

New Era For 'New' The Outrigger Kona

The revamped Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay has completed its USD60 million makeover.

All 511 rooms at the 22-acre resort now sport a modern look inspired by the concept of koi au, which symbolises a flowing current.

There's also upgraded lounge chairs and cabanas at the adults-only and oceanfront pools, a new 60m waterslide, and for those staying in Club-level rooms, a new Voyager 47 Club Lounge.

Duke's Kona will also debut at the resort in late 2025, opening in an oceanfront location.

A chapel, and lawn space for events including weddings is available,



along with experienced wedding planners. The Kaleiopapa Convention Center has also been revamped and offers more than 30,480m² of indoor and outdoor space. A new Piko Coffee & Wine Bar has opened in the centre of the resort, with a wine list that includes wines from New Zealand.

... Activities

Among the highlights of the resort are the activities included in its nightly manta ray tours which are held on an Hawaiian sailing canoe, where guests will learn the myths and legends surrounding the manta ray before getting in the water and snorkelling alongside them.

There are also daily cultural activities, including a guided tour of the historic villages of Kaukulaelae and Keauhou Bay, and the Feast & Fire Lu'au, which features an Artisan Village where guests can make lei, watch a poi pounding demonstration, or shop for goods from local artisans. See more [HERE](#).

Get Around Kauai

For clients not keen to hire a car whilst holidaying on Kauai, or simply looking for a more sustainable option, there's Get Around Kauai. The website provides alternative transportation options for visitors, as well as tips to promote mindfulness while visiting. See it [HERE](#).

Happy Hour(s)



Hawaiian Airline's Nick Dew (pictured above) has been up in the Rainbow State 'researching' ahead of the resumption of HA's flights between Auckland and Honolulu from 16 Nov.

Dew urges agents to recommend Hawai'i-bound clients to embrace the happy hour(s) concept.

"The best happy hour is The Gallery Bar underneath the Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber hotel—there's USD3 Big Wave beers and a USD10 beer and pizza combo 1300-1800." For the best cocktail, Dew suggests the Monkeypod Mai Tai (with a honey-lilikoi foam) at the Outrigger Reef, which is USD12 for happy hour(s) 1530-1700.

HA's Hawai'i Nov Famil



There's two places up for grabs for Kiwi agents to join a Nov famil to Oahu and Kauai, offered in conjunction with Hawaiian Airlines and Hawai'i Tourism.

To enter, consultants need to make an HA booking ex Sydney or Auckland to Honolulu 02 Sep-31 Oct, then e-mail the booking and the PNR details to HA [HERE](#), and tell the carrier in 50 words or less why you deserve a spot on this trip. The famil is 16-23 Nov.

Oct Festival Tips

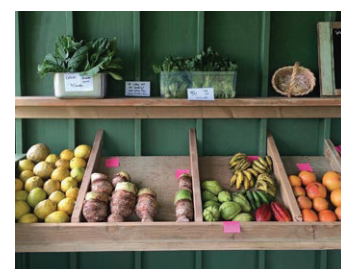


Taste of the Grand Lanai is taking place 04 Oct at Waikiki's International Market Place, offering clients the chance to be among the first to sample Grand Lanai Restaurant Week menus.

Dishes set to feature include king crab fried rice from Crackin' Kitchen, pork gyoza from Moani Waikiki and spicy ahi tuna bowls from Uncle Sharkii Poke Bar.

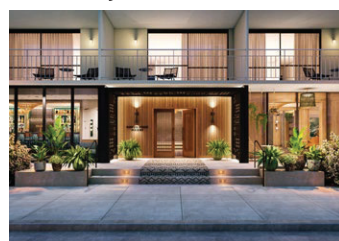
Tickets for the event start from USD85, with this including seven tastings, two hosted beverages, a special gift and the chance to win gift cards to Grand Lanai restaurants. Stargazing is also on the menu, with all ticket holders offered complimentary stargazing thanks to Stargazers of Hawaii, taking place during the evening from 1830. See details and secure tickets [HERE](#).

Farmers Market App



For clients hoping to catch a Farmers Market or two whilst in Hawai'i, encourage them to download the Hawaii Farm Trails App, which has details on the markets around Hawai'i Island. Details can be found on its website; see [HERE](#).

Hawaii, Sans Kids



Oahu has welcomed its first adults-only hotel with the opening of The Romer Waikiki in the former Ambassador Hotel Waikiki.

Located on Kuhio Ave, by the International Market Place, the upscale property has undergone a full renovation and now boasts 179 hotel rooms, many featuring private lanais, and all with a mid-century vibe. Also on offer is an Izakaya with a menu of Japanese-Hawaiian cuisine and drinks, and a Backyard pool club, as well as The House Bar and Café offering Japanese-Hawaiian dishes for breakfast and lunch. Find out more [HERE](#).

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