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Aloha! Hawai'i offers the appeal of an international destination with its exotic scenery, tropical landscape and culturally diverse people that no other state in the U.S. can match; while offering familiar comforts and conveniences such as the same language, same currency, and safe and secure environment, all at a price point below what it would cost to travel internationally. With year round sunshine and a wide array of new activity offerings and accommodation refreshments, there's never been a better time to plan a group visit to Hawai'i.

O'AHU

ACCOMODATIONS & MEETING VENUES

Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina opened its doors on June 1, 2016 as the fifth hotel in Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts' Hawaiian Collection. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the resort's 358 luxurious ocean- and lagoon-view guest rooms and 52 suites will each feature private furnished *lānai* (balconies) and authentic Hawaiiana-style décor inspired by nature. Among the property's guest amenities will be five restaurants and lounges, four pools, a white sand beach, a multi-level spa and wellness center, expansive tennis facilities and multiple watersport activities, as well as preferred access to the exclusive Ko Olina Golf Club. Located on the sunset coast of west O'ahu, the resort will offer a total 16,874 square feet of event space bathed in natural light. Its meeting facility will accommodate up to 900 guests and feature a ballroom and five function rooms. Outdoor space adjacent to neighboring Lanikuhonua cultural estate and nature preserve will offer a gorgeous setting for groups. FourSeasons.com/Oahu

Soaring 37 floors above Waikīkī, **Altitude@37** is the **Hilton Waikiki Beach's** most private and most stunning meeting or event option on property. This room was designed for privacy and offers a more intimate setting for small meetings or events up to 30 people. Ideal for dinner receptions or all-day business meetings, **Altitude@37** can accommodate all your business and event needs including audio/visual equipment, Wi-Fi Internet access and catering menu options. Seating configurations are flexible and guests will be able to enjoy spectacular ocean views from any part of the room. HiltonWaikikiBeach.com

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa recently named Ku'uipo Kumukahi as the resort's new Manager of Hawaiian Culture and Community Relations. A professional Hawaiian music entertainer, and winner of several Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, Kumukahi was recently confirmed by the Hawai'i State Senate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. She brings to the property a dedication to the education, preservation, perpetuation and promotion of Hawaiian language through the art of Hawaiian music, poetry and *mele* (song). Kumukahi's function is to enhance the current programming of the hotel's learning center – *E Makani 'Ehā* – by introducing Hawaiian language lessons, a more personalized cultural tour, and increasing Hyatt's role in the community. Waikiki.Regency.Hyatt.com

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The **Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa** is proud to announce the completion of its signature Kona Moku Ballroom transformation earlier this year. The close to 7,000 square foot ballroom features three new gorgeous multicolored chandeliers, brand new carpeting, wallpaper, and is configurable into three separate rooms. As always, it is matched with Marriott's in-house state of the art audio/visual equipment and accommodating event staff for every occasion.

MarriottWaikiki.com

The largest Hilton Garden Inn in the world has recently opened. The 623-room **Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach** is now accepting reservations for stays from June 27 on. Situated in the dynamic hub of Waikīkī, the hotel is just two blocks from Waikīkī Beach and within walking distance of many of the resort area's most popular shopping, dining and entertainment attractions. TR Fire Grill, the hotel's chef-inspired American bistro, will serve a menu of seasonally inspired dishes crafted with locally sourced produce from Hawai'i's farms.

HgiWaikikiBeach.com

The **Leahi Club Lounge** at the **Sheraton Waikiki** is now available for group meetings or use as a private space. Perched 30 floors above Hawai'i's most famous beach, the Leahi Club Lounge is Hawai'i's first Sheraton Club Lounge and was named after the original Hawaiian name for Diamond Head as it overlooks Diamond Head, Waikīkī Beach, the ocean and island skyline. Sheraton-Waikiki.com/RoomsAndSuites/LeahiClub

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

Recently opened in early 2016, **Blue Note Hawaii** serves as the state's premier venue for world-renowned artists, from jazz and blues to Hawaiian favorites. Located in the former Society of Seven showroom inside **Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort**, Blue Note Hawaii features a wide range of musical entertainment – from local talent to international sensations – for limited engagements. The 9,000 square-foot facility was designed by local architecture and interior design firm InForm Design, and seats over 300 patrons, showcasing two performances nightly in an intimate setting – seven days a week, 365 days a year. The venue is also available for private event bookings. BlueNoteHawaii.com

Ideal for VIP group excursions, **Hoku Hawaii Tours** has introduced a brand-new Hawai'i North Shore Adventure Tour. This luxury adventure led by highly trained cultural guides known as "navigators" offers a fascinating look at O'ahu's history, marine life and ecology, along with an all-inclusive lunch at a secluded location, an opportunity to snorkel near turtles, spectacular vistas of O'ahu's beautiful North Shore beaches and coastline, stand up paddle boarding, and a kayak trip along a beautiful stream leading to the ocean.

HokuHawaiiTours.com

The Holokai is Waikīkī's first new beach catamaran in 20 years and **Sail Holokai** is excited to launch this product and offer the ultimate sailing experience. Holokai was custom-built at Schooner Creek Boatworks in Portland, Oregon and embarked on her maiden voyage to the Hawaiian Islands this past summer. The Holokai is a 45-foot, 49 passenger catamaran with a comfortable bathroom. The landing area is on the beach between Shorebird Restaurant and Halekulani Hotel. Sail Holokai operates 7 days a week with 4 daily scheduled tours – 2 snorkel sails, trade wind sails, sunset sails and on Friday nights only, there is a fireworks sail after sunset. SailHolokai.com

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After a full day of meetings and breakout sessions, a “spaception” at **Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa** allows teams to revive, renew and relax via the resort’s Be Well Meeting Program. Located in the award-winning Moana Lani Spa, A Heavenly Spa by Westin, the program is designed to help nourish mind, body and soul, increase the flow of creative energy, and promote continued motivation. Wellness breaks are taken throughout the day in which team members have the chance to enjoy Westin Superfood snacks and partake in rejuvenating spa treatments. Moana-Surfrider.com

