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### WHAT'S NEW IN HAWAII FOR MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS & INCENTIVES

*Aloha!* Whether it is the opening of the new International Market Place on O'ahu or the recent news of the lava flowing into the ocean on the island of Hawai'i, there's never been a better time to visit the islands. The revitalization of Waikīkī, complemented by the many exciting holiday activities, celebrations and attractions, incentivize groups to book and escape to warmer weather this holiday season!

#### ACCOMMODATIONS & MEETING VENUES

With its prime location for catching a magical Maui sunset including views of Molokini and the West Maui Mountains, **Andaz Maui** offers an elevated dining experience ideal for groups looking to celebrate anniversaries, a birthday, a proposal and life's special moments. Offering a private cabana dining experience, guests will start off with a personalized chef consultation to create a custom five-course menu with wine paired by the resort's expert sommelier. Also included: an exclusive server, champagne toast upon arrival and romantic candle lighting. Starting at \$2,500. [www.maui.andaz.hyatt.com/en/hotel/meetings-and-events.html](http://www.maui.andaz.hyatt.com/en/hotel/meetings-and-events.html)

Introducing a new era of luxury, **Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina**, is now open and accepting reservations. The five-star resort is located on O'ahu's sunny western coast just 35 minutes from Downtown Honolulu. This luxurious property boasts 371 ocean and lagoon-view guestrooms, including 55 suites, each with a private, furnished lanai. Dining options include five restaurants and lounges, with Executive Chef Martin Knaubert leading the culinary team. An expansive spa with numerous indoor and outdoor treatment rooms offer guests a specialty menu inspired by ancient Hawaiian healing traditions; extensive hydrotherapy options are offered, as well as a hair and nail salon and a men's barbershop. [FourSeasons.com/Oahu](http://FourSeasons.com/Oahu)

The Hilo Naniloa Hotel reopened as the **Grand Naniloa Hotel - a Double Tree by Hilton** in October. The renovated and rebranded property opened with more guestrooms, making it the largest hotel on the island of Hawai'i's east side. Notable renovations and amenities include new guestrooms, and a new lobby, fitness center and exclusive concert hall. The Grand Naniloa Hotel also offers guests cultural activities and daily complimentary golf, and features refreshed banquet facilities and new retail partner KapohoKine Adventures for on-site activities. The hotel continues to be managed by Aqua-Aston Hospitality. For more information, call (808) 969-3333, or visit [www.doubletree3.hilton.com](http://www.doubletree3.hilton.com)

**Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel** recently completed a soft-goods renovation of all of its meeting rooms, introducing new carpet, sconce lighting and wall coverings. The refresh of the hotel's more than 85,000 square feet of interior meeting spaces, included the 8,400 square-foot Hapuna

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Ballroom, six conference rooms and two executive boardrooms. For information on special group promotions, visit [www.hapunabeachprincehotel.com](http://www.hapunabeachprincehotel.com) and click "meetings."

**Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa** announces a sustainability-focused and Maui-inspired renovation with a creation of a new outdoor event space dubbed the Halona Kai event lawn and enhancements to the resort's Regency Club and Monarchy Ballroom. The meeting and event space enhancements will feature Maui-inspired designs and innovative sustainability features that improve lighting and air quality and reduce energy usage. The LEED EBOM certified resort will unveil the transformed meeting and event space later this fall.

[www.maui.regency.hyatt.com](http://www.maui.regency.hyatt.com)

**Kōloa Landing Resort** at Po'ipū is in the midst of an expansion that will allow it to accommodate groups seeking larger meeting venues. When construction is completed this fall, the \$100 million expansion will include a 12,000-square-foot meeting facility, a grand ballroom for up to 1,000 guests, and two 8,000 square-foot outdoor lawns able to accommodate 800 guests each. Renovations will also include 208 new deluxe studios and one-bedroom villas, and a stunning 350,000-gallon saltwater lagoon pool featuring cabanas, a swim-through grotto, waterfalls and a signature poolside bar and grill. [www.koloalandingresort.com](http://www.koloalandingresort.com)

Magic moments await at the **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel's** new Vista Decks. Located on the hotel's promenade level overlooking breathtaking Kaunaoa Bay, the new Vista Decks offer the perfect ambiance for celebratory occasions, from the perfect place to say "I do," or a venue for an intimate reception or dinner with family and friends. With space to accommodate up to 50 people, the decks allow opportunities for networking while sipping cocktails at sunset, or indulging in the culinary creations of Hawai'i's top chefs while stargazing with loved ones. [www.princeresortshawaii.com/mauna-kea-beach-hotel](http://www.princeresortshawaii.com/mauna-kea-beach-hotel)

**Pacific Beach Hotel** has announced plans for a \$115 million redevelopment that will completely transform the legendary Waikīkī hotel. The hotel's exterior facade, 839 guestrooms and suites, and public areas including a 280,000-gallon lobby saltwater aquarium will be re-conceptualized, and a destination pool deck with two new pools will be added. Two new restaurant concepts by Celebrity Chef Masaharu Morimoto will be created exclusively for the hotel. Following the transformation, the hotel will enter the market as **Alohilani Resort at Waikiki Beach**.

