



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **WHAT'S NEW IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS FOR MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS AND INCENTIVE GROUPS**

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**HONOLULU** – Continually transforming and innovating as a premier destination for meetings, conventions, and incentive groups, the Hawaiian Islands provide an unmatched offering of new accommodations, venues, experiences and opportunities to *mālama* (care for) Hawai'i's communities. Read on to discover the latest MCI updates from the Hawaiian Islands.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **Discover the Newly Transformed Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali (Maui)**

The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Kā'anapali, unveils its \$160 million transformation with the rebranding of its Ocean Tower as the Kūkahi Tower. Kūkahi offers elegantly designed rooms featuring natural palettes, rich wood finishes, bespoke artwork, and breathtaking ocean views. At the heart of Kūkahi is The Valley Alley — a 10,000-square-foot social hub with Topgolf Swing Suites, Duckpin bowling, and arcade games. Perfect for meetings and events, The Valley Alley and the expansive pool deck are available for exclusive buyouts. The resort also proudly introduces 'Ulu Kitchen by Peter Merriman, an oceanfront dining experience that honors Hawai'i's fishermen, ranchers and farms. [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

### **Hilton Waikoloa Village Completes First Phase of Renovation to Palace Tower (Island of Hawai'i)**

Hilton Waikoloa Village has completed the first phase of renovations to its iconic Palace Tower. The newly renovated rooms have debuted under a new category — Palace Tower Grand. Rooms feature modern, island-inspired design and amenities. Ideally situated at the heart of the resort, the Palace Tower provides easy access to meeting spaces, Nui Italian restaurant, resort pools, and the ocean-fed lagoon.

[www.HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com](https://www.hiltonwaikoloavillage.com)

### **Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani Unveils Renovated 'Āinahau Tower, Honoring Waikīkī's History (O'ahu)**

Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani, which sits on the former site of the 'Āinahau Estate and was once home to Hawai'i's beloved Princess Victoria Ka'iulani, has completed a renovation of the 'Āinahau Tower. The refreshed 664 guestrooms — including newly introduced Junior Suites — pay homage to Waikīkī's history and Princess Ka'iulani's fashion, celebrating the hotel's historical grounds and natural landscapes, and breathing new life into the hotel's original design. [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

### **The Royal Sonesta Kauaʻi Resort Unveils Property Enhancements and Renovations (Kauaʻi)**

The Royal Sonesta Kauaʻi Resort recently unveiled a series of renovations. All guest rooms have been redesigned with contemporary island-inspired décor and eco-friendly materials. The resort's expanded pool area now features new lounge chairs, cabanas and landscaping. Kukui's, the resort's signature restaurant, has been revamped with an updated menu and extended outdoor seating, while the new Royal Lānai offers grab-and-go breakfast, a full coffee bar and an evening sushi and cocktail bar. Other enhancements include a refreshed lobby, expanded fitness center and sustainability initiatives, such as solar energy panels and biodegradable products. [www.Sonesta.com](http://www.Sonesta.com)

### **The Garden Wing at Pacific 19 Kona: A Serene Retreat for Unforgettable Stays & Events (Island of Hawaiʻi)**

Pacific 19 Kona's new Garden Wing features 28 new guest rooms and suites situated around a private garden lawn. The crown jewels of this Wing are its two expansive 612-square-foot suites, including an apartment-style option with a convenient kitchenette that is perfect for extended stays. Beyond its peaceful ambiance, The Garden Wing lawn serves as an enchanting setting for unforgettable events such as corporate gatherings, seamlessly blending tranquility with versatility. [www.pacific19.com](http://www.pacific19.com)

### **Courtyard Marriott Oʻahu North Shore Unveils Property-Wide Transformation (Oʻahu)**

Located on the North Shore of Oʻahu, the Courtyard Marriott Oʻahu North Shore has completed a property-wide transformation that includes revamped lobby spaces, upgraded recreational facilities, 144 refreshed guest rooms, and more. Additions include four new family rooms with a king bed and two sets of twin bunk beds, and updated suites with kitchenettes. [Marriott.com/HNLOA](http://Marriott.com/HNLOA)

### **Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa Announces Multiyear Renovation in Celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Oʻahu)**

Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa has announced a multiyear renovation featuring three transformed wings and a refresh of its 791 guest rooms and suites. In celebration of Moana Surfrider's 125th anniversary, the renovation is scheduled to be completed in 2026. Known as the "First Lady of Waikīkī," the Moana Surfrider is Waikīkī's most historic resort and offers a seamless blend of Victorian elegance and contemporary comfort. <https://moanasurfrider.ipoolside.com/>

### **Historic Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Undergoing \$180 Million Transformation (Island of Hawaiʻi)**

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel is undergoing a transformative \$180 million renovation, with completion slated for later this year. As part of Marriott International's Autograph Collection, the resort is redesigning its 252 guest rooms and suites, four dining venues, and the iconic Manta restaurant. The Mauna Kea Golf Course and other amenities are also being upgraded. New features include a luxurious destination spa, an infinity pool, and expansive garden spaces, such as a chef's garden and a botanical garden with Native Hawaiian plants. The resort's historic art collection is being preserved through a partnership with the Bishop Museum to restore and display hundreds of pieces commissioned by Laurance S. Rockefeller in the 1960s. While the renovation continues, the hotel remains open. [www.maunakearesort.com](http://www.maunakearesort.com)

### **Discover the Refreshing Transformation at Wailea Beach Resort (Maui)**

Wailea Beach Resort, nestled between two of Maui's renowned golden sand crescent beaches, will debut an update in early 2025. This enhancement will feature updated guest rooms and revitalized oceanfront villas, all inspired by Wailea's stunning natural beauty. The new design will showcase a color palette that reflects the vibrant hues of Hawaiian sunrises, volcanic lava rocks, and the native *ʻōhiʻa lehua* trees. Interiors will blend natural materials like bamboo and Koa wood with thoughtfully curated artwork, while oversized *lānai* (verandas) adorned with *pūneʻe* (traditional Hawaiian daybeds), invite guests to unwind and soak in breathtaking sunsets. [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

### **Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort Refreshes Its Iconic Rainbow Tower (Oʻahu)**

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort is renovating its iconic Rainbow Tower. The extensive makeover will modernize guest room interiors, corridors and amenities while showcasing the work of Hawai'i artists, all within a design that preserves and celebrates the rainbow theme that has made the Rainbow Tower one of Waikīkī's most recognizable landmarks. [www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com](https://www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com)

### **Outrigger Hospitality Group Introduces Newly Reimagined Hotel (Oʻahu)**

Outrigger Hospitality Group recently introduced its newly reimagined Outrigger Waikīkī Paradise Hotel. Formerly the Ohana Waikīkī East, this is the brand's second craft hotel, located steps from the beach and adjacent to International Market Place. The property features 443 newly renovated guest rooms and suites, each designed to evoke a royal retreat. A collective of local artists and influencers — known as The Paradise Originals — curated the hotel aiming to immerse guests in the sights, sounds and flavors of Hawai'i. [Outrigger.com](https://www.outrigger.com)

### **Swell: Waikīkī's Ultimate Poolside Space with Ocean Views (Oʻahu)**

ʻAlohilani Resort Waikīkī Beach's 17,000-square-foot destination pool deck, Swell, offers a saltwater infinity pool overlooking the ocean and city, fire pits and cabanas perched atop reflecting pools. Swell's space transitions into a lively evening spot with local musicians and DJs and "Light Monument"— a large-scale short-film series projecting local art across more than 100 feet. A new menu at Swell Restaurant spotlights locally sourced products reflecting Hawai'i's bounty. [AlohilaniResort.com](https://www.alohilaniresort.com)

## **VENUES**

### **Mirage at Wai Kai: West Oʻahu's Stunning New Event Venue with Lagoon Views (Oʻahu)**

Wai Kai at Hoakalei Resort in West Oʻahu has unveiled Mirage, a new event venue overlooking its Wai Kai Lagoon. Mirage's design and indoor-outdoor spaces offer a versatile setting for groups and corporate events, accommodating up to 160 guests and providing custom catering options, parking and sunset views. [WaiKai.com](https://www.waikai.com)

### **Discover the White Orchid Beach House on Maui (Maui)**

In Mākena, Maui, the White Orchid Beach House is a boutique venue perfect for intimate gatherings, accommodating up to 40 guests for corporate events, special occasions, and picnics beneath the swaying coconut palms. [WhiteOrchidbeachHouse.com](https://www.whiteorchidbeachhouse.com)