With a partnership between **Oceanic Time Warner Cable** and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, free public wireless internet is now readily accessible in Waikiki on O’ahu. Near Kapi’olani Park Bandstand and under cover from rain, this new service provides residents and tourists one free hour of WiFi Internet while venturing throughout Waikiki. Honolulu.gov

Imagine having actual WWII fighter jets, helicopters and planes as a backdrop or offering your guests a photo opportunity to climb into an open cockpit of one of these magnificent warbirds. **Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor** on historic Ford Island on O’ahu has more than 100,000 square feet of space for gatherings of all sizes, accommodating groups of up to 10,000 guests. Customized packages available. PacificAviationMuseum.org/News/Book

Sunset Ranch is an elegant thirty-acre estate on the North Shore of O’ahu, with ocean and mountain views of the entire northwest side of the island. The estate is extremely private and provides a wide variety of venues, indoor and outdoor, for any occasion. Event clients are provided exclusive access to the estate from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and can use one or all six venues for the entire duration of their event. When combined with two elegant guest suites, exceptional customer service and other property amenities, Sunset Ranch is the event venue of choice in Hawai’i. SunsetRanchHawaii.com

The **USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park** is a member of the **Pearl Harbor Historic Partners**, four separate organizations that cooperate in telling the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the history of the War in the Pacific. Bowfin Park is a privately operated non-profit institution that relies on admission fees and gift shop sales to maintain the historic World War II submarine USS *Bowfin* and the adjacent Pacific Submarine Museum. For 2016, the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park has teamed up with Events International to provide exclusive evening events for incentives groups coming to O’ahu. The USS *Bowfin*’s Visitor Center can handle up to 600 delegates for cocktail parties or 250 visitors for a sit-down themed dinner. Bowfin.org

Bishop Museum has announced their newest venture, the Hawai’i Monarchs Tour which began on June 1. The tour features a combination experiences including stops at the Bishop Museum and ‘Iolani Palace, with lunch and transportation provided. The journey begins at ‘Iolani Palace with captivating stories about the royal residents and how they lived, as guests are led through the first floor state rooms and second floor private quarters. Following lunch, guests travel further back in time and embrace the true spirit of the Hawaiian Islands as they journey through Bishop Museum’s 3,900 exhibits. Here, visitors learn stories of the trials and triumphs of Hawai’i’s Ali’i (royal class). Tours are offered weekly on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and run through the day from 8 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. BishopMuseum.org

DINING

Opened in the beginning of 2016 in Downtown Honolulu by award-winning mixologist Justin Park, **Bar Leather Apron** on O'ahu is a new cocktail lounge inspired by the speakeasy aesthetic of Osaka, Japan with interior design evoking speakeasies of old-style New York City. Able to accommodate up to 40 people, with two-dozen seats and a small private room for up to six, the interior design consists of leather furniture and dark woods with a gold touch. Cocktails range in price from \$12 to \$15 and are each paired with a small bite. The menu also boasts an extensive whiskey collection along with various wines, sake and beer. BarLeatherApron.com

Hawai'i chef Ed Kenney has opened his fourth O'ahu restaurant at the new **Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club** in Waikiki. **Mahina & Sun's**, located on the ground-floor space of the renovated boutique hotel, features a menu spotlighting local farm-fresh ingredients and inspired by garden, sea and land. Among its offerings are sweet corn soup, kimchi and pork skins; Kualoa Ranch oysters, kalamansi and ice plant; and country pork terrine, pickles, and buttered Portuguese sweet bread. In addition to dinner service, Mahina & Sun's will be serving poolside lunch. Surfjack.com/Eat-Shop

Chef and restaurateur Peter Merriman is bringing his fine dining restaurant **Merriman's** to Honolulu, with an opening slated for June 2017. The 200-seat restaurant will be located on the ground floor of the Anaha condominium at Ward Village, and offer lunch and dinner service. True to Merriman's locations on Hawai'i Island, the menu at Merriman's on O'ahu will showcase the island-farmed beef, lamb, sustainably caught seafood and fresh-picked produce of local farmers, ranchers and fishermen. MerrimansHawaii.com

Hawai'i's culinary pioneer of Hawaiian fusion cuisine, Chef Roy Yamaguchi, is partnering with Turtle Bay Resort on O'ahu's North Shore to open **Roy's Beach House** in 2016. The restaurant, situated in the former Ola at Turtle Bay Resort, will overlook Kuilima Cove. The menu's unique culinary concept and design of Roy's Beach House are currently being conceptualized, with details planned for release at a later date. TurtleBayResort.com

BLT Market recently opened at the Ritz-Carlton Residences Waikiki this summer. Sourcing from partnerships with local island purveyors and farmers, BLT Market features a daily-changing menu with seasonal offerings created by Executive Chef Johan Svensson. From an all-day menu, to brunch on the weekends, overnight menu and specialty tea service, BLT Market offers a dining experience that's truly ripe for any time and season! www.blmarket.com

Tchin Tchin! Bar, located in the heart of Honolulu's Chinatown district, is O'ahu's newest rooftop bar and the third area eatery from Hawai'i restaurateurs Jesse Cruz and Dusty Grable. The venue features exposed brick and dark leather-accented interiors, and an open-air rooftop *lanai* (patio) treating guests to pleasant city views. Stemming from the Chinese expression "qing qing" – meaning "please please," as in a toast to drink – Tchin Tchin! offers a lounge food menu with a Mediterranean twist, accompanied by a full bar featuring select vermouths unique to the bar and artisan cocktails. TheTchinTchinBar.com

Offering more than 500 craft beers and 16 rotating draft selections, **Village Bottle Shop & Tasting Room**, a new craft beer store and café, is set for opening at **Our Kaka'ako's** new SALT complex later this year. Founded by Tom Golden (Beer in Hawaii) and Daryn Ogino (Pint +

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Jigger), the venue will offer seating for 50 along a 16-foot communal table catering to beer lovers traveling solo or with friends. Village Bottle's tasting room will include a curated menu of international and national beers as well as libations from select local breweries. A sampling of draft wines will be offered for guests wishing to quaff something other than beer. The cafe will also serve food prepared off-site.