[PacificBeachHotel.com](http://PacificBeachHotel.com)

**Pacific Hospitality Group (PHG)**, through its affiliate Poipu Investment Properties, LLC, recently announced the purchase of the Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort at Po'ipū Beach from CTF Ko'a Kea Hotel, LLC. The oceanfront property on Po'ipū Beach is the newest addition to PHG's Meritage Collection, a group of acclaimed, luxury resorts that prides itself on its ability to blend iconic, one-of-a-kind places with locally inspired enrichment programs.

[www.meritagecollection.com/koakea](http://www.meritagecollection.com/koakea)

Perfect for a destination wedding or momentous occasion, **Princeville Ranch** offers special outdoor and indoor venues at Po'oku, located at the base of Po'oku *heiau* (sacred shrine). Translated to "head of the spirit," Po'oku was formerly the site of numerous events hosted by the Carswell family since 1978, including the renowned Hanalei Stampede Rodeo, barbecues and other *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) gatherings. The area has recently been transformed and can accommodate events of up to 300 people. [www.princevillerranch.com](http://www.princevillerranch.com)

The newly built extended-stay **Residence Inn Marriott Maui Wailea** offers 200 all-suite resort offers spacious studio, one-and two-bedroom guest suites feature furnished lanai, separate living, sleeping and working areas, as well as fully equipped kitchens featuring high-end appliances including a refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, coffeemaker, utensils, and spa-like bathrooms. Guests may enjoy complimentary full, hot breakfast, an oversized fitness center with the latest in cardio, weight and stretch equipment, complimentary high speed internet, grocery shopping, complimentary hotel shuttle, guest laundry and a 24/7 Market. The hotel has available 1,800 square feet of indoor function space. [residenceinn.com](http://residenceinn.com)

**The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach**, a new horizon of luxury in Hawai'i, is now accepting reservations offering guests an elevated luxurious experience in world-renowned Waikiki. The new luxury residential resort is the latest addition to the Waikiki skyline in nearly seven years, and also the ultimate in resort-style living with expansive ocean views from every guest room, culinary delights including the property's signature restaurant BLT Market and legendary services and amenities. The Ritz-Carlton Spa opened in October 2016 along with Hawai'i's first Dean & DeLuca and Sushi Sho. [TheResidencesWaikiki.com](http://TheResidencesWaikiki.com)

Located at the end of the famed Road to Hana in eastern Maui, **Travaasa Hana** is ideal for meetings and incentive groups, as it features a variety of flexible spaces, venues and locations, group activity offerings, and wellness/health experiences. Following the recent completion of a \$12 million property-wide restoration, groups can experience the renewed **Plantation Guest House** for special events. This historic residence played host to the island's kings and queens until 1850. In 1939, Painter Georgia O'Keeffe spent two weeks in this residence when the Dole Plantation commissioned her artistry. Travaasa's new group meetings toolkit is available at: <http://travaasa.com/hana/hana-groups-and-meetings/>

**Turtle Bay Resort** revealed their expansion plans for the 880-acre resort, which will include a 452-room hotel, two golf courses, a spa, horse stables and a golf clubhouse. The property encompasses a total of 1,300 acres across nearly four miles of coastline. In addition to the expansion, the resort also has entitlements to build an additional 725 residential, timeshare and lodging units at the property. [TurtleBayResort.com](http://TurtleBayResort.com)

## ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

**Akamai Adventure Tours & Travel** is excited to announce the "Kilauea Evening Summit Glow" tour to Kilauea volcano's recent surface lava flow and ocean entry. The company is dedicated to maintaining eco-friendly ethics, practices and services, and is a member of Hawai'i Eco-Tourism. Guests are met and greeted in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and, once on the trail, learn about Hawai'i's delicate ecosystem, flora and fauna identification, volcanology, history and culture. [www.akamaitours.com](http://www.akamaitours.com)

**Atlantis Cruises** is introducing the next generation of vessel to enjoy sunset dinner cruises and special events in the waters off O'ahu. Fittingly named the *Majestic*, the 150-foot vessel is Atlantis's newest state-of-the-art cruise ship, offering a multitude of options to host couples, families, tour groups, and private functions. Appealing features of the *Majestic* include two classy but expansive air-conditioned decks lined with panoramic windows and high ceilings, a huge open-air top deck for viewing outdoors, and cutting-edge technology to ensure a comfortable ocean cruise. [AtlantisAdventures.com](http://AtlantisAdventures.com)

