Quay areas in Perth, as well as other sightseeing, before enjoying drinks onboard the Kimberley Quest as well as dinner at Bather's Beach restaurant on the Fremantle foreshore. Other highlights included exploring the best of Margaret River, taking in wineries, breweries, chocolate, surf beaches and more; a Mandurah Dolphin Cruise; walking the Cape to Cape track; and the chance to drive a Segway around the new-look Perth waterfront.

Pictured during the famil is:

1 Lachlan Lepper, Flight Centre; Louise Frend, Tourism WA; Kathleen Pool, Travel Directors; Jo Ledson,





Harvey World; Sabrine Ebrecht, United; Lucy Munzer, Orbit Travel; Nikki Davies, World Travelers; Lauren Shanks, The Travel Directors.

2 The group enjoying the views and taking a break during the Cape to Cape walk—of which was the trip highlight for many.

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Christchurch: Mon 14, Zaffron, 1800-2000 Dunedin: Tue 15, Vault 21 – 21 The Octagon, 1730-2000. Hamilton: Tue 22, Viet Thai Village, 1800-2000. Auckland: Wed 23, Air New Zealand Customer, Innovation and Collaboration Centre, 1800-2000.

JAWS Roadshow

Napier: Mon 14, War Memorial Conference Centre, 48 Marine Parade, 1700-2000.

Wellington: Tue 15, Rydges WLG, 75 Featherston Street, 1700-2000. Palmerston North: Wed 16,

Distinction Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, 1700-2000

New Plymouth: Thu 17, Novotel Hotel, Cnr Of Hobson and Leach Streets, 1700-2000. Tauranga: Tue 22, Tauranga Yacht Club, 70 Keith Allen Drive, 1700-2000. Hamilton: Wed 23, Novotel Tainui, 7 Alma Street, 1700-2000.

Cook Islands Roadshow

Auckland CBD: Thu 10, The Heritage Hotel, 1730-2030.

The Safari Company information evenings

Napier: Mon 14, War Memorial Rm1, 1800. Carterton: Tue 15, Events Centre, 1800.

Palmerston North: Wed 16, Pavillion Air New Zealand Vietnam Roadshow Motel & Conference Centre, 1800.

SPANTO roadshow

Queenstown: Tue 15, Heritage Hotel, 1730 Dunedin: Wed 16, Scenic Hotel

Southern Cross, 1730.

Innovative Travel WWI Western

Front Information Evening Christchurch: Thu 17, RSA 74 Armagh Street, 1730. Auckland: Tue 22, RSA Birkenhead, 1730.

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Tourism Fiji Bula Marau Family Roadshow

Palmerston North: Mon 04, Distinction Hotel, 0700-0930. Christchurch: Mon 04, Tait Conference Centre, 1730-2015. Wellington: Tue 05 April, Amora Hotel, 1730-2015. Hamilton: Wed 06, Ferrybank Reception Centre, 1730-2015. Auckland: Thu 07, Stamford Hotel, 1730-2030.

Auckland North Shore: Fri 08, OBE Stadium, 0700-0930.

Avalon Waterways 2017 Launch Kerikeri: Wed 06, The Fish Bone, 1730.

Lower Hutt/Wellington: Wed 06, La Bella Italia, 1745.

Whangarei: Thu 07, Dickens Inn, 1730. New Plymouth: Thu 07,

Waterfront Hotel, 1745. Hamilton: Mon 11, Hamilton Gardens cafe, 1745. Tauranga: Tue 12, Macau, 1745. Dunedin: Tue 12, Wains Hotel, 1730. Auckland, East: Wed 13, Fisher House, 1745. Timaru: Wed 13, Mocca Cafe, 1730. Napier: Wed 13, Crown Hotel, 1745. Auckland, West: Thu 14, The Falls, Henderson, 1745. Palmerston North: Thu 14, Distinction, 1745. Ashburton: Thu 14, Lushingtons, 1730. Auckland, North: Tue 19, Takapuna Boating Club, 1745. Christchurch: Tue 19, Dux Central, 1745. Invercargill: Wed 20, Kelvin Hotel, 1730. Queenstown: Thu 21, Copthorne Hotel, 1745. Nelson: Wed 27, Monaco Resort, 1730. Blenheim: Thu 28, Watery Mouth Cafe, 1730.

Queensland on Tour

Queenstown: Wed 06-Fri 08, Skyline Oueenstown.

Gold Coast Tourism Agents Function

Auckland: Mon 11, Everybodys, 1730. Tauranga: Tue 12, Trinity Wharf, 1730 Hamilton: Wed 13, Gothenburg, 1730

Samoa Tourism Exchange 2016 Tue 12-Thu 14, details tba.

Vanuatu Tourism Roadshow Christchurch: Mon 18. Wellington: Tue 19. Auckland: Wed 20. Times and venues tba.