MAUI COUNTY

ACCOMODATIONS & MEETING VENUES

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa has refreshed paradise with recently completed property updates, including the most recent revealing of the new Lahaina Ballroom. Offering nearly 5,000 square feet of function space divisible into up to four breakout rooms, this new venue features a clean and sophisticated design that captures the essence of native Hawaiian culture and the environment. The debut of the recently-completed ballroom follows refreshments to the resort's open-air Swan Court restaurant, Drums of the Pacific Lū'au and Sunset Terrace, Grotto Bar, 21 Ocean Suites, seven Deluxe Ocean Suites, three Premiere Suites, and the addition of four new pool areas available for guest use at the next-door Hyatt Residence Club, all part of a resort-wide transformation. Maui.Hyatt.com

Scheduled to open in 2017, **The Westin Nanea Ocean Villas** is a 26-acre oceanfront resort. Ideally located on Kā'anapali Beach in Maui, the resort will feature 390 luxurious villas and a variety of world-class resort amenities, including an expansive lagoon-style pool and beach bar. The new resort will also pursue the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for high-performance buildings. Westin.com

Travelers looking for a higher level of comfort and exclusiveness are able to give themselves the "suite escape" they deserve at **The Westin Maui Resort & Spa**. The resort's 553 newly renovated guest rooms and suites in the Ocean Tower feature brand new furnishings such as the Westin's famed Heavenly Bed, present in all rooms. The layers of comfort will make any guest count sheep as they rest peacefully amidst the soft island breeze. The pampering continues for those looking for a luxurious getaway within the resort's 29 suites that include Luxury Suites. As featured on ABC's television series *The Bachelorette*, these oceanfront suites offer multiple balconies to enjoy spectacular views of Maui's island sunsets, a spacious master bedroom and oversized bathroom. At **The Westin Maui Resort & Spa**, meetings and incentive retreats encompass far more than learning and networking as its idyllic setting is most appealing for adventures such as snorkel and sunset cruises, golfing and exploring historic Lāhainā. Planners will find stimulating opportunities to design the perfect event, whether it is a team building scavenger hunt that takes them through the resort's botanical gardens with calming streams, waterfalls and koi ponds featuring wildlife such as flamingos or a local-style beachfront barbecue where the stunning sunsets are rivaled only by excellent sustainable cuisine. WestinMaui.com

The long awaited and newly reimagined **Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i** recently opened its doors on Feb. 1, 2016. The comprehensive lobby-to-roof renovation features 217 redesigned guestrooms including 51 suites, newly refurbished lobbies and seating areas for contemplation. Perfect for small conferences or events for up to 500 people, the resort offers event space both indoors and out in a number of flexible settings. FourSeasons.com/Lanai

Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea has unveiled two new event venues: the Beach Front Lawn and Wailea Point. Located on the resort's oceanfront, each venue offers sweeping panoramic views of the island of Lāna'i and West Maui Mountains. Perfect for receptions, the Beach Front Lawn can accommodate up to 50 guests and offers stunning backdrops just steps from the golden sands of Wailea Beach. Ideal for an intimate gathering, Wailea Point is perched above Wailea Beach and can accommodate a maximum of 30 guests. The resort's secluded nook is a great location for a VIP reception.

FourSeasons.com/Maui

Ka'anapali Beach Hotel is set majestically on a three-mile stretch of sandy beach along the sunny western shores of the island, making it an ideal setting for a memorable Hawaiian experience. They will continue to enrich guests' experience through authentic cultural offerings with the official opening of their new water center, **Hale Huaka'i**. The Hale Huaka'i offers a Hawaiian perspective to several popular ocean activities such as surfing, stand up paddle boarding, snorkeling, conch shell blowing and more. KBHMaui.com

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Fairmont Kea Lani recently launched **Inspire Your Energy**, a curated fitness and wellness program designed to motivate and challenge all from the experienced athlete to those embarking on a new personal journey. Led by the resort's Energy Ambassador, American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Certified Personal Trainer Ty Roberts, Inspire Your Energy pushes the wellness concept by offering energizing and personalized wellness experiences along with an expanded schedule of daily fitness classes. Featured fitness classes designed to inspire and maximize the ideal location of the resort include Yoga, Mind Body Barre, Boot Camp, Meditation Breathing, Aqua Fitness and more. Personal training sessions with Ty and a team of professional instructors are available to provide customized experiences and seasonal well-being excursions including Floating Yoga. For a complete wellness retreat, complemented by award-winning wellness inspired food and beverage offerings, guests can also rebalance their energy with restorative treatments at the Willow Stream Spa.

Fairmont.com/Kea-Lani-Maui

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa debuts Meetings with Care and Purpose, a new meetings program designed around enhancing the health and wellness opportunities for meetings attendees. Customizable meetings and events programs include locally sourced and healthy menu options, a new fitness program including morning group yoga classes and mobile spa treatments featuring breakout session mini-massages. Program offerings are available to groups at any location throughout the resort, making it easier for meeting planners to incorporate health and wellness during travel. Maui.Hyatt.com

Ka'anapali Golf Courses is best known for its 36 holes of championship golf, but they are also known for looking outside the box for their unique programs. Ka'anapali recently began offering FootGolf daily on the Kai Course after 3:30 p.m. for just \$15. FootGolf is popular in Europe and combines soccer and golf, allowing just about anyone to be able to take it up on a whim, making it perfect for Ka'anapali's guests. There are 9-holes of FootGolf that play adjacent to the Ka'anapali Kai Course with soccer balls and carts available for rental.