**Island Breeze Productions, Inc.**, and the **Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i** are pleased to announce the opening of the Hawai'i Loa lūa'u on October 15. Guests for the evening feast will enjoy the elegance and beauty of the Kōhala Coast and ambiance of Kalāhuipua'a, the resort's land area. Steeped in tradition and history, Kalāhuipua'a was once a gathering place for Hawaiian *ali'i* (royalty) and their guests. Hawai'i Loa lūa'u guests will enjoy a spectacular buffet, open bar, and hula performance. [www.hawaiiloaluu.com](http://www.hawaiiloaluu.com)

Responding to the ever-increasing demand for personalized experiential travel, **Four Seasons Resort Maui** has just announced the Unforgettable Experiences collection. Each experience was born out of the creativity of the resort's Guest Experience and Concierge teams. The collection of Unforgettable Experiences includes Kona Coffee Helicopter Tour, Maui Photo Adventure, Serenity Pool After Hours, and Whale Watch Photo Excursion. The collection of Unforgettable Experiences serves as starter ideas for the next guest seeking an out-of-the-box and over-the-top way to experience the island. [www.fourseasons.com/maui](http://www.fourseasons.com/maui)

**Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center** collaborates with East Maui Watershed Partnership to raise awareness about the native species of Maui Nui (Maui, Lāna'i, Moloka'i and Kaho'olawe). The Malama Wao Akua exhibition provides powerful visuals that celebrate Maui's native plant and animal life. Artwork depicts only species native to Maui Nui, a landscape showcasing only native Maui Nui species, or people working to protect Maui's native species and native habitats. [www.huinoeau.com](http://www.huinoeau.com)

Opening this fall in Kapolei, the Macy's anchored **Ka Makana Ali'i** regional shopping center will feature more than 150 stores, a state-of-the-art **Consolidated Theatres**, and O'ahu's first **Hampton Inn & Suites**. Offering a mixed-use center and family-friendly experience for residents and visitors, this shopping mall will be known as the second largest in Hawai'i. [KaMakanaAlii.com](http://KaMakanaAlii.com)

"Nohona Hawai'i" - Hawaiian for "living the Hawaiian culture" and "a Hawaiian way of life" - is an expanded program by **KapohoKine Adventures** teaching traditional and modern Hawaiian methods in an outdoor environment. The tour begins with a zipline adventure on the first four lines of KapohoKine Adventures' course. After that, guests will head to a Hawaiian garden to engage in conservation work, removing invasive plants and replanting native flora. After a lunch break, the zipline gear goes back on and guests finish zipping the course's final four lines. [www.kapohokine.com](http://www.kapohokine.com).

Visitors seeking adventure and off-the-beaten-path experiences can now trek to beautiful scenic lookouts, hike forested trails, and even walk along cliff summits with **Kaua'i Hiking Tours**. The outdoor adventure company's mission of "sharing Kaua'i's beauty with aloha" is integrated into each of its hiking tours, backpacking trips and driving tours, all of these designed to appeal with all skill levels and age groups. Kaua'i Hiking Tours' expert guides offer guests local and historical knowledge, and an understanding of the sacred and fragile nature of the island's landscapes. [www.kauaihikingtours.com](http://www.kauaihikingtours.com)

**Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge** recently reopened after four months of closure to the public for renovations. During this time, the Kīlauea Point and Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point

Lighthouse concrete trail was stabilized and the pathway repaved. The refuge is home to some of Hawai'i's largest populations of nesting seabirds. On a visit to the refuge, visitors may see spinner dolphins, Hawaiian monk seals, native Hawaiian coastal plants and nēnē geese – Hawai'i's state bird – from multiple vantage points. The refuge is open to visitors Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; admission is \$5 for adults ages 16 and up. [www.fws.gov/kilaueapoint](http://www.fws.gov/kilaueapoint)

**Kualoa Private Nature Reserve's** newest attraction is a behind-the-scenes VIP tour of its many movie sites utilized by blockbuster Hollywood productions for filming since the 1950s. During the 2.5 hour Premier Movie Sites Tour guests get to see iconic set pieces such as *Jurassic Park's* gate and famous fallen log, the monster footprints of the star of *Godzilla*, the bunkers from the TV series *Lost*, a *Hawaii Five-0* set, and visit the setting of Hukilau Cafe from *50 First Dates*. [Kualoa.com](http://Kualoa.com)

