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

*Aloha!* Summer in the Hawaiian Islands offers the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and enjoy the energizing sunshine. Whether attending an outdoor concert or sipping on a refreshing cocktail during sunset, there's no better time to immerse in the beautiful landscapes of Hawai'i and indulge in all that nature has to offer. Included below are new updates and developments for meetings, conventions and incentives – from hotel and meeting venue renovations to new and engaging activities and creative programs.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS & MEETING VENUES

**Cliff House** is considered Maui's finest and most sought-after venue. This unique seaside house is suspended above the Pacific and offers uninterrupted views of Lāna'i and Moloka'i islands — a highly memorable location for groups to gather for celebrations, discovery and adventure. Located at Montage Kapalua Bay, the private venue includes access to an abundance of ocean activities, large screen TV, kitchen and restroom/shower facilities.

<http://www.montagehotels.com/kapalubay>

The next chapter in the **Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel's** evolution will begin this fall on the island of Hawai'i. Resort upgrades will include a new artfully designed lobby, luxurious new guestrooms and suites, new dining concepts, and an adults-only pool with enhanced amenities. The majority of the hotel's transformation will conclude in January 2018, with upgrades set to exceed the needs and expectations of modern discerning travelers. The hotel will remain open throughout renovations. [www.HapunaBeachPrinceHotel.com](http://www.HapunaBeachPrinceHotel.com)

Surrounded by 40 oceanfront acres on Kā'anapali Beach, **Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa** on Maui offers 100,000 square feet of newly renovated indoor-outdoor meeting and event space including the stunning Monarchy Ballroom. With its clean and upscale design, this new ballroom offers over 18,000 square feet of flexible function space, new connecting outdoor terrace, and floor to ceiling windows inviting in natural lighting and landscaping to capture the essence of Hawai'i. In addition to stunning ocean backdrops, this ideal resort offers experienced event planning managers on staff, extensive onsite recreation, brand new Regency Club, award-winning restaurants, and unique Hawaiian cultural activities, including Maui's most exciting lū'au. [www.maui.hyatt.com/meetings](http://www.maui.hyatt.com/meetings)

**Kaua'i Beach Resort**, located on 25 lush acres of Kaua'i's longest exploring and strolling beach, has completed a property refresh to its rooms and public spaces. The beautiful Hawaiian plantation-style resort has rolled out a new renovated deluxe room category – with mountain, lagoon, pool and ocean view rooms – that feature bright and modern décor, as well as private lanais. Public spaces – such as the Ballrooms, Lobby and multiple restaurants – now offer an

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improved guest experience, with contemporary furniture and a light color scheme inspired by Kaua'i's sun, sand and surf. <http://www.kauaibeachresorthawaii.com>

The highly anticipated \$110 million-dollar expansion and rebrand of **Koloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū** on Kaua'i, Autograph Collection has finished. Guests are invited to come enjoy the lush 21-acre resort set on the sunny South Shore of Kaua'i in the heart of Po'ipū - just a short stroll from world-renowned Po'ipū Beach and next door to some of the best shopping and dining on the Garden Isle at the Shops at Kukui'ula Village. The resort boasts 306 deluxe studios & villas, 3 incredible resort pools, including a 350,000-gallon main pool, a 4,000 sq. ft. day spa, Holoholo poolside bar & grill - a collaboration with world-famous chef Sam Choy - and a brand new, state-of-the-art 18,000 sq. ft. conference center. <http://www.koloalandingresort.com>

**Marriott's Waikoloa Ocean Club**, overlooking beautiful 'Anaeho'omalu Bay, is now open on the western shore of the island of Hawai'i. Inspired by the island's lush green flora, pristine waterfalls, fiery red volcanoes and black lava beds, the resort's beautifully decorated one- and two-bedroom suites celebrate the rich culture and diverse landscape of this one-of-a-kind island. Marriott's Waikoloa Ocean Club shares amenities and activities featured by the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, including swimming pools, with one just for the kids, a fitness center, tennis facilities, lei-making classes and hula and ukulele lessons. Plenty of upscale shopping and dining are all within walking distance, and nearby on the Kōhala Coast two championship golf courses test the skills of all levels. <http://www.marriottvacationclub.com>

Following an extensive \$55.4 million repositioning, the former Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club announces a new identity as **Prince Waikiki** on the island of O'ahu. The eight-month renewal includes 563 transformed oceanfront guest rooms and suites, redefined dining options, a modernized lobby with unique personalized services, a new infinity pool, and enhanced meeting space. <http://www.princeresortshawaii.com/prince-waikiki>