KaanapaliGolfCourses.com

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Representing an authentic cultural experience by staying true to the history of the horse and the Hawaiian people, **Nā Lio Maui** is Maui's newest visitor attraction, performing weekly on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. While attending the performance at Kahalawai Farms and Stables, a private ranch in Lāhainā with a seating capacity of up to 100 people, guests experience the story of the horse throughout Hawaiian culture. The live show is accompanied by Hawaiian music and includes riding demonstrations; campfire storytelling by "Uncle," an old *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy); and a Nā Lio Taster Box of locally made treats to enjoy before or during the show. NaLioMaui.com

The Royal Lahaina Resort and Royal Lahaina Tennis Garden are proud to be Hawai'i's first and only resort destination to provide the revolutionary PlaySight tennis technology. With the resort's 11 pristine courts, The PlaySight system offers the first SmartCourt and live-streaming tennis capabilities in the state. The SmartCourt is permanently equipped with six HD cameras and an interactive touchscreen kiosk; together they offer the most advanced tennis analytics available. Additionally, the SmartCourt provides line calling, instant multi-angle video replays and detailed statistics on every shot played. The system uses advanced image processing and analytical algorithms to capture and log stroke type, speed and spin with in-depth shot data for every player. RoyalLahaina.com

Guests attending an executive retreat or board meeting at the **The Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas** will have to work as a team and test their rowing skills during an outrigger canoe experience. Guests may paddle out on a six-person outrigger canoe while soaking in spectacular views of Ka'anapali Coast, and potentially spot some of Hawai'i's diverse marine life, including Hawaiian sea turtles, dolphins and humpback whales. WestinKaanapali.com

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The new Island Adventure Center, located at **Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i**, is the perfect home base for both guests and day visitors to enjoy a range of activities managed by the resort. Enjoy daily horseback rides through wooded upland trails, explore heritage sites on a guided Polaris UTV tour or hike on a selection of trails where you will see amazing vistas and discover untouched Hawai'i on this one-of-a-kind island. Sleek Airstream trailers nestled within the forests and plains offer a welcome respite, with comfort stations, toiletries and refreshment. FourSeasons.com/Lanai

Get a "bird's-eye" view with **Paradise Helicopters** in an ultra-modern helicopter, affording vistas of coastline, mountaintops, waterfalls and wild game. Choose from the 20-minute Lāna'i Circle Island tour, which provides an aerial understanding of the island's history, culture, and beauty. Or choose the 2.5 hour Maui Nui Experience and explore the islands of Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, Maui, and Moloka'i or custom-craft your own Four Seasons Hawai'i Charter Experience with Paradise Helicopters. Tours offered Thursday and Fridays.

FourSeasons.com/Lanai

Ka'anapali Surf Club has launched new kayak and snorkel eco-tours. These low impact ecotourism activities are designed to enrich the visitor experience by building environmental and cultural awareness of West Maui's famed Pu'u Keka'a (Black Rock) destination. The eco-tours depart from The Westin Resort & Spa, located in the heart of Ka'anapali. For two hours, knowledgeable guides share ancient Hawaiian history and local folklore as well as information on marine wildlife. Tours are available weekly.

KaanapaliSurfClub.com

Maui Ocean Center will conduct its annual *Holomua Na Honu* Turtle Release in mid-August 2016. Maui Ocean Center's turtles serve as educational ambassadors through Sea Life Park Hawai'i's Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle Educational Loan Program. The hatchlings are born at Sea Life Park Hawai'i and raised at Maui Ocean Center for two years until they are released. This provides a head start for hatchlings and allows guests to learn about this endangered species. *Holomua Na Honu* is a privately held event. Guests are encouraged to see the turtles before their release. MauiOceanCenter.com

MauiWine adds a new experience for wine enthusiasts. The King's Visit, available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4p.m., includes a tour of the winery, cellar and bottling line; an inside look and conversation on how MauiWine works with Maui's unique soil and weather to successfully grow its six varietals in Ulupalakua including syrah, malbec, grenache, viognier, chenin blanc and gewürztraminer. King's Visit also includes tastings of its small production and estate-grown wines with seasonal palate pairings for each wine. Private tours for two or more are also available. MauiWine.com

DINING

Dining in Hāna reached new ocean- and farm-to-table culinary heights as **Travaasa Hāna, Maui** debuted its new signature restaurant, **The Preserve Kitchen + Bar**, a final phase of a property-wide restoration project. Executive chef Jason Johnson has created two distinct locavore-pleasing menu experiences for guests of the restaurant's lounge and dining room, incorporating high-quality ingredients sourced from the bounty of Hāna first, the rest of the island of Maui second, and finally, the remaining Hawaiian Islands. The Preserve Kitchen + Bar will feature two menus crafted by Chef Johnson – one for the resort's main dining room and a second for its adjacent lounge, reflecting gourmet seasonal fare and Hawai'i's cultural diversity.

Travaasa.com/Hana

The Grand Wailea is now offering its special quarterly Ka Malama Dinner hosted at the resort's restaurant, **Humuhumunukunukuapua'a**. The dinner has Chef Mike Lofaro and Grand Wailea's Hawaiian Cultural Ambassador Kainoa Horcajo foraging and fishing for the five-course dinner inspired by the Hawaiian moon calendar. The duo venture into lush, remote valleys and partake in ocean excursions, gathering ingredients such as *mālolo* (flying fish), *'ōpelu* (mackerel), *'opihī* (limpets), *pohole* (fiddlehead fern), foraged shoots, ocean salt and mountain spring water for dinner, while Sommelier and Beverage Manager Yeshua Goodman creates cocktails and wine pairings. The dinner package is \$150 per person and advance reservations are required. GrandWailea.com