**Maui Ocean Center, The Aquarium of Hawaii** will feature three new Exploration Stations. The marine naturalist-hosted Exploration Station changes each month to highlight specific marine animals and important ocean topics. From October through December, Aquarium guests will have the opportunity to speak with a marine naturalist and interact with microscopes, displays, and on occasion live animals. The upcoming station themes include Echinoderms (sea stars, urchins, and sea cucumbers), Endemic Hawaiian Marine Animals, and Hawaiian Culture. [www.mauiocenter.com](http://www.mauiocenter.com)

Explore a side of Maui very few visitors fully experience with the Best of Maui's West Side Tour by **Maui Paradise Tours**. This six-hour guided tour is designed to highlight West Maui's cultural and scenic sites. Knowledgeable guides share ancient Hawaiian history as participants visit cultural gardens, historic churches and ancient Hawaiian *heiau* (temples). Participants are treated to a coastal drive to an oceanside blowhole, Maui's old whaling district and world famous surfing and snorkeling locations (snorkeling optional). [www.maiparadisetours.com](http://www.maiparadisetours.com)

**Outfitters Kauai's** newest attraction, the Kahuna Zipline Trek, allows guests to soar above forest canopy, rivers, waterfalls and the famous Kīpu Ranch sites where *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *The Descendants* were filmed. Each of the Kahuna Zipline Trek's six lines is unique and thrilling. There are no beginner lines on the trek, which includes a 1,800-foot line boasting the longest airtime of any zipline on Kaua'i. Outfitters Kauai also offers a variety of fun activities for adventurous visitors, including kayaking and standup paddle boarding on the Hule'ia River, ATV tours at Kīpu Ranch, a water zip into a natural lava rock swimming pool, and more! For groups in search of an event site, historic Kīpu Ranch offers multiple amenities and can accommodate up to 50 guests. [www.outfitterskauai.com](http://www.outfitterskauai.com)

Starting December 1, **Pacific Whale Foundation's Marine Naturalists** are stationed at key points along Maui's coast to help you locate and learn about whales from shore. These free information stations offer hands-on exploration with marine artifacts, models and binoculars, as well as interesting insights into Maui's geography, natural history and unique ecosystem. Stations are located at Papawai Point, Wailea Marriott, Marriott's Maui Ocean Club, and Ulua Beach (year-round). Stop by and find out fascinating facts about whales, dolphins, turtles, coral reefs and other marine life. [www.pacificwhale.org/content/on-site-naturalist-information-stations](http://www.pacificwhale.org/content/on-site-naturalist-information-stations)

**Pulama Lāna'i's Culture & Historic Preservation Branch** offers guests of **Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i** guided field seminars, exploring celebrated resources, places and the history of Lāna'i. Each program offers participants one-of-a kind opportunities to experience the living history of Lāna'i including Keahiakawelo, Koloiki and Pu'u Manu, Kaunolu, Keomoku, Lāna'i City and the Palawai Basin. Hikes range in skill levels from easy to moderate, from two to six hours and each seminar will also include a visit to the Lanai Culture & Heritage Center.

[www.fourseasons.com/lanai](http://www.fourseasons.com/lanai)

The oceanfront **Royal Lahaina Resort** on famed Ka'anāpali Beach is the site of the spectacular "Myths of Maui" lūa'u, which will be celebrating its 45th year in 2017. The longest running lūa'u on Maui will ring in its anniversary with year-long, special offers. The nightly extravaganza will feature a newly choreographed show and tantalizing all-you-care-to-eat buffet dinner. This Polynesian Revue will enthrall guests young and old with exciting music and dance of Hawai'i, Tahiti, Samoa, and Maui, ending with a jaw dropping fire dance. [www.mythsofmaui.com](http://www.mythsofmaui.com)

Awaken your senses at **Spa Helani**, a Heavenly Spa by Westin at The Westin Ka'anāpali Ocean Resort Villas with a refreshed spa menu featuring an organic facial, relaxing rituals and a new Customized Ritual by Salt of the Earth. Perfect after a long day of hiking Maui or enjoying the beach barefoot, this manicure/pedicure experience begins with a signature selection of aromas paired with fresh ingredients that are hand-blended custom for you. A shea butter exfoliation and massage with an anti-aging booster are included. [westinkaanapali.com/spa](http://westinkaanapali.com/spa)

## DINING

**BLT Market at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach** offers guests a unique dining experience with expansive views of Waikīkī and a daily-changing menu showcasing the produce of Hawai'i's local farmers. New to the restaurant's offerings are a pau hana menu, offered daily from 3-6 p.m. Offerings include shrimp cocktail, blistered shishito peppers, Yukon potato croquette and the signature Market Burger. Complementing the delicious menu offerings are special cocktails including the Farmer's Mojito and Margarita, Lilikoi Margarita, Lavendar Lady and a selection of wines. [BLTMarket.com](http://BLTMarket.com)