## **ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS**

In ancient Hawai'i, *pa'akai* (sea salt) was gathered from dry pools along the island's coastlines. Today, spa goers can experience the healing properties of the mineral rich Hawaiian sea salt in Willow Stream Spa's Hawaiian Pa'akai treatment at the **Fairmont Kea Lani** on Maui. Healing sea salt is mixed with organic coconut oil and locally grown green papaya and lemongrass, which leaves skin smooth and hydrated. Rinse under the state-of-the-art Vichy shower, with infrared light therapy. An application of rich Hawaiian coconut oil completes the treatment. <http://www.fairmont.com/kealani>

**Gray Line Hawaii** recently announced a new one-day tour that takes guests, based on O'ahu to the island of Kaua'i for a day to experience the Garden Isle's most beautiful sites. In partnership with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, the "all-inclusive" tour explores Kaua'i's scenic locations first on an unforgettable land tour and then from above on a remarkable helicopter tour. Notable sites include Ahukini Landing, Lydgate Beach, Kīlauea, Princeville, Kapa'a, Kealia Overlook and many other stunning locations. <http://www.polyad.com>

**Hale Huaka'i** on Maui offers a special Super SUP (14' long x 5' wide surfboard shaped raft), which can accommodate up to 6, for family or groups to explore the ocean at Pu'u Keka'a (Black

Rock). Guests will have the opportunity to ride on the Super SUP and explore near shore marine environment and multi-color creatures while snorkeling by Pu'u Keka'a and build unforgettable memories. SUP (stand-up paddle boarding) lessons are also available for groups and 'ohana to enhance their unforgettable memories on Maui. <http://www.kbhmaui.com/local-area/hale-huakai>

**KapohoKine Adventures** has added three new play-and-stay packages to explore the island of Hawai'i. By air, tour one of the most geologically active landscapes on Earth with the Circle of Fire Helicopter Flight, priced at \$259. By land, discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Preserve with the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Adventure, priced at \$159. By sea, explore Hilo Bay with a Private Guided Hilo Bay Kayak Tour or Hilo Coast and Waterfalls Boat Tour, priced at \$129. Package prices include a one-night stay at the Grand Nanioloa Hotel Hilo, double occupancy. <http://www.kapohokine.com>

**Outfitters Kauai** on Kaua'i is excited to announce the opening of the Aloha State longest zip line, Fly Line Kauai Zipline. Spanning 4,000 feet, the side-by-side double zip line provides an intense and thrilling high-speed flight through breathtaking scenery beneath the towering peaks of the Ha'upu Mountain Range. Set on the pristine, secluded and private Kīpū Ranch, the Fly Line Zipline backdrop is featured in scenes from blockbuster movies such as *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *The Descendants* and *Mighty Joe Young* to name a few. Fly like Superman in a "head first" position and experience 4000 feet of pure awesome. [www.outfitterskauai.com](http://www.outfitterskauai.com)

As part of the **Pacific Aviation Museum's** 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration, the museum will dedicate and welcome its newest aircraft, the F-105, this summer on O'ahu. Guests are invited to see the World War II-era aircraft in Hangar 79, which bares bullet holes and battle damage in the windows from the attacks on Pearl Harbor and O'ahu on Dec. 7, 1941. <http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org>

Under an innovative new program, **Paradise Helicopters** is offering guests the opportunity to "green their seat" while experiencing Hawai'i's most incredible sights and landing locations. Paradise is the first helicopter tour company to offer flights exclusively for the reforestation of endemic trees in Hawai'i. Through the nonprofit Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative (HLRI), guests may select from a menu of nearly 20 tour options available for the sponsorship of Koa Legacy Trees. These trees are planted for permanent reforestation in the Hawaiian Legacy Forest on the island of Hawai'i, and their growth can be tracked remotely using RFID technology. [www.hawaiianlegacytours.com](http://www.hawaiianlegacytours.com)

Maui has two new ways to destress, relax and unwind and they're called **Puamana Day Spa**, located within Aston Kā'anapali Shores, and The Spa at Aston Whaler Kā'anapali Beach. At Pumana Day Spa, a quiet, private oceanside cabana awaits for a full mind, body and spirit rejuvenation. While at The Spa at The Whaler, a must-try is its Whaler Renewal Ritual, an energizing body exfoliation that's infused with island botanicals. <http://www.puamanaspa.com/> [www.whalerspa.com](http://www.whalerspa.com)

**Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa** on the island of Maui welcomes groups to honor the history of the Hawaiian Islands through distinctive cultural programming led by cultural advisor Jack Stone, who works with in-house groups to organize authentic cultural experiences and teach about

ancient Hawai'i through traditions like coconut husking, taro pounding, bamboo stamping, lei making, hula dancing, ukulele lessons, and more. Born and raised on the island of Moloka'i, Stone welcomes the opportunity to share his passion about Hawaiian culture and music, his family history, the local environment and living *pono* (right) with groups and leisure guests staying at the resort. <http://www.sheraton-maui.com>

