



SEE YOU THERE

November 2022

Happy Thanksgiving!

November (actually Halloween) kicks off my personal feelings of the festive season officially starting. It is all downhill through to the end of the year now.



I was well overdue for a trip to Hawaii so I planned to visit a few of the islands to see the latest developments and gain first hand experience.

It is no wonder Hawaii is a popular destination for my clients with the diversity and options available. Whether you are interested in sun and sand or nature with active volcanoes, a Hawaiian island will likely be a fit for you and your loved ones.

Oahu was our first stop and there was a lot to see and catch up on. Of course I did not get everywhere this trip but thankfully my network of colleagues had just recently been to some of the ones I didn't make it to.

One of my client favorites is the Four Seasons Ko'Olina. There are several things to love about this property so I will just go on to say the rooms are spacious, well equipped and I especially love the oceanfront options with those gorgeous sea views. Something that always stands out with the Four Seasons brand is their excellent service. They always seem to go one step further. Food and beverages were spectacular and with 3 pool options, it does not get too crowded.

There are a few hotels along the 4 lagoons in this area including the Disney property Aulani. Certainly an option for the Disney lovers. Accommodations are quite basic and hopefully a refurbishment is in the future. The pools, slides and floating lagoon will definitely be a hit with the kids though.

Walking along the beach past the 4 lagoons was just breathtaking! Calm water and not crowded.



Situated in the heart of Waikiki is a hidden gem tucked away from the bustle. A few

steps away from shopping, restaurants and some beaches, Halekulani is an old soul with a beautifully refurbished hotel. All of the rooms are white, bright and perfectly equipped to exceed your expectations. There is a feeling of peace and community at this hotel. It certainly is a 'House Befitting Heaven'.

Their sister property Halepuna is also a great option sitting a little further back from the ocean but offering similar warm hospitality. We saw many rainbows during our stay, even double rainbows while we enjoyed our delicious breakfast.



A bit too much to share of our experiences in Maui but I can safely say there are several great options to suit your needs on this island! Each area of Maui has a completely different feel, as does every property. A few favorites could be the Westin Maui Resort & Spa - the Hokupa'a renovated wing is the best way to go. The Ritz Kapalua Bay is a lovely setting with a huge variety of room categories and just a few minutes shuttle ride connects you to the Montage Kapalua Bay. There is also a strip mall for shopping, dining and excellent golfing nearby. Both properties were really fabulous and I know exactly which property would be a fit for which client with slightly different offerings at each. That Kapalua sunset took my breath away!

Further south you reach the Wailea area which has a 'Beverly Hills' kind of feel with immaculate grounds, shopping and dining all over with the various hotels, resorts and strip mall.



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Continuing on with Maui...

Wailea offers several accommodation options depending on your traveling style/needs. A few great options include **Andaz** which is modern design at the northern portion of Wailea.

The next spotlight hotel needs very little introduction, **Grand Wailea** is a classic, larger hotel that offers so much! Their spa is under renovation, stay tuned as this completes but in the meantime you have shopping and several dining outlets and wow, their pools... If you intend to spend a lot of time by the pools and have kids who like to be entertained with slides and various pool options, this will not disappoint. The Napua rooms and suites are an elevated experience that I highly recommend.

As you travel further south you reach the **Four Season Maui**. The U shape resort offers limited full ocean front rooms and suites but the luxurious Four Seasons bedding, amenities and fantastic service make up for that minor design flaw. The secluded Serenity Pool, offers elevated panoramic views of Lanai and the West Maui Mountains from its infinity edge. The swim up bar is a perfect touch. Live music in the lobby bar starts your sundowners off right and the dining options on property are excellent!

Fairmont Kea Lani is a favorite, currently under extensive renovations and the hotel is starting to look better than ever. Their villas are renovated and are absolutely gorgeous! Private pool, fully equipped kitchen, washer and dryer... stunning!

A little off the beaten track is **Hotel Wailea**. This adults-only retreat has only 72 suites with extensive grounds to provide a feeling of serenity. This peaceful retreat is nestled within a lush tropical hillside perched 300 feet above the sea, with convenient access to island adventures by day with luxurious tranquility by night.



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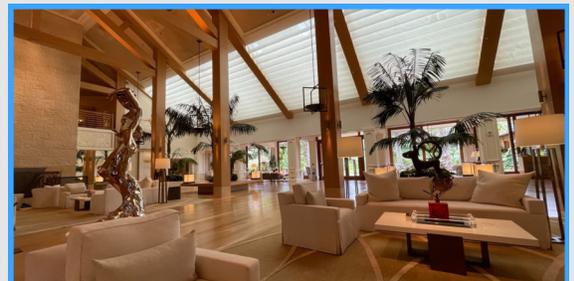
Spotlight on... Lanai

Lanai is a small luxury island just a short ferry ride from Maui or as we did and I recommend, enjoy the private charter to/from Honolulu.

The private hangar at Honolulu airport sets the tone for what will undoubtedly be a very memorable experience. There are just two resorts on Lanai, owned by Larry Ellison. Both properties are Four Seasons however, completely different in style, feel and setting.

Sensei Lanai, A Four Seasons Resort is managed by Four Seasons but has the Sensei speciality of wellness with their own dedicated team. The resort is fully refurbished and every room and suite is stunning! Set on top of a mountain, this resort is cooler and a bit wetter with a quick shower here and there which was welcome during a warmer than usual September. The lush green gardens are spectacular to explore with the Onsen Gardens being my favorite hidden gem. The yoga studios and fitness center are fabulous with well qualified trainers and yogis leading the way. The Spa Hales are the most beautiful I've ever seen. Spa treatments here are on another level! Nothing else quite competes. Dining at Sensei by Nobu was a treat with speciality menus only found here. This property is an undiscovered gem that leaves you better off when you depart.

Four Seasons Resort Lanai is the beach property not directly on the beach but a very short walking distance. There is fantastic snorkeling options right off the beach, several wonderful dining outlets and the large rooms have a Japanese feel with beautiful design. The resort layout is very nicely done as you feel spread out and quite private. Tennis and golf are very popular options and with that setting, it is not hard to see why!



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