**The Fish House** restaurant recently opened at the **Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina**. The 244-seat beachfront restaurant's menu focuses on fresh island catch from Executive Chef Martin Knaubert and Chef Ray German. The Fish House features live music from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, showcasing local artists such as Tavana and Kamuela Kahoana. [FourSeasons.com/Oahu](http://FourSeasons.com/Oahu)

**Four Seasons Resort Hualālai** announces "Chef Fest," a celebratory series of high-profile dinners, interactive cooking classes and culinary experiences. Fest events will feature a lineup of award-winning chefs cooking, teaching and entertaining in an intimate and relaxed beach setting, happening November 9-12 at the resort. Four Seasons Resort Hualālai Executive Chef Massimo Falsini will welcome chefs Matthew Accarrino, Chris Hastings, Jessica Koslow, Ludo Lefebvre, George Mendes, Seamus Mullen, Cyrille Pannier and Christof Syre. [www.foodandwinehualalai.com/chef-fest-2016](http://www.foodandwinehualalai.com/chef-fest-2016)

Ignite your taste buds at "Hot Lava, Hotter Cuisine," a **Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival** dining event. The evening will feature seven talented chefs from Hawai'i and around the world presenting a six-course dinner menu spotlighting ingredients from the island of Hawai'i. Expect culinary fireworks from James Beard Foundation award-winning chefs Michelle Bernstein, Bruce Bromberg, Hubert Keller, Nancy Silverton, Tae-Hwan Ryu, and the island of Hawai'i's own Jayson Kanekoa and Hans Lentz. Hilton Waikoloa Village is set to host the epicurean extravaganza from 6-9 p.m., on October 22. General admission tickets are \$250, VIP tickets are \$500. [www.HFWF.me](http://www.HFWF.me)

Kona oceanfront restaurant **Huggo's** recently began opening early for "Huggo's Sunnyside Up," its first daily breakfast service in its 47-year history. While known for its sunset views, Huggo's in the morning offers views of Kailua Bay filled with swimmers, paddlers, boaters and, very frequently, dolphins. "Huggo's Sunnyside Up" serves breakfast daily from 7 to 11 a.m., offering a menu designed to please locals and visitors, featuring made-to-order breakfast dishes prepared with fresh, local ingredients. Mornings also feature full bar service, with a menu that includes Huggo's signature Bloody Mary. [www.huggos.com](http://www.huggos.com)

The reimagined **International Market Place**, opening in Waikiki on Aug. 25, 2016, is adding two unique-to-market restaurants to its lineup for the open-air, third-level Grand Lanai. Hakkasan Group's social dining concept **Herringbone**, and Japanese-inspired **Baku** will open their first Hawai'i locations at the center. [ShopInternationalMarketPlace.com](http://ShopInternationalMarketPlace.com)

Celebrating the abundance and variety of quality foods and ingredients on Maui, the Maui Tastemakers program features dinners, events, tastings, and special menus, presented in partnership with local, Maui-based purveyors. In response to the wildly popular Maui Tastemakers Series, the team at **Japengo** is making special dishes available to more diners and will be offering one popular dish per month as a monthly special. [www.japengomaui.com](http://www.japengomaui.com)

Complimentary nightly Grill Master services for guests of **Kā'anapali Ali'i** now include an additional treat on Aloha Fridays. As the Grill Master assists guests with the oceanfront gas barbecues, he will also grill and demonstrate a delicious Maui dipping sauce and condiment. Taste our Maui Pineapple Salsa and learn how to make it on your own. Aloha Fridays only from 5:30p.m. Sept. 30, 2016 - Jan. 13, 2017. The oceanfront Kā'anapali Ali'i offers luxury condos with gourmet kitchens and spacious private lanais. [www.kaanapalialii.com](http://www.kaanapalialii.com)

**Lava Lava Beach Club** recently opened the doors on its new 250-seat open-air restaurant and bar at the Kauai Shores Hotel, on the island's beautiful Coconut Coast. Guests will experience a menu of island-inspired cuisine and cocktails while enjoying the beach club's laidback Hawai'i-style atmosphere. Lava Lava Beach Club offers an indoor-outdoor dining experience with comfy couches for lounging, fire pits, and live Hawaiian music and hula. The Lava Lava Beach Club is open daily, serving breakfast from 7-10 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., a happy hour menu from 3-5 p.m., dinner from 5-9 p.m., and a late-night bar food menu from 8-10 p.m. [www.lavalavabeachclub.com](http://www.lavalavabeachclub.com)

**Mahina & Sun's** is O'ahu-born chef Ed Kenney's fourth eatery featuring his delicious, groundbreaking take on island cuisine in the fun, casual environment of the **Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club**. Kenney's commitment to offering elevated home cooking with a "Hawaiian sense of plate" and utilizing local, organic ingredients shines through in his dishes. [Surfjack.com](http://Surfjack.com)

Handcrafted Restaurants, the parent company of Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman, announced the opening of **Moku Kitchen** in the up and coming SALT at Our Kaka'ako development. Opening in early fall 2016, Moku Kitchen will embrace Chef Peter Merriman's passion for regional and sustainable cuisine with a fun, urban and artistic twist. The 7,000-square-foot establishment will continue in the handcrafted restaurant tradition of making everything from scratch, while embracing an "Upcountry Downtown" vibe. Featuring one of the first keg wine systems in Hawai'i, Moku Kitchen will entice guests with an exposed wine room, visible kiawe wood fire rotisserie and pizza ovens, and 36 craft beers on tap served at 29 degrees.