**The Red Barn Farmstand** on O'ahu recently announced the debut of a new monthly event series highlighting Hawai'i's farmers and makers of artisanal products. On Farmers & Friends Fridays, the Barn will offer a special lunch menu showcasing a featured farmer or product vendor. Guests are invited to talk-story with the farmers and makers in the Barn to learn how they farm or how they craft their products, the best ways to use them, recipes and more. The set lunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes a starter, main dish, dessert and drink for \$25. Through the end of summer, Farmers & Friends Fridays will include an afternoon barbecue, beginning at 1 p.m., and *pau hana* live music from 4 to 6 p.m. [www.redbarnfarmstand.com](http://www.redbarnfarmstand.com)

**Turtle Bay Resort** on O'ahu has introduced a number of new fitness classes including full moon paddle sessions, a surf training program, running programs with a dedicated coach, HiVa Fitness, and a new Tahitian dance conditioning cardio class created by Penny Toilolo. <http://www.turtlebayresort.com>

## DINING

**BAKU**, a new restaurant specializing in modern Japanese robata-style cuisine, will be opening Aug. 1 in the International Market Place on O'ahu. BAKU specializes in Japanese cuisine prepared in an open kitchen on their signature robata and yakitori grills. Robata, meaning "around the fire," uses a grill that harkens to a design originating centuries ago that burns specially sourced charcoal at over 800 degrees, giving food an appealing smoky flavor. The cuisine is clean and simple with the complexity highlighted in the technique and plate presentation. BAKU will also serve the highest quality sushi and sashimi complimented with premium sake, an international wine program and handcrafted cocktails. [www.baku-restaurant.com](http://www.baku-restaurant.com)

Rise and shine to the flavors of fresh juice blends made from the finest Maui fruits and vegetables with **Fairmont Kea Lani's** new juice bar. Just Juice by Kō Bar offers island inspired juice blends and a DIY juice bar to satisfy every craving. Just Juice at Kō Bar is part of Fairmont Kea Lani's Inspire Your Energy program, a curated fitness and wellness program designed to offer energizing and personalized wellness experiences. <http://www.fairmont.com/kealani>

The **Grotto Bar** at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa on Maui announces a new exclusive cocktail menu inspired by its mixologists' favorite Hawaiian flavors and surrounding environment of Lahaina and the Pacific. The new cocktail menu is available exclusively at the Grotto Bar, a bar located in a rustic cave setting and hidden between two waterfalls separating the resort's two free-form swimming pools. <http://www.grandwailea.com/experience/dine/grotto-bar>

**Herringbone**, the second restaurant from global hospitality company Hakkasan Group, is set to make its debut at the International Market Place on O'ahu this summer. Herringbone Waikiki's

design takes inspiration from its California sibling restaurants with elements like weathered wooden boxes filled with fragrant herbs, an ivy canopy to shade diners on its 2,000-square-foot lānai and a massive indoor living wall. <http://www.herringboneeats.com>

**Huggo's**, Kona's iconic oceanfront restaurant on the island of Hawai'i, celebrates summer with its new Wine on the Lanai wine-pairing dinners, happening June 28 and July 26. This summer's dinner series promises fun, interactive multicourse dining experiences pairing wines from the regions of Spain and Sonoma/Napa selected by Master Sommelier Pat Okubo. Huggo's Executive Chef Albert Asuncion and his team will create dishes complementing each of the wines Okubo presents. Huggo's Wine on the Lanai dinners are intimate gatherings, with only 36 reservations taken for each dinner. Cost is \$100 per person. [www.huggos.com](http://www.huggos.com)

**Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows** recently introduced its **Honu Bar Café**, a new dining option for guests and visitors to enjoy early morning signature coffee, fresh-baked pastries and grab-and-go lunches on the island of Hawai'i. Early risers can relax in the spacious café, which overlooks Honu Pond, or select to-go snacks as they head out on island adventures. Evenings, the Honu Bar serves handcrafted cocktails and small plates, complemented by decadent desserts and nightly live entertainment. [www.maunalani.com](http://www.maunalani.com)

Michelin starred and James Beard award-winning chef Michael Mina opened his second Hawai'i eatery, **The Street, A Michael Mina Social House** on June 2 on O'ahu. Located on the ground floor of Waikiki's International Market Place and occupying 6,900 sq. ft., The Street is a bustling collection of culinary experiences carefully curated by chef Mina, highlighting the perspectives and expertise of many talented chefs hailing from the MINA Group and beyond. Mina's new eatery and the first of its kind, features a collection of 13 stations with various cuisines each offering a delicious menu driven by the chefs' passion for the food they love to cook and eat. From pizza to poke and BBQ to beer, The Street is Waikiki's newest gathering place for a casual meal or a festive celebration open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night happenings. [www.thestreetsocialhouse.com](http://www.thestreetsocialhouse.com)

**Street Grindz** continues its festivities by showcasing Honolulu's finest street food and culinary delights. Their most anticipated and popular event, Eat the Street takes place on the last Friday of every month in the hip and urban community of Kaka'ako. The month of September is an especially exciting with twice the fun as they host their 4th Annual Oktoberfest local style showcasing Hawai'i's craft beers, food and music on Sept. 16, 2017.