Asia Road Show: Cathay Pacific/Adventure World/ **Exodus Breakfast updates** New Plymouth: Tue 19. Palmerston North: Wed 20. Wellington: Thu 21. Times and venues tba.

Wendy Wu Tours Update & 'Jungle

Book' film evening Christchurch: Wed 27, Hoyts Riccarton, 1745. Wellington: Thu 28, The Embassy Theatre, 1800. Auckland: Thu 28, Rialto Newmarket, 1800.

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SPANTO roadshow Hamilton: Tue 03, Ferrybank Reception Centre, 1730. Palmerston North & New Plymouth: TBA

Viva Expeditions and Chimu **Adventures Experience South** America Auckland: Thu 12, Takapuna Boat

Club, 1800-2000.

Adventure World Latin Extravaganza

Auckland: Thu 12, 1730-2030, venue tba.

AWAIIAN Aloha Friday

Restoration Plan For Waikiki Beach



The famed stretch of sand that is Waikiki is set to get an extreme makeover as the state's tourism official looks to protect the jewel in its tourism crown.

While there is much more to Hawaii than Waikiki, it is a drawcard for many first time visitors, say tourism officials.

Hawaiian politicians have this week proposed a restoration bill that would see the state initially spend USD1.5 million to restore a section of the beach, between the Royal Hawaiian to

All New Tchin Tchin

The owners of hip Honolulu eateries Lucky Belly and the Livestock Tavern have just added a new Chinatown bar to their fold.

Tchin Tchin, located between Bar35 and Next Door on Hotel St, is fast earning its own cult following. The upstairs bar has a casual atmosphere with exposed bricks and booths and there's also an outdoor lounge area.

The In The Mood cocktail is getting raves reviews and there's a full bar available.

As you would expect, the food is a culinary experience from lobster and charcuterie platter through to the popular stinky grilled cheese.

the Fort DeRussy groin, to its former sandy glory. The plan also includes the installation of a new pedestrian and bike path that would give beach goers waterfront access right along Waikiki Beach.

While Waikiki is world-famous it has been losing a battle with erosion for decades. Effectively now an engineered beach, Waikiki was last upgraded in 2012, with a USD2.3 million beach restoration project.

Island Air Axes Lanai

Hawaiian carrier Island Air has this month announced plans to discontinue its air services to Lanai. The last Island Air flights to and from the island will operate 31 Mar. The move leaves Ohana by Hawaiian as the sole carrier operating on the route.

HNL Airport Hotels

Outrigger Hotels and Resorts operates two properties close to Honolulu airport for passengers with an extended transit. The Airport Honolulu Hotel is located half a mile from the airport. The Best Western The Plaza Hotel is also located close to the airport, and both properties are perfect for business of leisure travellers, says Outrigger.

Hawaii Deals Extended

GO Holidays has extended its current Hawaii deals, flying Hawaiian Airlines, for sales now til 16 Mar. Four-night Waikiki packages are priced from \$1549pp share twin ex Auckland (and add \$179pp ex WLG/ CHC). Clients can add a two-night neighbour package from \$359pp. The offers are for travel 04 Mar–14 Apr, 01 May–30 Jun, 29 Jul–22 Sep and 14 Oct–10 Dec.

Royal Celebrations

Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel is celebrating the life of beloved Hawaiian Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole through a free event featuring hula and song.

This annual event is being staged in the hotel's lobby 1130-1300 Thu 24 Mar, the day before the official state holiday.



Outrigger Hawaii Bonus

Outrigger Expert Agents will receive a USD50 bonus for bookings of five nights or more made in Hawaii vacation condominiums, for stays through until 21 Dec (some block-outs apply).

The bonus is paid on wholesale, GDS, internet and direct commissionable bookings, and there's no limit on how many bookings agents can claim for. Claim forms must be submitted within 60 days after check-out, and payment will be made within 45 days of receipt of the form by Outrigger. For details e-mail maria.alaveras@ outrigger.com.au





Maui Farm Tours Take In Scenic Island Life

Maui Country Farm Tours offer a series of tours taking guests to some of the island's most scenic spots. The Upcountry Farm Tours takes in the plantation town of Paia to Hookipa Beach Park with stops at the Maui Gold Pineapple fields and at 4000-foot elevation on Haleakala. At the Alii Kula Lavender farm clients can walk through the grounds and sup tea and lavender scones, before heading to Uluapalakua Ranch for wine tasting and lunch. The final stop is at Kula Country Farms for a walk through the produce.

Another popular option is its Deluxe Upcountry Photo tour which includes an extra farm stop at Surfing Goat Dairy or Ocean Vodka's Organic Farm in Omaopio, a farm-fresh picnic lunch at Launiupoko Beach Park, before calling at the MauiGrown Coffee Company Store and SimpliFresh produce farms. For more tour details, see mauicountryfarmtours.com

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