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Widely known for its pineapple wine, Tedeschi Vineyards, located at the 'Ulupalakua Ranch in Upcountry Maui, has rebranded as **MauiWine** after 41 years of business. As part of the transition, the vineyard has redesigned its logo and packaging and launched a new website. MauiWine will continue to grow grapes on its 23-acre vineyard and source local Maui Gold pineapples from Hali'imaile Pineapple Company. MauiWine.com

There is an exciting new arrival to the heart of Kapalua: **Taverna Italian Eatery + Wine Bar** opened in March 2016 at the Village Center in Kapalua Resort. The restaurant is the latest venture for Chris Kaiwi, Maui restaurateur, Roger Stettler, former executive chef of Four Seasons Resort Maui, and Greg Shepherd, former beverage manager and fine wine specialist at Andaz Maui. Taverna will focus on fresh house-made pastas, wood-fired pizzas, and other favorite Italian dishes presented in a welcoming and comfortable, mid-priced, neighborhood restaurant. TavernaMaui.com

California's Malibu Farm, a favorite of local residents, surfers and A-list celebrities alike, is now open at Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i. "Fresh, organic, local" is the motto at Malibu Farms, with menu favorites including quinoa oatmeal with coconut milk, fried egg sandwiches, a kale Caesar salad, soy marinated steak, burgers with bacon marmalade and an array of freshly squeezed juices. The restaurant will offer brunch, lunch and cocktails along with a sunset sabering ceremony. FourSeasons.com/Lanai

Celebrating the abundance and variety of quality foods and ingredients, **Japengo's Maui Tastemakers Series** features a dining experience carefully crafted around and inspired by our local partners. Each event presents a unique menu carefully crafted to feature one of our valued Maui partners, including farmers, artisans, fishermen, and beverage makers. Let us share with you how Maui continues to inspire our award-winning cuisine and us. HyattHotels.Hyatt.com/Corporate.Restaurants/Japengo/En/Maui/Events-Specials.html

KAUAI

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Grand Hyatt Kaua'i Resort & Spa refreshes the resort with new looks from the walk to guest rooms, beds, workout facilities and dining. Guest room hallways offer an elegant custom designed carpet. All guest rooms now offer new GrandBeds™. Anara Spa's fitness center has been refreshed with rubber mat flooring and the latest in Precor cardio and weight training equipment. For dining, a \$1.2 million renovation refreshed the poolside restaurant, added a sushi bar to Stevenson's, modernized the buffet at Ilima Terrace and turned Po'ipū Bay Clubhouse into a quick take-out spot. GrandHyattKauai.com

The Aston Aloha Beach Hotel underwent a major renovation and officially re-opened as **Hilton Garden Inn Kauai Wailua Bay**. Improvements have been made to the 216 guestrooms, lobby, meeting space of approximately 5,000 square feet, exteriors, fitness center, indoor pool and 24-hour business center. The beachfront property offers guests its signature elements, like Hilton's pressure-reducing "Garden Sleep System" bed, ergonomic desk chair, LCD high-definition, flat-screen television, work desk, a "hospitality center" featuring a mini refrigerator and Keurig single-cup coffee brewer in every guest room, and complimentary WiFi

internet access. HiltonGardenInnKauai.com

Koloa Landing Resort at Poipu Beach Resort and Spa has 12,000 total square feet of meeting space, seven breakout rooms, 6,000 square feet of pre-function space and an 8,000 square foot event lawn with full, unobstructed ocean views. There is also a private room and restroom for meeting planners, to be used as a greeting room, or any other VIP to use for preparation before going out into the main function space. KoloaLandingResort.com

Located on 20 acres of oceanfront property on Kaua'i's south shore, the **Sheraton Kauai Resort** has completed its renovation of **Lava's on Po'ipū Beach** with the installment of a glass wall around the restaurant perimeter, providing expansive ocean views. The restaurant, located just steps from the beach, offers a comforting menu of local favorites from sunrise to sunset and is available as an open-air function space upon availability. Lava's on Po'ipū Beach is a wonderful complement to Kaua'i's Ocean Courtyard, which completed its own renovation in 2014 and opens to a stunning view of the Pacific through a meandering pathway. In addition to the revitalized landscaping, native Hawaiian flora, a new stage, new seating and new fire pits were added to enhance the space, welcoming groups of up to 300 guests. Sheraton-Kauai.com

Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas unveils refreshed villas and more. Located on Kaua'i's North Shore, the resort has recently completed a refreshing of its 346 spacious villas, lobby, and WestinWORKOUT Fitness Studio pool areas. Highlights of the villas' rejuvenation include new sleeper sofas and seating, new Blue-Ray DVD players, new carpeting, new drapes, lighting and more. The resort's lobby offers new furniture, area rugs and chandeliers, with the Main Pool, and Maile and Na Pali plunge pools resurfaced and retiled. The Fitness Studio has been updated with Life Fitness treadmills, strength machines, free weights and mats. WestinPrinceville.com

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

Hawaiian Surfing Adventures is now offering 90-minute SUP Yoga classes on the Hanalei River. All classes are taught by Yoga Alliance certified instructors who have trained at Yoga Hanalei under the well-renowned Bhavani Maki. HawaiianSurfingAdventures.com

Limahuli Garden and Preserve presents the Sustainability Tour, exploring the garden and its treasured plants through the lens of modern sustainability challenges. NTBG.org/Gardens/Limahuli

The **Princeville Makai Golf Club** now offers sunset golf tours. The new tour offers a unique and fun way for guests to experience the scenic vistas of the famed Makai Course at sunset, which was named one of the "Top 5 Great Golf Settings in the U.S." by National Geographic Traveler in 2011. Guests follow the cart paths meandering through the 18 holes, stop and linger to take photos and watch the sun set over Hanalei Bay. MakaiGolf.com

Tasting Kaua'i has revitalized its intimate and educational North Shore Kaua'i Food Tour by partnering with the St. Regis Princeville resort. Offering a different itinerary each week, the North Shore Kaua'i Food Tour is a flavorful adventure, accommodating groups of up to 10 people and exploring a diverse selection of handmade food, including north shore Kaua'i grass-fed beef, traditional Hawaiian dishes, *pūpū* (snacks), tiki cocktails, handcrafted desserts, and a

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private tasting with an executive chef at the St. Regis Princeville. This culinary romp through paradise introduces guests to farmers, chefs and food artisans via an exclusive guided tour centered on the regional cuisine of Hawai'i, where the host community lives, eats and plays. A portion of the proceeds from all tours benefits the Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i Branch.

