Have A Hawaiian Holiday & Help Out

One thing that makes Hawaii truly special is the deep roots connecting its unique natural world and its indigenous Hawaiian culture, and the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau is highlighting all the ways clients can experience this first hand, through an array of malama (volunteer) opportunities.

Send clients bound for the Garden Isle to The Kaua'i Surfrider Foundation, which offers an Ocean Friendly Visitors Program, helping keep Kaua'i's beaches clean and beautiful. The non-profit's volunteer opportunities include a weekly Net Patrol clean up helping remove large fishing gear and other hazardous plastic pollution from the island's beaches and coastline. See details HERE.

In Oahu, sacred historical site

Kimchi Day Festival



The Kimchi Day Festival Hawaii (16 Nov) celebrates all things kimchi with themed booths and festivities. Held in Honolulu 1100-2000, highlights include a variety of different types of kimchi available for purchase, a concert with performances from various local artists, and a kids' zone with face paintings, archery and more. See more HERE.



Waimea Valley offers volunteer opportunities, including 'Ohana Workdays which provide families with younger children the opportunity to learn and give back, and Conservation Workdays which focus on forest restoration projects. See more HERE.

Also in Oahu is Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri Memorial, offers volunteer opportunities in which clients can help restore and preserve the world-famous World War II battleship. Check it out HERE.

On Maui, clients can volunteer with Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, helping care for native plant species and removing invasive plants within the refuge. See details on this <u>HERE</u>.

They can also head out to Lanai and spend some time at the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary. The sanctuary is home to more than 600 rescue cats who require feeding, cleaning and caring. See more HERE.

Finally, on the Island of Hawai'i, Kiwis can head west to help build trails, clear weeds, plant trees, collect native seeds and propagate plants as part of the Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative.

The nonprofit is working to rebuild a native-species-dominant forest, with details on this found <u>HERE</u>.

Airport Changes

Holidaying in Hawaii is set to get even safer following improvements underway at airports across the state. The US Federal Aviation Administration has awarded two grants totaling USD17 million to the Hawai'i Department of Transportation to upgrade the fire safety systems at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

The DoT is also undertaking fire safety system improvements at the Kahului Airport, Hilo International Airport and Ellison Onizuka International Airport at Keahole.

Kauai's Sunset Lanai



Sunset Lanai, located at Anaina Hou Community Park is a new cocktail spot on Kauai. It's open Wed-Sun, offering drinks and appetisers, and features local music weekly. It also regularly hosts events, from comedy dinner shows through to fire shows. See more details HERE.

Kama'aina Sunday



Kama'aina Sundays have returned to 'Iolani Palace, offering live music and dancing, activities for children and food. It takes place 0900-1400, on the second Sun of every month See more HERE.

Aloha Webinars



The Hawaiian Islands webinar mini-series features four episodes, and agents who tune into all four by 05 Dec in to win one of four \$100 gift cards, as well as a Made in Hawai'i hamper worth more than \$150. The episodes can be viewed on-line, at any time.

... Island Updates

Tune into the Oahu update HERE, Kauai HERE, the Maui update HERE and upskill on the Island of Hawaii HERE.

New At Ala MOANA



A number of new shops have opened at Honolulu's popular Ala Moana Centre.

The new additions include Max Mara, Smart SwimSuits, Zenga, Hoka, Panerai watches and Cat Café Moff.

Early next year Dave & Busters (pictured) will open, which offers a full menu of entrées and appetizers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and entertainment attractions centred around playing games and watching live sports and other televised events.

See more details on the Ala Moana shopping centre <u>HERE</u>.



