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Why here? In addition to stunning scenery, Hawaii offers adventurous outdoor activities; fresh cuisine drawing on numerous cultures; and varied, incredible properties, like the new Four Seasons Ko Olina (above) on Oahu's west shore — secluded far from the bustling resorts of Waikiki.

NEW FLIGHTS

- **Virgin America** now offers daily non-stop flights between Los Angeles and Maui, Honolulu and Oahu.
- **Hawaiian Airlines** has resumed seasonal nonstops between Kona and Oakland, Calif., and Kona and Los Angeles, during peak season (May through September).

- **Island Air** now offers six daily roundtrip flights between Honolulu and Kauai, and five daily roundtrips between Honolulu and Kona.

MAUI

Local Update

- The 806-room **Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa** has transformed several of its event spaces. The 18,000-square-foot Monarchy Ballroom now divides into seven breakout rooms and features improved lighting and open-air prefunction space; a former garden has been converted into a new 9,500-square-foot event space overlooking Ka'anapali Beach; and a new 3,333-square-foot club lounge offers breakfast and light refreshments throughout the day. The property features over 100,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space.
- The 200-room **Residence Inn Maui Wailea** — the first of the extended-stay brand to open in the state — debuted in September. The property

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Dining companions. Perched on lava cliffs, the Sheraton Kona's Rays on the Bay restaurant offers more than just beautiful views: It's the only eatery in Hawaii where you can watch manta rays swim below as you dine. bit.ly/2e9eWZv



ROLL YOUR OWN

Groups big and small can experience private sushi-making lessons at the Hyatt Regency Maui's award-winning Japengo restaurant. Attendees learn knife skills, how to properly cook sushi rice and other techniques while preparing maki sushi and hand rolls. As a bonus, attendees are given recipes to take home.

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OAHU

Local Update

- The world's largest Hilton Garden Inn, the 623-room **Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach**, opened in June. The property is just two blocks from Waikiki Beach and near popular shopping, dining and entertainment areas.

- This past summer, the 1,000-room **Sheraton Princess Kaiulani** in Waikiki conducted a soft refresh of all 280 guest

rooms on the top 10 floors of its Aina-hau Tower. The upgrade includes new furniture, artwork and other decorative accents, along with fresh carpets, linens and mattresses.

- The Pacific Beach Hotel is undergoing a \$115 million revamp and will become the 839-room **Alohilani Resort at Waikiki Beach**, opening in fall 2017. Two new restaurants created by famed chef Masaharu Morimoto will be added to the property, which will pay homage to Hawaii's heritage and the state's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani. It remains open during the transformation.

MEETING HOTELS: Properties include the 2,860-room Hilton Hawaiian Vil-

lage Waikiki Beach Resort; 1,636-room Sheraton Waikiki; 426-room Hyatt Place Waikiki Beach; 359-room Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa; 353-room The Modern Honolulu, and 311-room Ambassador Hotel Waikiki.

CONVENTION CENTER: Hawaii Convention Center; exhibit space, 204,249 square feet; number of meeting rooms, 49. (808) 943-3500; meethawaii.com

AIRPORT TRANSIT: Honolulu International Airport, eight miles west of the Hawaii Convention Center. Transfer cost by taxi, \$35

TAXES: Room tax, 9.25%; sales tax, 4.712%; total tax on hotel rooms, 13.96%