

Variety of Spacious Guest Rooms and Villas Await Guests; Décor Blends Hawaiian Tradition with Disney Fun

KO OLINA, Hawaii – A magical part of staying at Aulani, a Disney Resort and Spa, is the wide variety of spacious accommodations to choose from, knowing that each type of room or villa is specially designed for families and provides a welcoming décor that blends Hawaiian tradition and Disney whimsy.

Families can stretch out in deluxe studio, one- or two-bedroom villas which feature deep soaking or whirlpool tubs, stacked washer-dryers and fully equipped kitchens. In the larger villas, a dining table provides the perfect opportunity for families to connect over a home-made meal prepared in the villa's full kitchen. Guests may also savor gentle trade winds and peaceful moments of reflection on the villa's private balcony. The villas can accommodate from four to 12 guests, and there's even 3-Bedroom Grand Villas which can serve as an ideal retreat, with a private balcony and elegant furnishings inspired by the Islands.

The one-, two- and three-bedroom villas feature separate bedroom and living room space, flat-panel televisions, DVD players, a private porch or balcony, and well-equipped kitchens with modern appliances including full-size refrigerators, stoves, microwave ovens, dishwashers and complete sets of cookware and tableware.

Aulani features well-appointed standard guest rooms as well, with beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean, pools or nearby mountains of west Oahu. All of the rooms have lanai balconies or porches to relax upon and to enjoy the sights of paradise. Standard hotel rooms sleep up to four guests and feature flat-screen televisions, DVD players, small refrigerators, coffee makers and tea service, ceiling fans, wireless internet service and an in-room safe. Parlor suites sleep up to five people.

While enjoying their resort accommodation, Aulani guests will find themselves surrounded by the beauty and spirit of Aloha. Working with local Hawaiian artisans, Disney Imagineers have created a charming and relaxing environment inspired by the fine arts and crafts traditions of ancient Hawaiians.

Earth-tone print fabrics in the rooms take their cue from traditional Hawaiian kapa cloth, characterized by the subtle intricacy of its elegantly embossed patterns. Retro Hawaiian floral print fabrics, locally known as "bark cloth" and popular in the 1930s and '40s, provide touches of colorful vibrancy on accent pillows.

Outrigger canoe posts and beams work their way into the design of bedroom headboards – along with clever butterfly joints evoking the ancient Hawaiians' method for artfully repairing their prized wood calabash bowls.

The homage to Hawaiian culture in the room décor is accented by Disney touches – distinctive "hidden Mickeys" which guests may discover only on a Hawaii family vacation at Aulani.

In the corridors outside the rooms, wall coverings are embedded with a host of native cultural references – from poi pounders to fish traps to sea urchins – and more "hidden Mickeys" camouflaged within the richly patterned surfaces.

About Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa

Aulani opened in August of 2011 and sits on 21 acres of beautiful oceanfront in Ko Olina, adjacent to a nine-acre, crystal-blue lagoon and white-sand beach. Ko Olina is 17 miles from Honolulu International Airport and approximately 30 minutes from Waikiki.

Uniquely designed for families and inspired by the wonders and traditions of Hawaii, Aulani is a family paradise with a touch of magic. Aulani offers kids, adults and families Hawaiian vacation experiences with a special magic that only Disney can create. Delightful rooms and spacious villas, a perfect location on a beautiful beachfront lagoon, and renowned Disney service and enchanting entertainment let dreamers of every age savor their time together on Hawaii as never before.

For Aulani reservations, guests may visit www.disneyaulani.com or call (866) 44-DISNEY.