



## A new jewel in Waikiki's crown

A new boutique hotel has opened in Waikiki and celebrating with a special offer. ESPACIO, the jewel of Waikiki is a luxury hotel with just nine rooms, each occupying their own floor. Each room has two - three bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, jacuzzi-clad balconies, a dry sauna, designer kitchens and discreet, private entrances.

The hotel also features 24/7 butler service, a high-end spa and Mugen, an onsite Japanese-French dining concept with a rare wine and spirits collection. To mark its opening, ESPACIO is offering guests a special preview rate of \$1,500/night in September and \$2500/night from October – December 19 (regular rate is \$5,000/night). Just steps from the pristine sands of Waikiki Beach, this new luxury hotel is promising guests an unprecedented experience.

## Retro tiki-bar charm at the Hilton Garden Inn

Hilton Garden Inn, Kauai has added a dose of Hawaiian charm to its property with the opening of Mamahune's, a retro-themed tiki bar and restaurant. The open-air bar offers contemporary Hawaiian cuisine, handcrafted cocktails, and picturesque views of Wailua Bay.

The bar is inspired by a tale of Mama Menehune whose children, the Menehune (ancient craftspeople of Hawaiian legend), built a tiki shack by the sea for her. Encompassing classic tiki flair from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, Mamahune's features a custom, hand-carved wooden bar, ample seating and even an erupting volcano. On Mamahune's menu is local ingredients with a fresh vision, such as the Ahi Poke & Avocado Nachos with Hawaiian Yellowfin tuna and crispy wontons and the Shave Ice with a choice of pureed strawberry, mango, lilikoi or guava.

Pair that with a Mamahune's Ali'i Tai cocktail, a delicious spin on the classic Mai Tai infused with guava, nectar, pineapple juice, lime, and coconut water. Or try the Da Very Sneaky Tiki, a cocktail spectacle served on fire with some very secret ingredients. Delicious.



## Hawaiian Airlines to mix Maui with Vegas

Kiwi travellers heading to Las Vegas on Hawaiian Airlines will soon have the option of adding in a Maui stopover on the way. Come December, Hawaiian will launch a four-times-weekly service between Maui's Kahului Airport (OGG) and Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport (LAS). To take advantage of this new holiday option, travellers can simply add NZD\$100 to any ex NZ Hawaiian Airlines fare to Las Vegas, to have a Maui stopover in one direction.

Hawaiian Airlines offers up to five flights per week from Auckland to Honolulu (Oahu) with same day connections onto five neighbouring islands, as well as 13 USA mainland cities. Soaking up some Maui beach time before the bright lights of Las Vegas – what a great idea!

## Maori artists connect with Hawai'i

Two Maori artists have been selected to explore the archives of the iconic Bishop Museum in Honolulu. The successful practitioners were Ngahina Hohaia and Julian Arahanga. "With this opportunity comes a great responsibility to honor the legacy of Te Rangihoro," said filmmaker, writer and researcher Arahanga.

"I think of many things, I think of the people of the Pacific, their historical connections and how in this time it is so important that we reignite those connections and all that it means." Bishop Museum is one of the most visited cultural attractions in Hawai'i and provides a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the rich history of Hawai'i.



Ngahina Hohaia - © Natalie Roberston



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