



Fire and feasts at OUTRIGGER

Centuries-old lū'au tradition lives on at newly renovated resort on the Big Island

Centuries ago, on a slice of paradise in the Pacific Ocean, a flame was kindled that has never extinguished. Lū'au is the tradition of feast, fire and celebration in the Kingdom of Hawai'i's rich history. Today, its light burns even more brightly on Hawai'i Island, where a \$60 million renovation at OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa has transformed a beloved destination into the ultimate holiday for travelers dreaming of an authentic island getaway.

The 22-acre OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa proudly welcomes guests to a revitalized resort that honors the land's storied history while embracing the dynamic essence of its namesake, Keauhou — meaning New Era. Steeped in cultural significance as the birthplace of King Kamehameha III and perched atop majestic cliffs overlooking Keauhou Bay, the resort offers breathtaking ocean vistas and a renewed commitment to authentic experiences steeped in the island's timeless traditions.

Inspired by the concept of kōi au — symbolizing a flowing current of energy and eloquence — OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa's royal makeover seamlessly incorporates oceanic motifs, enchanting visitors with the spirit of Keauhou Bay. At the heart of this reimagined resort is Piko Coffee & Wine Bar, a tribute to the piko or symbolic center where life began in Hawaiian culture. This thoughtfully designed space invites guests to gather and reflect, savoring the essence of Hawai'i in every sip.

For group travelers, OUTRIGGER boasts the largest convention center in Kona, the Kaleiopapa Convention Center. Spanning nearly 10,000 square feet, this grand venue offers an elegant foyer and a fully equipped kitchen, designed to delight guests with exceptional culinary experiences. The Bayview meeting rooms, with their breathtaking views, are perfect for more intimate conferences and celebrations. For those planning nuptials, Pa'aki Point presents a stunning backdrop for wedding celebrations, while the resort's chic chapel, lush lawns and multiple indoor venues cater



exquisitely to the special day. Midweek packages offer incredible value, while the resort's experienced wedding planners are on hand to help ensure a seamless process, offering expert knowledge on local vendors, custom catering and room block options.

All guests are invited to bask in the perennial flame of Hawaiian culture with one of OUTRIGGER's meticulously curated Signature Experiences that encapsulate the soul of the islands. Adventurous travelers can embark on

nightly manta ray tours aboard the sailing canoe Kini Kini, learning both the facts and legends of the hahalua before snorkeling alongside these gentle giants. Kona is the premiere destination for manta ray encounters, and the resort embraces conservation and education for these rare animals through its partnership with Manta Pacific Research Foundation and annual Manta Day festivities in September.

No island experience is complete without a fireside feast beneath a star-studded sky. As twilight descends, OUTRIGGER's Feast & Fire lū'au experience invites guests to partake in a celebration that pays homage to the first Polynesians to land in Hawai'i. Set on the oceanfront of Keauhou Bay, residence of ali'i or Hawaiian royalty, this lū'au honors the birthplace of Kamehameha III and is exclusively curated by Traditions Hawai'i, a local production company with nearly four decades of experience breathing life into Hawaii's heritage. This enchanting lū'au offers a captivating journey through the islands' past, featuring mesmerizing performances that illuminate its storied traditions and celebrate the enduring spirit of Aloha.

No expense was spared in the renovation of OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa, where the goal was to achieve the perfect balance between Hawaiian tradition and barefoot luxury. The meticulously revitalized 511 guest rooms, suites and meeting spaces — superbly executed by the renowned design firm Looney & Associates — artfully blend island heritage with a modern aesthetic. Guests can now unwind in style amidst the upgraded cabanas gracing the adults-only and oceanfront pools, while the young-at-heart delight in the 200-foot waterslide. Club-level room guests gain exclusive access to the new Voyager 47 Club Lounge, where they can indulge in nocturnal delights as they gaze over the moonlit bay.

To book a stay at OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa, simply visit outrigger.com, where the dedicated team is available to assist with every detail and ensure your visit — whether large event or intimate getaway — is as seamless and memorable as a fireside feast.