[MokuKitchen.com](http://MokuKitchen.com)

Hawai'i chef and James Beard Foundation Award nominee Andrew Le of **The Pig & The Lady**, announced the opening of his second restaurant named **Piggy Smalls** slated to open in Fall 2016. Located in Ward Village, Le's new restaurant will be open seven days a week serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu will consist of a few of The Pig & The Lady's signature items, with an expanded breakfast menu including toasts, house-made jams, soft-poached eggs, pastries, breakfast pho and an assortment of pickled items. [ThePigAndTheLady.com](http://ThePigAndTheLady.com)

Located on the newly redeveloped International Market Place's spectacular third-level Grand Lanai, celebrity chef Michael Mina opened **STRIPSTEAK Waikiki** in late August 2016. An 8,600 square-foot modern American steakhouse with a Japanese sensibility, STRIPSTEAK Waikiki will offer healthy, contemporary fare with a focus on all natural certified beef cooked over mesquite wood. Ideally located in the urban center of Waikiki, STRIPSTEAK Waikiki marks Celebrity Chef Michael Mina's Hawai'i debut. [STRIPSTEAKWaikiki.com](http://STRIPSTEAKWaikiki.com)

**The Westin Princeville Resort Villas** recently partnered with the **Waipā Foundation** and launched **He 'Aina Ola**, a twice monthly farm dinner highlighting Hawaiian history culture and Kaua'i's bounty. He 'Aina Ola, which translates to "A Nourishing Feast," begins with a tour of Waipā's orchard and gardens, located just past the town of Hanalei. The unique dining experience continues in Waipā's Laukupu Hale Imu with a three-course dinner and perfectly paired wine selections. Prepared by The Westin Princeville's culinary team, the sumptuous dinner showcases seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, including produce grown at Waipā. Open to the public, He 'Aina Ola is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. [www.westinprinceville.com](http://www.westinprinceville.com)

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

On Dec. 9, 2016, Hawai'i Regional Cuisine co-founding chef Peter Merriman and celebrated Oahu chef Mark "Gooch" Noguchi will join forces for a special evening called **Hawai'i Island Paina at Merriman's**, supporting conservation work in Hawai'i. A benefit for the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, the culinary event will feature chefs Peter and Gooch lending their considerable kitchen talents in support of the nonprofit's conservation work and conserving Hawai'i's valuable open spaces. The farm-to-table dinner, featuring live music, will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the flagship Merriman's restaurant in Waimea. Tickets are \$90 per person. [www.merrimanshawaii.com](http://www.merrimanshawaii.com)

The third annual **HONOLULU Fashion Week** presented by Hawaiian Airlines will be held Nov. 10-13, 2016 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. The four-day event will highlight international and local design talent with collaborative and individual runway shows, VIP events, pop-up boutiques, exclusive merchandise, and other fashionable happenings including runway shows from local, national and international designers; top models appearing from New York and Japan; and an extensive collection of pop-up boutiques from emerging Hawai'i-based designers. [HONOLULUFashionWeek.com](http://HONOLULUFashionWeek.com)

**Honolulu Pride™ Festival 2016** will bring a week of festivities to Honolulu at a variety of LGBT-friendly establishments and organizations, culminating on Oct. 22, 2016. The parade and festival will be held at Kapi'olani Regional Park at the base of iconic Diamond Head. [HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com](http://HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com)

**Kā'anapali Beach Hotel** is welcoming its 26th Hula O Na Keiki, Nov. 11-12, 2016. Hula O Na Keiki is a children's hula competition, whose purpose is to educate our children in the ways of the Hawaiian ancestors so the culture can be carried forward. Children from ages 5 years old to 17 years old will perform *kahiko* (traditional) and *auana* (modern) style hula. [kbhmaui.com/hawaii-culture/hula-o-na-keiki](http://kbhmaui.com/hawaii-culture/hula-o-na-keiki)