TastingKauai.com

Voted the best lū'au on Kaua'i, **Lū'a'u Kalamakū** at historic Kilohana Plantation has renovated its showroom areas and installed a new state-of-the-art sound system with amplified lighting to enhance guests' overall experience. Kilohana Plantation is also the only place on Kaua'i where groups can ride a train, hike through a rainforest, taste locally made spirits, shop, dine or relax at a spa, all in the same day. The evening lū'au takes place on Tuesdays, Fridays and select Mondays during winter months. LuauKalamaku.com

Outfitters Kauai and **Kipu Ranch Adventures** have partnered to offer exhilarating outdoor multi-adventure itineraries for groups. Planners can customize a special day for groups by combining ziplining, kayaking, stand up paddling, ATV rides, hiking and swimming. Once home to Hawaiian royalty, Kipu Ranch spans 4,000 acres and offers scenic views of Kaua'i's southeast side. New on site are a grand venue for picnics, complete with bathroom facilities, a BBQ and an entertainment area. The collaboration provides groups with multiple choices and various ways to customize events to meet the interests of attendees. OutfittersKauai.com

When it comes to adventure, the **Aloha Kauai Tours' Rainforest Tour** has no comparison. With the combination of four wheel drive vehicles and hikes across the island's great rainforests, there's nothing that guests won't miss. Expert guides will lead the way as guests venture into the heart of Kaua'i. Along the trail, guests will witness many natural wonders such as the Opaeka'a Falls, Wailua Reservoir, or the Keahua Arboretum. There's no better way to discover the great history and culture of Hawai'i than this remarkable excursion. Don't worry about small rain showers, for ponchos and walking sticks are provided, as well as snacks, beverages, and backpacks. AlohaKauaiTours.com

Outfitters Kaua'i offers a new "Kahuna Zipline Trek" tour. This course has a total of six lines. No beginner lines. This tour heads straight to the thrills of a take-off tower for two. Race side by side on tandem lines. Soar high above towering trees, through the forest canopy and high above rivers and waterfalls. Take in the amazing views of Kīpū Ranch— 4,000 acres of beautiful diverse terrain with scenery made famous in movies like Jurassic Park, Pirates of the Caribbean, Indiana Jones, the Descendants and many more. The Ziplines are designed, built and operated according to the highest safety standards as set by the ACCT (Association for Challenge Course Technology). OutfittersKauai.com

DINING

Eating House 1849 by Roy Yamaguchi recently opened at the Shops at Kukui'ula. The new restaurant offers signature dishes made famous at the 30 Roy's restaurants, but Eating House will mainly showcase new flavors, ingredients and dishes inspired by Portuguese, Filipino and Spanish influences. EatingHouse1849.com

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Lava Lava Beach Club, located on Kaua'i's beautiful Coconut Coast, recently opened its doors at the Kaua'i Shores Hotel featuring a 250-seat open-air restaurant and bar. Lava Lava Beach Club includes an indoor-outdoor dining experience where guests can lounge on comfy couches, unwind next to fire pits, and experience live Hawaiian music and hula.

LavaLavaBeachClub.com

Mediterranean Gourmet reopened at Hanalei Colony Resort. After 10 months of renovations, the popular Mediterranean Gourmet restaurant reopens its doors. Amongst the restaurant changes, the husband-and-wife team Imad and Yarrow Beydoun introduce a number of new menu items such as pizzas, a Wagyu beef burger, and an organic grass-fed Rib Eye Steak. All-time favorites such as Seafood Paella, Rosemary Rack of Lamb, and Chicken Marsala are also readily available. KauaiMedGourmet.com

Tasting Kaua'i Food Tours introduces its new "Short Order Kaua'i Food Tour." Designed for guests with smaller appetites, the two-hour tour offers insider information while making three stops for noshing on the island's Royal Coconut Coast. Tour guests will have an opportunity to meet some of Kaua'i's top cooks and experience out-of-the way establishments. The new tour is an addition to Tasting Kaua'i's recently created "Farmers Market Tour," which introduces visitors to area farmers and offers them tips on picking the best fruits.

TastingKauai.com/FoodTour

HAWAI'I ISLAND

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEETING VENUES

Part of Lite Hotels, a division of Aqua-Aston Hospitality, **Hilo Naniloa Hotel and Golf Club** celebrated its \$20-million renovation project with a formal groundbreaking and Hawaiian blessing ceremony this past August. With 388 rooms, the restoration was completed in March 2016, with the brand relaunched as **DoubleTree by Hilton**. Renovation plans include updates to the hotel's lobby and lounge, banquet facilities, waterfront restaurant and poolside bar, fitness center, retail shops and three fully-restored towers, as well as the construction of a concert hall and event space where iconic Hawai'i musician Willie K. will perform regularly.