## **Host Unforgettable Events at Ka Lewa Lānai, Royal Hawaiian Center's Scenic Rooftop Venue (O'ahu)**

Royal Hawaiian Center offers Ka Lewa Lānai, an expanded rooftop venue offering 5,091 square-feet of open-air space for group gatherings, corporate events and celebrations. With views of Kalākaua Avenue and the Ko'olau mountains, Ka Lewa Lānai provides a scenic setting for meetings, receptions, special occasions and other events. The venue also features vibrant bougainvillea and a picturesque bridge as backdrops for any event. [RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/ka-lewa-lanai-event-space](https://RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/ka-lewa-lanai-event-space)

## **AGRICULTURE AND CUISINE**

### **Lydgate Farms Launches Immersive Honey Farm & Tasting Tour (Kaua'i)**

In addition to Lydgate Farms' must-do Kaua'i Chocolate Farm Tour, the fifth-generation farm is launching the Inside the Hive: Honey & Bee Tour, an immersive honey farm and tasting tour (complete with full bee suits for guests to wear). This two-hour experience goes from bees to hives to honey, and features tastings along the way — including honeycomb harvested right from the hive in front of guests. <https://lydgatefarms.com>

### **International Market Place Relaunches Dining Pass Program for Groups (O'ahu)**

International Market Place has relaunched its popular Dining Pass program for groups and meetings, conventions and incentive markets. The program allows group organizers to pay one price for each Dining Pass recipient who, in turn, can select from various food and beverage items at participating International Market Place restaurants on the Grand Lānai and dining outlets such as Kūhio Avenue Food Hall. The Dining Pass is customizable for each group and prices vary depending on the options selected by the organizers. [ShopInternationalMarketPlace.com](https://ShopInternationalMarketPlace.com)

### **Host Unforgettable Corporate Events at Nick's Fishmarket Maui (Maui)**

Group or corporate incentive events at Nick's Fishmarket Maui feature innovative menus with signature dishes like Moroccan salmon and strawberries panzini, complemented by a 2,000-bottle wine collection and a full-service bar. Available spaces include intimate indoor dining or an enchanting outdoor setting under Maui's starlit sky. [www.nicksfishmarketmaui.com](https://www.nicksfishmarketmaui.com)

### **Chef Noelani Planas Offers Intimate Pā'ina Series at Ko'a Kea Resort (Kaua'i)**

Kaua'i native Chef Noelani Planas continues a weekly *pā'ina* (dinner) series at Red Salt, offering the chance for a small group of 14 guests to dine with her at golden hour. The specialty curated five-course Red Salt tasting menu is paired with wines from across the globe. The *pā'ina* are staged at Red Salt's oceanfront *lānai* (balcony) with breathtaking views of Po'ipū Beach. [www.koakea.com/red-salt](https://www.koakea.com/red-salt)

### **Experience 'Āina (Land) and Culture Through Waipā Foundation's Cultural Foodways Program (Kaua'i)**

Groups can discover the rich history and deep connection between Hawaiian people and the *'āina* (land) through Waipā Foundation's Cultural Foodways Program. Guests are invited to explore Waipā valley's farms, gardens, and waterways, and participate in hands-on activities that contribute to the community's food sustainability. The experience includes a continental breakfast upon arrival, tastings in the garden or *lo'i* (taro patch), and a four-course lunch featuring fresh ingredients from Waipā's gardens and orchards. <https://waipafoundation.org>

### **Chef Peter Merriman Pioneers Planet-Friendly Fine Wine, Cutting Carbon Footprint (Statewide)**

Hawai'i's celebrated chef Peter Merriman is minimizing restaurant carbon footprints by launching a first-of-its-kind boxed wine program across Merriman's Hawai'i and Handcrafted Restaurants locations. Chef Peter's new Planet Friendly Fine Wine initiative is decreasing the restaurants' carbon footprint by more than 50%, by reducing the fuel used to ship and recycle traditional wine bottles. Despite boxed wine's reputation for budget drinking, Peter Merriman is teaming up with renowned California wineries (Matthiasson Winery in Napa Valley, Melville in Santa Rita Hills, Linne Calodo in Paso Robles, Obsidian Ridge in Sonoma County), maintaining fine wine quality while significantly reducing environmental harm. Merriman's Hawai'i & Handcrafted have also transitioned to lighter-weight bottles for all their wine-by-the-glass programs.