In partnership with Maui-based recording artist Mishka Frith, **Lumeria Maui's The Wooden Crate Cabaret** will showcase live performances from Hawaiian musicians alongside an evening of inspired dishes spotlighting the bounty of the island, crafted by head chef Ben Diamond. With a lineup curated by Frith, the series will feature both emerging and established talent. Fostering a community and performance space for homegrown artistry and 'music with heart' to thrive on the island, the series gives guests the opportunity to learn about an assortment of musical genres from Hawaiian talent. [www.lumeriamau.com](http://www.lumeriamau.com)

Organized by the Kaua'i Japanese Cultural Society, the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Matsuri Kaua'i Festival** on Oct. 15, 2016 showcases various performance groups and promotes understanding of the Japanese culture. Attendees can enjoy hands-on activities such as *oshibana* (pressed flowers), *origami* (paper folding), and *oshie* (raised cloth pictures), *taiko* drumming, *mochi* (sticky rice cake) pounding, a tea ceremony, *shodo* (calligraphy), craft booths, and more. [www.kauaijcs.org](http://www.kauaijcs.org)

Golf enthusiasts can experience a week of championship golf, luxury accommodations, Hawai'i cuisine, special events, prizes and more during the **43rd Annual Mauna Kea Pro-Am** at Mauna Kea Resort. The six-day, five-night tournament set for Dec. 7 – 12, 2016 welcomes club professionals and amateurs. [www.princeresortshawaii.com/events/8687/71573/43rd-annual-mauna-kea-pro-am](http://www.princeresortshawaii.com/events/8687/71573/43rd-annual-mauna-kea-pro-am)

Dec. 7, 2016 marks the **75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor**. The “day that will live in infamy” will be commemorated with events and activities from Dec. 1 – 11, including an Opening Night Gala; the premier of the documentary film, *Remember Pearl Harbor*; military-themed movies screened on Waikīkī Beach; a National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration; a parade; a world-class concert and more. The U.S. Navy and other branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, the National Park Service, Pacific Historic Parks and the State of Hawai'i have partnered together to ensure that Pearl Harbor “honors the past and inspires the future.” In addition to honoring our WWII veterans, the Pearl Harbor survivors and their

families, the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration will be a year of evolution and transition. A key focus of this year's commemoration is to inspire a brighter future enriched by friendship and peace not only with other nations, but also amongst all people. [PearlHarbor75thAnniversary.com](http://PearlHarbor75thAnniversary.com)

### **SPECIAL OFFERS**

Whether their preference is getting pampered or getting active, travelers now have a selection of tailored experiences to choose from with new packages offered by the **Kaua'i Marriott Resort**. Relax and unwind at the resort's Alexander Day Spa and Salon with the "Ultimate Spa Retreat" package, which includes a facial, spa or beachside massage; 10 percent discount on additional spa treatments; and more. The "Experience Kaua'i Outdoors" package includes four activity vouchers redeemable for a zipline adventure, ATV tour, Nāpali sail or other activities. Both packages allow guests to experience a great trip full of island adventures. Use the promotional code 33S for the "Ultimate Spa Retreat" package and promotional code YX1 for the "Experience Kaua'i Outdoors" package when booking online. [www.kauaimarriott.com](http://www.kauaimarriott.com)

Summer doesn't have to end with the arrival of fall at the luxurious **Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort** at Po'ipū Beach. Book accommodations before Dec. 10, 2016, and enjoy 30 percent off a stay of four nights or more. Relax at the resort's spa, dine at the delicious Red Salt restaurant, or enjoy the oceanfront pool. The modern Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort is the perfect place for a peaceful getaway. [www.meritagecollection.com/koakea](http://www.meritagecollection.com/koakea)

Guests will have time to explore even more of Kaua'i's scenic north shore with a \$1,000 resort credit for every five-night stay booked at the **St. Regis Princeville** resort. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the spectacular ocean views from Princeville Makai Golf Club's course, which ranked among Golf Digest's Top 100 Greatest Public Courses in America for 2015 and 2016. Postgolf, relax with spa treatments at the St. Regis Princeville's Halele'a Spa, enjoy epicurean delights from the resort's multiple dining venues, or redeem the full credit for a 5-night room upgrade. Guests are free to elect how to spend their \$1,000 credit. The resort credit offer is valid through Dec. 22, 2016, and subject to availability. [www.stregisprinceville.com](http://www.stregisprinceville.com)

**Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf** is offering a new "Fall Twilight Special" from September 6 through November 30. Golfers are invited to play as many holes as they wish on either the Beach or Kings' Courses for \$75, plus tax, per person. The premium green fee includes a shared cart, bottled water and use of practice facilities on the day of play. [www.WaikoloaGolf.com](http://www.WaikoloaGolf.com)