AquaResorts.com/hotels/Hilo-Naniloa-Hotel

The **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** recently unveiled Hawai'i Island's newest venue for meetings and social functions: the Kaunaoa Ballroom. Boasting floor-to-ceiling windows on three sides framing scenic views of Kaunaoa Bay, the ballroom features nearly 3,500 square-feet of indoor function space and an expansive outdoor pre-function space. A connecting breezeway between the ballroom and the hotel's 100-room Beachfront Wing offers a unique "hotel-within-a-hotel" experience tailored for incentive and corporate group travel. Combined with its nearby Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel sister property, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel comprises nearly 150,000 square-feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. MaunaKeaBeachHotel.com

Planners searching for memorable traditional Hawaiian experiences should know about the myriad activities offered at **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows**. Guests can see prehistoric petroglyphs and ancient fishponds along Hawaiian trails via a guided tour led by the hotel's keeper of the ponds. A Hawaiian historian is available within the immediate vicinity of the hotel. Guests may gather along the resort's oceanfront for hula dances and talk story evenings

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on the subject of Hawaiian myths and folklore, or enjoy interactive activities such as the art of feather- and *haku lei*-making. MaunaLani.com

The current presidential suite at the **Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa** was converted into a Sheraton Club Lounge on April 1, 2016. The lounge offers more than 3,000 square-feet of space overlooking the stunning Kona Coast and will be the only Sheraton Club in Hawai'i with indoor-outdoor space. Sheraton Club Lounges provide an added level of luxury, comfort and convenience, including computer and internet access, office workstations, as well as complimentary breakfast and an array of snack and beverage selections throughout the day and early evening. The Kaiulu Club Lounge at Sheraton Kona will be available to SPG members and non-SPG members who would like to upgrade to the club level. The entire venue also will be available to rent for private functions. SheratonKona.com

Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel has been renamed the **Pagoda Hilo Bay Hotel** and is now managed by Hawai'i-based Castle Resorts & Hotels. Purchased in February by Honolulu-based developer Peter Savio, the 145-room property will continue its local-style hospitality and traditions established by hotel founder and longtime owner William "Uncle Billy" Kimi, Jr. Located on historic Banyan Drive, alongside the Hilo Bay shoreline, the Pagoda Hilo Bay Hotel features comfortable accommodations, an oceanfront swimming pool, an island-style general store, and meeting facilities. CastleResorts.com

Enjoy a relaxing, serene oceanfront experience set in a peaceful coconut grove at **Waimea Plantation Cottages**. Now managed by Coast Hotels, Waimea Plantation Cottages has incorporated a variety of property upgrades including air conditioning for each of the 61 cottages. With the Cottages' recent hire of a full-time events staff member, Waimea Plantation Cottages is now able to accommodate and offer assistance for special events of any size. CoastHotels.com/Waimea-Plantation-Cottages

Nāmakanipaio Campground in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park has reopened. Established in the 1960s, today the campground features drive-in campsites for tent camping, restrooms, showers, barbecues, and 10 rustic one-room A-frame cabins. The cabins feature bunk beds and can sleep four. The campground has a fresh light and open look during the day, Mauna Loa is again visible, and at night, campers can enjoy a wider view of the sky, illuminated by stars and the glow from the lava lake in Halema'uma'u Crater. The Jaggar Museum observation deck, the closest vantage point to this eruption site, is an easy half-mile hike from Nāmakanipaio. HawaiiVolcanoHouse.com

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

To visit the **Big Island Bees' beekeeping museum and tasting room** - now open on Saturdays - is to enter the wonderful world of bees and beekeeping. Guided by a beekeeper, tours explore actual hives. Visitors learn where in the hive the queen resides, how the hive is organized, and everything that makes bees so special and interesting. Guests are also able to view tools, pictures and displays sharing the history of beekeeping and honey production. The tour includes free samples of Big Island Bees' delicious, organic honey to enjoy while exploring. Admission is free. The museum and tasting room are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. BigIslandBees.com

Fair Wind Cruises on Hawai'i Island is set for a fun-filled 2016 as the award-winning snorkel cruise company embarks on its 45th year in business. Throughout the year, Fair Wind will offer unique anniversary specials with great discounts and fun events for everyone. The company's entire fleet of vessels recently exited dry-docks with excellent upgrades, a spectacular new paint theme, and, on the Fair Wind II catamaran, a new shade called Bimini. Fair-Wind.com

At the **Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i resort**, members of the **Hui Holokai Beach Club Program** hand guests a walking stick and guide them on the same lava footpaths traveled by early Hawaiians, as they share the stories, lore and history of *Kalāhuipua'a* ("the gathering place"), now known as Mauna Lani Resort. Ranging from visits to early Hawaiian lava cave dwellings, petroglyphs (lava etchings) and sacred *'ahu* (shrines), the guided hikes take guests to inland fishponds once reserved for *ali'i* (royalty), along oceanfront trails and more. Fairmont.com/Orchid-Hawaii

Guests of the **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai** are now able to experience the resort's popular new activity, SNUBA, in the unique setting of King's Pond, a 1.8-million gallon "aquarium" built into lava rock, and home to more than 4,000 fish from 98 species. King's Pond connects to the ocean through the groundwater table, blending sea and fresh water without currents, waves or non-friendly fish. Guests may explore the pond at their own comfort level, taking in its incredible perspective, while effortlessly breathing underwater without bulky diving gear. No prior experience is necessary for SNUBA. The activity is fun, easy and memorable, especially with the addition of an underwater photo package. FourSeasons.com/Hualalai

Guests of the **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai** are invited to dive deep into Hawai'i's contemporary art scene, as local talent unveil masterful works of art during the Hawai'i Master Artists Series, July 4 – August 26. Exclusive shows will change every two weeks, and feature artist workshops, local style 'talk story' collector receptions and private dining experiences with master artists. FourSeasons.com/Hualalai

Swim Kohala Waterfalls starts off at **Hawai'i Forest & Trail's** Kohala Zipline headquarters in Hawi where guests load into an open six-wheel Pinzgauer vehicle. After a short off-road drive, Hawai'i Forest & Trail guides connect guests to the beautiful wonders of Kohala on a relaxing trail walk that leads to dramatic views of Pololu Valley with charming foot bridges, historic taro terraces and intimate waterfalls. Guests on this family friendly tour are invited to get wet and swim under their own private waterfall. This special adventure is sure to become the highlight of every Hawai'i Island vacation. Hawaii-Forest.com