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

### **Manta at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Reopens with Fresh Bounty from 'Ulu Garden (Island of Hawai'i)**

As part of a larger, property-wide renovation, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel has reopened Manta, the hotel's signature restaurant. Guests can enjoy produce sourced directly from the 'Ulu Garden, including the garden's seasonal greens, citrus, and root vegetables. As part of the hotel's commitment to sustainability, the 'Ulu Garden also supports the resort's beehives, where honey is harvested and incorporated into various culinary offerings. In 2025, educational garden tours will be available, allowing guests to learn more about the sustainable practices behind these culinary delights. [www.maunakearesort.com](http://www.maunakearesort.com)

### **Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate Offers Exclusive Experience with CEO Gunars Valkirs (Maui)**

Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate (MKEC) invites groups to explore the chocolate-making process with a unique factory experience led by CEO Gunars Valkirs. Guests will experience each step, from selecting cacao beans to creating MKEC's award-winning chocolate. The experience includes a firsthand look at top-of-the-line Italian equipment, exclusive tastings, and an engaging narrative of MKEC's history — from the initial planting to the design and construction of the 100% solar-powered factory, and the evolution of chocolate making to the present day. [www.mauichocolate.com](http://www.mauichocolate.com)

### **Kona Village, A Rosewood Resort, Elevates Dining Experiences with New Culinary Leadership (Island of Hawai'i)**

Spanning 81 acres of stunning landscapes, Kona Village, A Rosewood Resort, offers an elevated sanctuary where joy, community, and connection thrive. Under the new leadership of Michelin-starred Executive Chef Robert Sulatycky and Wine Director Joaquin Torres, the resort's culinary program blends Hawai'i's rich heritage with global influences, featuring communal dining experiences like the Island Roots dinner celebrating local ingredients and traditions. Guests can choose from 150 guest *hale* (homes) or six luxurious Signature Suites that were launched last spring, with private pools, butler service, and curated amenities. [www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/kona-village](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/kona-village)



### **Koast Restaurant Opens in Wailea Celebrating Hawai'i Flavors (Maui)**

Koast is the debut restaurant venture from husband-and-wife team David and Alicia Soboda, who are joining forces with *Top Chef Masters* winner and James Beard Award-nominated author Chris Cosentino. The restaurant champions a menu that pays homage to the Sobodas' and Cosentino's shared commitment to sustainability, celebrating local flavors from *ma uka* (mountain) to *ma kai* (sea). The menu features a bounty of Hawai'i ingredients that showcase Cosentino's creative approach to whole-animal cooking, blending modern techniques with reverence for the land. <https://koastmaui.com/>

### **Imu Mea 'Ai: A Hands-On Imu Cooking and Dining Experience (Island of Hawai'i)**

Experience the heart of Hawaiian culture with Imu Mea 'Ai, a hands-on *imu* cooking and dining experience in Puna. Available for groups or individual bookings, guests participate in building a traditional underground oven, learn- from Native Hawaiians, and enjoy a communal meal of *kālua* pig and island favorites. More than just a meal, this immersive experience fosters a connection to *āina* (land) and Hawaiian values of stewardship. It's perfect for groups seeking a meaningful and regenerative way to engage with the islands. <https://imumeaai.com/>

### **Favorite Son Restaurant Debuts at the Romer Waikīkī at The Ambassador (O'ahu)**

The Romer Waikīkī at The Ambassador recently opened Favorite Son, an all-day dining restaurant from TableOne Hospitality. Set within an indoor-outdoor courtyard, the casual, neighborhood restaurant and bar offers a gathering place to share stories, dine and enjoy innovative interpretations of classic cocktails. Favorite Son pays homage to O'ahu's sons and daughters who shaped the island's culture and features locally sourced ingredients. [RomerHotels.com](https://RomerHotels.com)

### **Nobu Grand Wailea: Opening Spring 2025 (Maui)**

Grand Wailea announces its latest culinary partnership with the globally celebrated restaurant concept, Nobu, set to open in Spring 2025. The indoor-outdoor restaurant will offer over 13,000-square-feet of dining spaces, with a dedicated sushi bar, complemented by striking murals and panoramic Pacific Ocean views. The restaurant will spotlight Nobu-signature dishes such as the iconic Black Cod with Miso and Yellowtail Jalapeño, alongside the acclaimed sushi synonymous with the brand. [www.grandwailea.com/dine/nobu-at-grand-wailea](https://www.grandwailea.com/dine/nobu-at-grand-wailea)