Experience the luxury of vacationing at a resort while enjoying the comforts of home at **The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas**. Accommodations include a kitchen/kitchenette, fullsize refrigerator, washer/dryer, access to 20 self-serve barbecue grills, and complimentary Wi-Fi. The family-friendly resort features four pools – including a children's pool with interactive sea turtle fountains and a slide – a weekly movie night, daily cultural activities, and more. Book a Deluxe Island View One-Bedroom Villa (with rates starting at \$550 a night) and receive a connecting Studio Villa for \$135 a night, which combined sleeps up to eight guests. A three night minimum stay is required. The deal is available through Dec. 25, 2016, and subject to availability. [www.westinprinceville.com](http://www.westinprinceville.com)

### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

Joining a list of top resorts in the world, **Hyatt Regency Maui** was recently named a Top 10 Most Popular Honeymoon Resort in Hawai'i by Condé Nast Traveler. The resort and its award-winning restaurant Japengo also received TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence for consistent outstanding reviews. Along with numerous accolades earned for its commitment to the environment, Hyatt Regency Maui was recently honored with the Hyatt Thrive Leadership Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability. [www.maui.regency.hyatt.com](http://www.maui.regency.hyatt.com)

**Kōloa Rum Co.**, the award-winning Kaua'i-based spirit producer known for using Hawai'i sugarcane in its distillation process, was recently awarded five gold medals for its White Rum, Gold Rum, Spice Rum and Dark Rum at the Miami Rum Renaissance Festival. Its Kaua'i Coffee Rum won a "Best in Class" gold medal, the festival's highest honor for flavored rums. The company also earned honors for its rums at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, the Ultimate Spirits Challenge in Hawthorne, New York, and from the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America. Kōloa Rum Co.'s ready-to-drink Pineapple Passion cocktail achieved a gold medal at the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition. [www.koloarum.com](http://www.koloarum.com)

The United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) has just named the **Royal Lahaina Resort's Tennis Ranch** "Tennis Facility of the Year". The Ranch is one of the largest tennis venues in the Islands and has hosted numerous professional and amateur championships and tournaments, including United States Tennis Association (USTA) events. The 3,500-seat Stadium Court has recently been refurbished, as have the 10 surrounding courts. Six courts are lighted for night play. The Ranch just added PlaySight SmartCourt, which uses cutting edge technology to record and analyze player activity. [www.royallahaina.com](http://www.royallahaina.com)

Maui Ocean Center's **Seascape Ma'alaea Restaurant** was among the first restaurants on Maui to be certified as an "Ocean Friendly Restaurant" by Ocean Friendly Restaurants Hawai'i. By surpassing additional criteria, Seascape Ma'alaea Restaurant also earned the top-honor of Platinum certification. This award is a reflection of Seascape Ma'alaea Restaurant's longtime dedication to protecting and sustaining ocean resources by reducing the use of single-use plastics and serving a menu that is healthy, sustainable, and environmentally friendly. [www.mauioceancenter.com/dine](http://www.mauioceancenter.com/dine)

'**ULU Ocean Grill + Sushi Lounge** at **Four Seasons Resort Hualālai** was recently named one of "America's Best Restaurants with a View" by Gayot guides. Located oceanfront on the island of Hawai'i's Kona-Kohala coast, 'ULU Ocean Grill blends Hawaiian architecture and modern flair. Servers guide guests through a social dining experience, highlighting the restaurant's ocean-to-table menu and tableside presentation. Working with more than 160 local farms, the resort sources 75 percent of the food it serves from the island of Hawai'i. [www.fourseasons.com/hualalai](http://www.fourseasons.com/hualalai)

**The Westin Kā'anapali Ocean Resort Villas** was recently voted "Best Major Renovation" in TravelAge West's 2016 WAVE Awards. The resort was recognized for the refurbishment of its north villas and its north Westin Workout Fitness Studio. The Westin Kā'anapali also renovated its oceanfront sports bar, Pailolo Bar & Grill, by renewing its fire pit. It also installed a food truck, which is the first food truck owned and operated by a Maui hotel. Additionally, The Westin Kā'anapali transformed an owner lounge into Pū'uhonua Cultural Center. [westinkaanapali.com](http://westinkaanapali.com)

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**About Meet Hawai'i**

Meet Hawai'i is a collaboration of the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) and Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) to reinforce the brand of the Hawaiian Islands as a world-class destination for business meetings, conventions, and incentive programs. The marketing efforts of the Meet Hawai'i team are overseen by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state of Hawai'i's tourism agency. HTA was established in 1998 to ensure a successful visitor industry well into the future. Its mission is to strategically manage Hawai'i tourism in a sustainable manner consistent with the state of Hawai'i's economic goals, cultural values, preservation of natural resources, community desires, and visitor industry needs. For information about Meet Hawai'i and the hosting of meetings, conventions and incentives, please visit [MeetHawaii.com](http://MeetHawaii.com).

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