

GETAWAYS

Aloha Hawaii

From surf beaches to spectacular scenery, there's plenty to enjoy and experience on a Hawaiian holiday, writes Taryn Baskin.

WHETHER it's watching longboard surfers at Waikiki beach in the morning or enjoying a mai tai at sunset, it's easy to get into holiday mode in Hawaii.

The 50th state of the United States, Hawaii is an archipelago of seven inhabited islands, famous for its floral shirts, steel guitars, surf and the TV series *Hawaii Five-O*.

Australians have been visiting Hawaii in increasing numbers and most start in Honolulu, the capital of Oahu, and stay close to Waikiki beach, which is a hive of activity day and night with its designer shops, restaurants and hotels.

Hawaii has more than nine million tourists a year and the most popular attraction is the Pearl Harbor memorial, which features five historic sites including wartime relics, exhibitions and the floating memorial to USS Arizona, where 1177 crewmen were killed in the surprise 1941 Japanese

attack which propelled the US into war against Japan.

For a happier memorial, visit the statue of Duke Kahanamoku on Waikiki, dedicated to the father of modern surfing.

The Bishop Museum, Hawaii's largest museum, features the history of Hawaii and the Pacific while the opulent Iolani Palace, built in 1882 as the official residence of Hawaii's monarchy, has been meticulously restored.

For the more energetic, take an early-morning hike to Diamond Head, an extinct volcano on the outskirts of Honolulu, where you will be rewarded with spectacular views.

For many visitors, shopping at the malls and outlets is a high priority, so set aside plenty of time to spend at the Ala Moana Mall which has more than 350 shops and restaurants, or the Waikiki Premium Outlets.

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When it comes to hotels, local operator Outrigger has been in business for 70 years and has several hotels in the heart of Honolulu including Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort which has 635 rooms and suites, five restaurants and lounges, four pools, tennis courts and spa.

Rooms are spacious, air-conditioned and decorated in a modern Hawaiian style with most facing Waikiki Beach. If you are staying in a premier Voyager 47 Club suite, there are all the comforts including a balcony, plus access to the club lounge which is open for breakfast and pre-dinner snacks and drinks including cocktails, local craft beers and champagne. The Voyager 47 Club is a great place to watch the sunset.

Reserve a beach-front table at the recently



Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina.

opened Reef Bar and Market Grill, which serves meals with locally sourced products in a casual setting.

Spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying poolside cocktails at Kani Ka Pila Grille while listening to local musicians perform every day, and relax with a spa treatment at La'akea Spa.

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The resort has four pools to choose from including an adult pool, a lap pool and a kids' pool. As you prepare to lounge beside the pool, staff will keep up a constant supply of iced water.

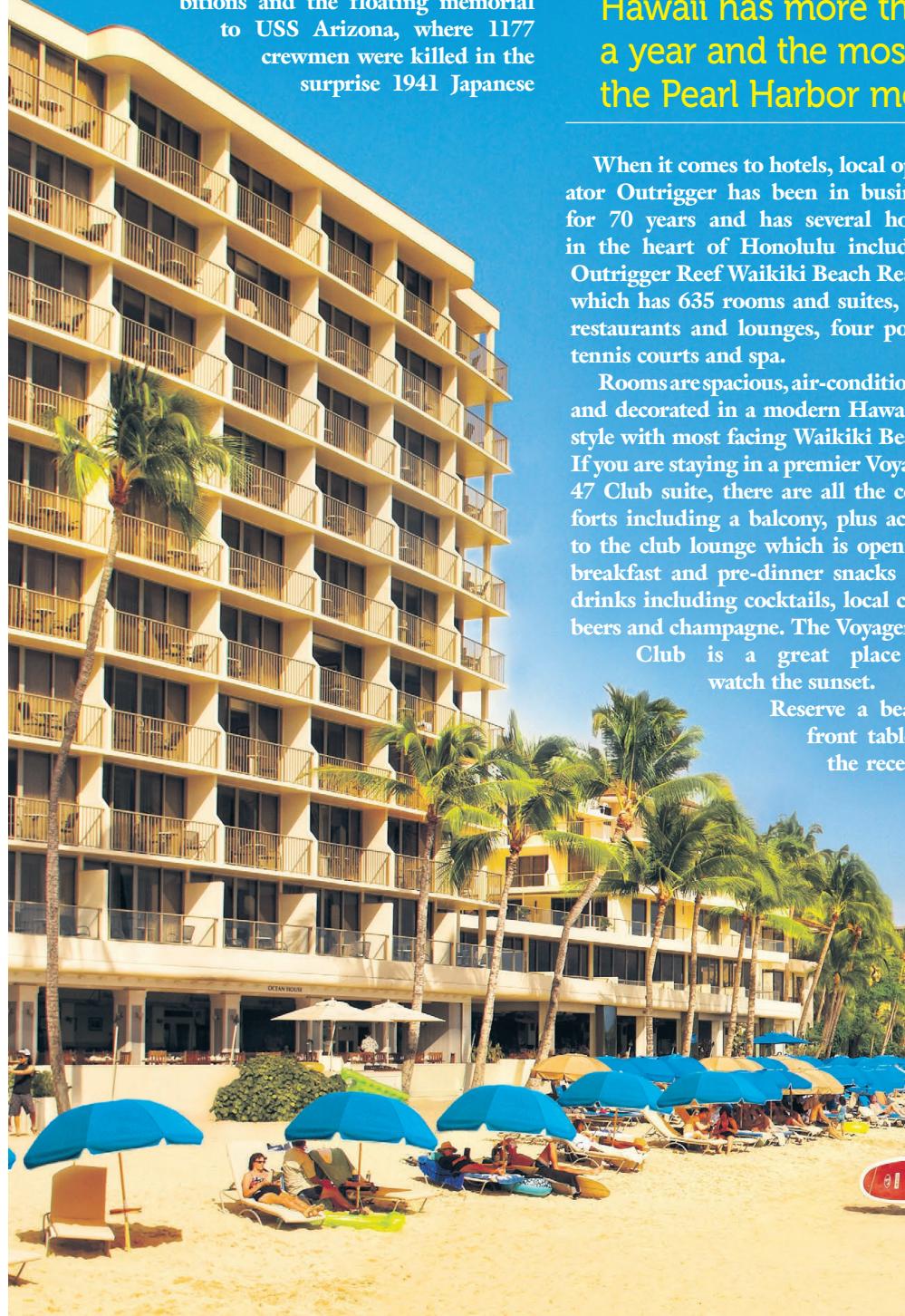
For privacy and pampering, book a pool cabana to relax, watch TV or enjoy a snack. There are four restaurants and a cafe, and on Sundays there's a special buffet lunch in La Hiki kitchen.

The resort's Naupaka Spa has a lovely Hawaiian feel to it with a large range of health and beauty treatments using Sodashi products. Facilities include a steam room, spa pool, sauna and a lap pool.

While at the resort, experience stand-up paddle boarding, parasailing and snorkelling, join a yoga class at sunrise or play a round of golf at the nearby Ko Olina Golf Club.

For a special celebration at Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina, take a sunset champagne cruise in a private yacht or a helicopter trip over the region.

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