

# Forbes give Four Seasons Resort Lanai five stars

Forbes Travel Guide has recently recognised the Four Seasons Resort Lanai as a five-star hotel - the highest rating in its 2019 Star Award list of top hotels. And rest assured Forbes did their research. Not only was the premier rating determined by anonymous professional inspectors. It was based on up to 900 objective standards! This isn't the first accolade for the resort. Four Seasons Lanai also received the AAA Five Diamond Award. Well done!



## Maui's magnificent underwater world

Maui Ocean Center might be rated one of the World's Top 10 aquariums, but their cutting edge interactive audio-visual technology has also been recognised as a standout experience. Humpbacks of Hawaii virtual whale encounter recently placed among the top five finalists at the 2019 South by Southwest Interactive Innovation Awards. Humpbacks of Hawaii is a 15-minute virtual encounter with Hawaii's annually-visiting humpback whales projected in Maui Ocean Center's Sphere Theatre. It brings guests eye-to-eye - virtually speaking - with the giant mammals - without getting wet!



## Cook with the best at Moana Surfrider

Chef Colin Sato's Moana Masters Cooking series have proved a massive hit, with satisfied customers walking away with culinary knowhow and happy tastebuds. In June, Chef Colin took guests for a trip down south to Cajun Country with a "Taste of New Orleans".

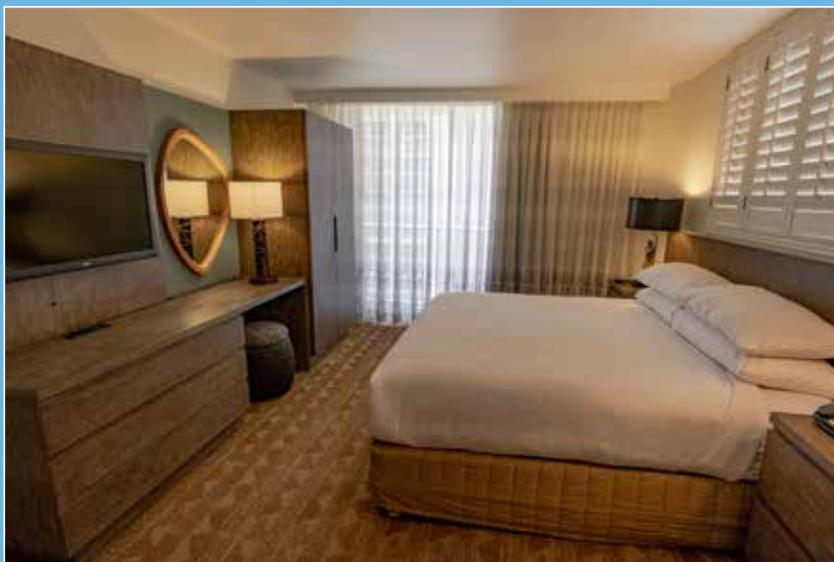
He provided step-by-step instructions for a classic Chicken and Andouille Sausage Gumbo. This included tips on how to make a perfectly seasoned roux-based sauce! Following the demonstration, guests enjoyed the dish, plus they got to indulge in a summer-inspired mixed berry trifle.

Moana Masters Cooking classes are held monthly on a Saturday from noon to 2pm at the Moana Surfrider's Beachhouse. Tickets are available at Honolulu Box Office. Upcoming themes include - Celebration of Mangoes & Seafood Boil (early July) and Thanksgiving and Holidays Made Easy (mid September). Delish!

## Embassy Suites in line for makeover

The self-contained apartment style accommodation on offer at Embassy Suites in Waikiki Beach has long made it a favourite with New Zealand and Australian travellers. Particularly travelling families who enjoy the separate rooms and the convenience of a kitchen. Soon Embassy Suites will be even more enticing.

In late October the property will undergo an US\$8m upgrade, with new product available early in the first quarter of 2020. The upgrade will feature a modern take on Hawaii Décor. This includes modern furniture and local art installations. In addition, its nightly cocktail reception featuring unlimited Maitais and live music will prove just as popular!



## Hawaiian culture at home at Ka'anapali

Ka'anapali Beach Hotel has built its reputation on providing guests with a truly authentic Hawaiian experience. While they live and breathe this philosophy each and every day, they also offer a number of special cultural events too. In early September, the resort will host the Kauluhiwaolele Maui Fiber Arts Conference. This will consist of four days of intense instruction in the ancient art of Hawaiian weaving by 20 kumu (master practitioners) from throughout Hawaii.

150 registrants attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the conference, learning the associated protocols of gathering and utilising weaving materials. Also, through generous donations of supporters, Kauluhiwaolele Maui Fiber Arts Conference is offering a scholarship to encourage Maui's younger generations to learn and practice these imperative Hawaiian cultural skills.



## Love beer? Head for Hilton Hawaiian Village

Hawaii is fast earning a reputation for its fine selection of locally brewed craft beers. Well, if you're a beer lover and just happen to be in Hawaii on 24 August, then you're in for an extra special treat. Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach will be hosting Hawaii's only beachfront beer festival - the 5th Annual Great Waikiki Beer Festival. The annual festival will offer tastings of more than 100 seasonal, local and craft beers from Hawaii and beyond.

The resort's culinary team will craft a selection of beer-friendly foods and top-notch performers will make the event an unforgettable evening in Waikiki on the resort's Great Lawn. Attendees will rock out to the sounds of DJ Deniro, Shar Carillo, Lana Kei & Da Famili and the virtuosic Willie K. In addition, guests can look forward to a hard-hitting performance by Cash'd Out, covering the legendary songs of Johnny Cash. In other words, bring a good thirst, a healthy appetite and get ready to party!