## **CULTURE**

### **'Auana Debuts at OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel (O'ahu)**

Showcased exclusively at the OUTRIGGER Theatre, located at the OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel, 'Auana is Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group's first resident production in Hawai'i and its first show to be curated around its host destination. The production introduces Cirque du Soleil's performance artistry through the guidance and vision of several Native Hawaiian creatives, including Dr. Aaron J. Salā, costume designer Carrington Manaola Yap and choreographer and *kumu hula* (hula instructor) Hiwa Vaughan-Darval. Available as an exclusive add-on to show tickets in all categories, the 'Auana VIP Experience at Maui Brewing Co. offers guests a menu of island-inspired cuisine and local-crafted beverages 90 minutes prior to select performances.

[CirqueDuSoleil.com](https://CirqueDuSoleil.com)

## **Explore Keauhou Bay with Anelakai Adventures' Enhanced Canoe Tour (Island of Hawai'i)**

Anelakai Adventures has elevated its Keauhou Hawaiian Double Hull Canoe Adventure to include more history of the area as well as the sharing of traditional Hawaiian fishing methods. Enjoy a personalized morning of paddling, storytelling, sharing of history, snorkeling and fun! Learn about the historical significance of Keauhou Bay from experienced guides on the Hawaiian Double Canoe Tour.

[www.anelakaiadventures.com/adventures/hawaiian-canoe-tours](http://www.anelakaiadventures.com/adventures/hawaiian-canoe-tours)

## **He Inoa No Kalākaua: New 'Iolani Palace Exhibit Honors the Legacy of Hawai'i's Merrie Monarch (O'ahu)**

A new exhibit has recently opened in the Bartels Gallery at 'Iolani Palace, the home of Hawai'i's last reigning monarchs until the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893. He Inoa No Kalākaua: Celebrating 150 Years of King Kalākaua honors the life and legacy of King Kalākaua and his unwavering commitment to the *lāhui* (nation) and independence of Hawai'i. The exhibit can be viewed Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[www.iolanipalace.org](http://www.iolanipalace.org)

## **City and County of Honolulu Launches Wahi Pana: Storied Places Art Installation Series (O'ahu)**

*Wahi Pana: Storied Places* is a public art initiative that explores the layered and profound *mo'olelo* (histories) of *āina* (land) to inspire respect and provide educational experiences for Hawai'i's residents and visitors alike. From February 2025 through February 2028, the City and County of Honolulu project brings to life a series of multimedia art installations and events across the island of O'ahu, connecting key sites with their indigenous, Native Hawaiian stories of the land. Each installation, crafted by local artists, encourages travelers to engage beyond the surface, inviting a deeper understanding of the people and places that shape these stories. <https://wahipana.com/>

## **"Huki: A Canoe Celebration" Returns at Polynesian Cultural Center (O'ahu)**

Polynesian Cultural Center recently welcomed back "Huki: A Canoe Celebration" to its water stage. The show brings ancient rhythms and melodies from the cultures of Polynesia to life with dancers, music and double-hulled canoes at the center's water performance venue. [Polynesia.com](http://Polynesia.com)

## **ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES**

### **Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge Opens New Scenic Viewpoint for Self-Guided Exploration (Kaua'i)**

The Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge's new viewpoint site is now open, offering a self-guided visitor experience and safe access to beautiful views of the north shore. A centrally located, six-sided interpretive panel welcomes guests and introduces them to Hanalei, the refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Two additional panels at each of the viewpoint openings share more about the landscape, human and wildlife communities and refuge management. The viewpoint was created by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in partnership with the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation Highways Division. [www.fws.gov/story/2024-06/hanalei-national-wildlife-refuge-viewpoint-now-open](http://www.fws.gov/story/2024-06/hanalei-national-wildlife-refuge-viewpoint-now-open)

### **Atlantis Adventures Offers the Perfect Cruise Vessel to Elevate Your Next Event at Sea (O'ahu)**

Atlantis Adventures invites groups to host special events aboard Majestic by Atlantis Cruises, its state-of-the-art cruise vessel offering a relaxing experience at sea with breathtaking views of the magnificent Waikīkī shoreline and Lē'ahi (Diamond Head) crater. Enjoy live music in an air-conditioned cocktail lounge with panoramic windows and seakeeper technology for a smooth, stable ride. Check out 360-degree views on Majestic's top level, open-air deck. Accommodating up to 300 guests, events can include catering, drink packages and entertainment. [MajesticHawaii.com/boat-charters](https://MajesticHawaii.com/boat-charters)