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's popular After Dark program will travel to Hilo and Kailua-Kona this year to celebrate the park's centennial anniversary. This year is also the 100-year anniversary of the National Park Service. NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in downtown Hilo will host four one-hour After Dark Out of the Park programs on June 29, Aug. 17, and Oct. 26. Each program is free and starts at 7 p.m. In Kailua-Kona, the Kona Historical Society will host an After Dark Out of the Park program on July 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the West Hawai'i Civic Center. NPS.gov

Hawaiian Legacy Hardwoods LLC (HLH), a sustainable forestry company offers groups the opportunity to give back to the community through its forest restoration efforts. To date, the

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company has planted more than 300,000 endemic *koa* trees on the Hamakua Coast uplands of Hawai'i Island's Maunakea volcano. The work so far marks a quarter of the company's overall goal of planting 1.3 million total trees across the Hawaiian Islands. HLH has set aside more than 1,000 acres of its historic Hawai'i Island acreage – which, in the past, was both a majestic *koa* forest and the personal property of King Kamehameha the Great – for permanent reforestation, as well as, establishing the world's first Hawaiian legacy forest.

HawaiianLegacyTours.com

The Beach Club at **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** is now offering **Glow SUP**, an incredible and unique experience for all ages. Stand up paddle on the peaceful evening waters of Kauna'oa Bay, stargaze and enjoy views of ocean life - possibly even manta rays - via LED lights illuminating the water 15 feet around the board and five feet beneath it. The hour-long experience is offered every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., or by reservation for private excursions.

PrinceResortsHawaii.com/Mauna-Kea-Beach-Hotel

Paradise Helicopters' waterfall helicopter tour will take you on a search for red hot lava sightings on Hawai'i Island before venturing deep into uninhabited valleys, showcasing Hawai'i's wild, untamed beauty and cascading waterfalls that seem to drop infinitely. Once on the ground, your guide will share the rich history of Hawai'i Island's Kohala district - birthplace of Kamehameha the Great - while you enjoy a relaxed trail walk. You'll even have the opportunity to fulfill any dreams you have of swimming beneath a waterfall. It's the perfect adventure for guests looking to experience a bit of Old Hawai'i. ParadiseCopters.com

Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay, the Kona Coast's Gateway to the Bay, is now offering scuba lessons, with Keauhou Bay Adventures and Jack's Diving Locker, in its oceanfront saltwater pool. SheratonKona.com

The National Park Service celebrates its 100th birthday in August 2016. In time for the National Park Centennial, Hawai'i's very own Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pu'uhoonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park on Hawai'i Island, and Haleakalā National Park on Maui are offering an annual Tri-Park Pass for \$25. At either park, participate in self-guided or guided tours, partake on a hike suitable for every level of hiker, and experience once-in-a-lifetime activities to learn more about each park's history. NPS.gov

Nohona Hawai'i - which can be translated as "living the Hawaiian culture" or "living the Hawaiian way" - is also the name of an expanded program by **Kapoho Kine Adventures** focused on protecting Hawai'i's natural resources and their crucial bond in preserving Hawaiian culture. Nohona Hawai'i allows visitors to split time between ziplining Hawai'i's longest tandem zipline, and working in a *mala* (cultivated garden) or *lo'i* (irrigated terrace), cleaning trails or planting native flora. KapohoKine.com

DINING

The iconic **Copper Bar**, a long fixture of Mauna Kea Beach Hotel with sweeping views of Kauna'oa Bay has undergone a transformation – embracing the finest elements of its storied past whilst launching new traditions for the future. Copper plate and marine rope take their rightful place in the venue while restoration of the skylights allows natural light to beam through from the lobby above. Copper Captains and mixologists, versed in arts of mixology

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create memorable dining and beverage experiences. Craft cocktails, constructed from local and exotic ingredients along with tap beers and wine complement the creative and casual cuisine. Fresh products, a subtle blend of spices and exotic flavors combine with a variety of cooking methods to create an enjoyable tasting principle, based on abundance and sharing.

PrinceResortsHawaii.com/Mauna-Kea-Beach-Hotel

Kona's iconic oceanfront restaurant **Huggo's** has served up island-inspired cuisine alongside epic sunsets for two generations. Now, it adds hBAR to its seaside offerings, with a vibe that makes it Kona's consummate and coolest oceanfront lounge. hBar's exciting menu of handcrafted cocktails includes the "Classic Mai Tai" - an authentic, made-from-scratch mai tai, accented by a secret almond syrup recipe - and an eclectic collection of house made syrups, fresh-squeezed tropical juices, and liquors infused with herbs, fruits, vegetables, and nuts. hBAR opens at 4 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Huggos.com/hBAR

The Original Donkey Balls Factory and Store, Kona's beloved chocolate factory, announces new tours of its two manufacturing locations. The 45-minute tours are offered Monday through Friday, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and begin with a walk through the store and introduction to the products crafted behind its interior glass window. Guests on the tour will see and learn about the confections each piece of machinery creates and visit a "behind-the-scenes manufacturing" location across the street from the store. Visitors will also see the store and factory's chocolate panning, packaging and labeling systems, with samples provided throughout the tour.

AlohaHawaiianStore.com

Enjoy delicious new additions to **Waikoloa Beach Resort**. Creative coffee pub **Daylight Mind Coffee Company**, at Queens MarketPlace, serves brunch, happy hour and lunch in a comfy indoor-outdoor setting from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. Specializing in coffees from Hawai'i and around the world, Daylight Mind roasts and grinds coffee beans in-house at its Kailua-Kona location, where it also bakes fresh breads and pastries daily. At the **Kings' Golf Course**, new **Mai Grille** features a menu highlighting Chef Allen Hess' house-cured bacon and smoked meats, and is open for breakfast and lunch daily, and brunch on Sundays.

WaikoloaBeachResort.com

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