<http://www.eatthestreethawaii.com>

## **FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

The fifth annual **Hawaii Yoga Festival** on the island of Hawai'i is returning October 10-15 to Kalani retreat center in rain-forested Kalapana-Kapoho. This year's festival will feature more than 60 sessions presented by a diverse faculty from Hawai'i and around the world, including yoga teacher, writer and body-positivity advocate Jessamyn Stanley. Attendees will also be invited to enjoy Hawaiian cultural events, live music performances, permaculture tours, fresh-prepared meals and opportunities for self-discovery and connection.

[www.hawaiiyogafestival.com](http://www.hawaiiyogafestival.com)

**International Market Place** on O'ahu is excited to launch its inaugural Island Vibes Summer Concert Series! All summer long, guests can enjoy free performances featuring the hottest musicians in Hawai'i from June 10 to September 2 on the Queen's Court stage every Saturday afternoon. Located on Level 1. [www.shopinternationalmarketplace.com/events](http://www.shopinternationalmarketplace.com/events)

**Ko Olina Resort** on O'ahu invites guests, family and friends to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual Ko Olina Children's Film & Music Festival** on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The event will feature interactive video and music activities, live stage performances, family-friendly movies from Disney/Pixar and a sunset finale feature film on the beach. [www.koolinachildrensfestival.com](http://www.koolinachildrensfestival.com)

Sea Life Park's celebrated outdoor **Makapu'u Twilight Concert Series** will showcase incredible live music beneath the stars starting on July 15 on O'ahu. Performances from acclaimed local talent will include Raiatea Helm, Kalani Pe'a, Maunalua and Melveen Leed. <http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com>

More than 20 world-class musicians and acts will come together to celebrate both the 'ukulele and Kamae as the musical icons of aloha at this year's **47th Annual Ukulele Festival Hawai'i** on Sunday, July 16, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kapi'olani Park on O'ahu. Performers include local talent from Hawai'i and international entertainers who will be traveling from various destinations throughout Asia, Oceania and North America. Under the direction of festival founder and 'ukulele master teacher Roy Sakuma, Kamae's famous melody "E Ku'u Morning Dew" will be played by the Ukulele Festival Band. <http://www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org>

### **SPECIAL OFFERS**

**The Courtyard Kaua'i** has extended their Sizzling Summer group offer through November of 2017. Any groups of 10 or more booked for arrival between July 1 - November 30, 2017 will receive double Marriott reward points, a one hour complimentary welcome reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and dry snacks, and one complimentary upgrade for every 20 rooms utilized. Rates starting at \$129. Located on Coconut Beach, the hotel is within walking distance to dining and shopping offers easy access to both north shore and Nāpali coast and the sunny beaches of Po'ipū to the south. <http://www.kauaicourtyardresort.com>

**Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach** will soon reach its first full year in Waikīkī. In celebration, the hotel is offering a limited-time 20 percent off rate on their modern one- and two-bedroom suites. After undergoing an extensive \$115 million redevelopment in June 2016, the property reopened as O'ahu's first Hilton Garden Inn (HGI) and the largest HGI in the world at 623 guestrooms. With its modern living room-style lobby, thoughtful amenities and no resort fee, Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach puts guests just two blocks from the beach and in the heart of Waikīkī among the best shopping and dining the island has to offer. The hotel's anniversary rate is valid now through Dec. 22, 2017. Enter promotional code "HAWAII" for this special anniversary rate. [www.hgiwaikikibeach.com](http://www.hgiwaikikibeach.com)

**Lava Lava Beach Club Waikoloa** on the island of Hawai'i will celebrate five years in business with special values and community giving throughout the month of July. The celebration kicks off with a party on July 1; with menu favorites and \$5 drink specials served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Order any of their five special menu items in July and Lava Lava Beach Club will make a

\$2 donation to designated charities for each item until reaching \$1,000 for each, for a five-charity total donation of \$5,000. [www.lavalavabeachclub.com](http://www.lavalavabeachclub.com)

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**About Meet Hawai'i**

Meet Hawai'i is a collaboration of Hawai'i Tourism United States (HTUSA), managed by 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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