### **Hilton Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa Unveils Asana Spa: A New Sanctuary of Relaxation in Waikīkī (O'ahu)**

Hilton Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa announces the opening of Asana Spa, a serene sanctuary on the quiet Lē'ahi (Diamond Head) side of Waikīkī, offering a variety of soothing treatments inspired by Hawai'i's natural beauty and Eastern traditions.

[www.hiltonwaikikibeach.com](https://www.hiltonwaikikibeach.com)

### **Fairmont Kea Lani Partners with Treecovery Hawai'i (Maui)**

Fairmont Kea Lani announces its partnership with Treecovery Hawai'i with a mission to plant and recover over 30,000 trees in the wildfire-impacted communities of Lahaina and Kula. As an official Treecovery grow hub, the resort is offering temporary sanctuary to over 100 potted trees, including an air layer from the historic Lahaina Banyan Tree, which was damaged during the recent wildfires. The partnership seeks to restore the beloved landscapes of these communities, promote environmental sustainability, and support the healing of Maui's land and people. [www.fairmont-kea-lani.com](https://www.fairmont-kea-lani.com)

### **Discover Lāna'i with Trilogy Excursions (Lāna'i)**

Since 1973, Trilogy Excursions has operated its flagship Discover Lāna'i tour. After relocating its Lahaina Harbor operations following the 2023 Lahaina fires, Trilogy now offers this excursion once again from Kā'anapali Beach on Maui. As a proud Quator Elite member, Trilogy provides personalized service while promoting responsible tourism practices. Guests will explore pristine coastlines, snorkel vibrant coral reefs, and learn about the rich history and culture of Lāna'i from knowledgeable crew members.

[www.sailtrilogy.com](https://www.sailtrilogy.com)

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial Honors 80th Anniversary of World War II's End with Special Commemoration and New Exhibit (O'ahu)**

Guests are invited aboard the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. A special commemoration on September 2, 2025 will pay tribute to the bravery, sacrifice, and legacy of the Greatest Generation while inspiring future generations to uphold their values. Taking place at the battleship where the Instrument of Surrender was signed in 1945, the event will feature a moving ceremony, historical reflections, and the unveiling of a new exhibition, *Pathway To Peace: USS Missouri's World War II Experience*. [USSMissouri.org](https://USSMissouri.org)



## **Kona Salt Farm Unveils Renovated Event Space & New Bathing Salt Experience (Island of Hawai'i)**

Kona Salt Farm has completed extensive renovations to its event space, available for groups and corporate events. In addition to its Oceanfront Grounds and covered Breezeway, the new overhang roof structure above the Moku Nui Tasting Room offers shaded seating and beautiful ocean views. Kona Salt Farm also recently added new Bathing Salt Making Station, allowing guests to craft personalized bathing salts from a variety of essential oils, dried flowers and Hawai'i botanicals utilizing hand-harvested salt sourced from deep ocean waters. [www.KonaSeaSalt.com](http://www.KonaSeaSalt.com)

## **Fairmont Orchid Supports 'Āko'ako'a Reef Restoration to Revitalize West Hawai'i's Coral Reefs (Island of Hawai'i)**

Fairmont Orchid is hosting and supporting the 'Āko'ako'a Reef Restoration Program to protect, preserve and revitalize the coral reefs of West Hawai'i, including Pauoa Bay. In August, the 'Āko'ako'a dive team carefully collected corals from Pauoa Bay, transporting them to a state-of-the-art coral research and propagation facility. Once the corals have successfully spawned, their offspring will be reintroduced to a native habitat in Pauoa Bay. Guests are encouraged to connect with the property's beach ambassadors to learn more about ongoing coral restoration efforts. [www.FairmontOrchid.com](http://www.FairmontOrchid.com)

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## **About Meet Hawai'i**

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**Special note to media:** The Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) recognizes the use of the *'okina* ['] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the (modern) Hawaiian language; and the *kahakō* [ā] or macron (e.g., in place names of Hawai'i such as Lāna'i). However, HVCB respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

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