





# Korea Market Outlook

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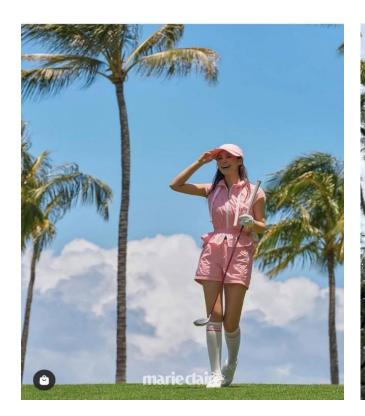
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### **2022 RECAP**

### MĀLAMA HAWAI'I CAMPAIGN





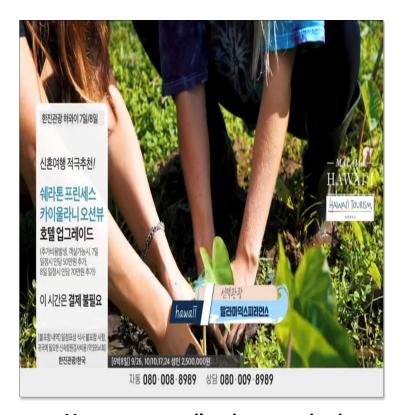
#### **Celebrity influencer filming FAMs**

- 16 Instagram posts
- 42 stories generating over 732K reactions

#### 3 Top travel trade FAMs

- Experienced Kipuka Olowalu, Gunstock Ranch, O'o Farm, Kualoa Ranch Aloha 'āina Tour as Mālama Hawai'i activities





#### New regenerative tour products

 Mālama Hawai'i videos exposed on TV home-shopping sales, live commerce and TA websites

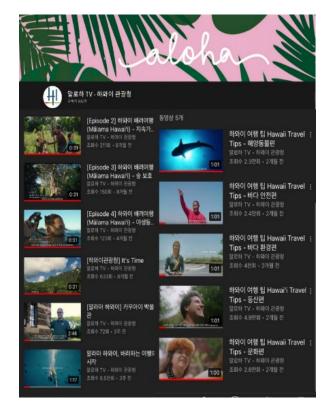
## **2022 RECAP**

#### **KULEANA CAMPAIGN**



#### Kuleana campaign with airlines

 2,985 pax purchased Hawai'i Air Tickets



#### Social ads campaign

- Generated over 1.42M views
- Generating PR value of \$200,000





#### Consumer event: dive into the real Hawai'i

- Total online reach to over 10.6M
- Attracted more than 13,500 visitors
- Generated over \$100,000 in PR value

### **2022 RECAP**

#### 'ONO HAWAI'I / MADE IN HAWAI'I CAMPAIGN







#### Made in Hawai'i brand co-op with SSG.COM

- Total of 246,134 page views
- 111,160 UVs were recorded and participation amounted to over 73,000
- Generating a total PR Value of US\$400,000

#### Made in Hawai'i brand co-op Baskin Robins 31 and Interpark

- 530,000 people purchased macadamia nut flavor
- 30,051 downloaded the Hawai'i travel discount coupons from Interpark





# **GENERAL ECONOMY**

1,334.50 WON (NOV 28. 2022)



\$280 ICN-HNL roundtrip 133% ↑ from 2021

2.6% in 2022 2.1% in 2023 66.5% in 2021 0.6% ↑ from 2020













## TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

# All COVID-19 PCR test requirements are lifted

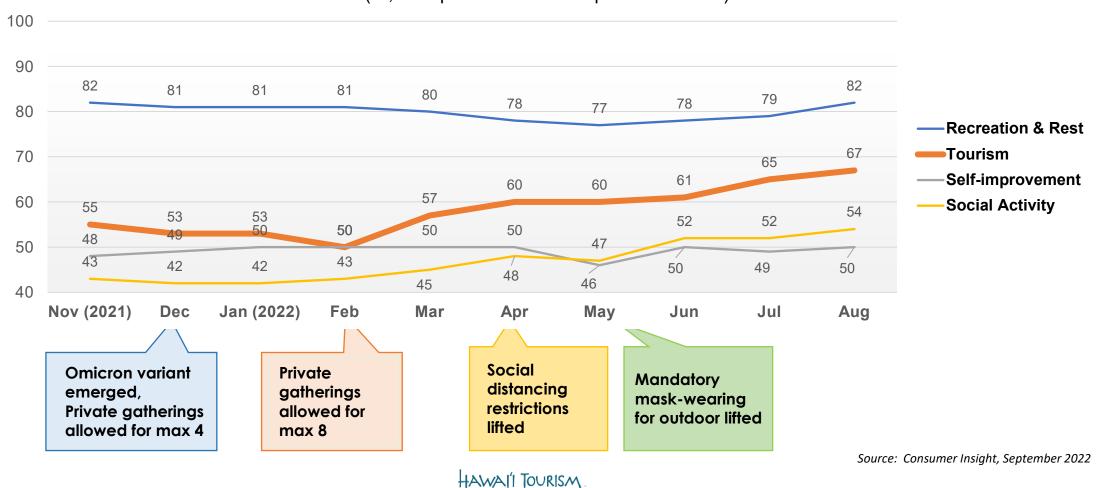
- From Sep 3, South Korea lifted pre-arrival COVID 19 test requirement
- From Oct 1, South Korea completely lifted COVID-19 PCR testing requirements for all inbound travelers
- From Oct 17, Mandatory COVID-19 test before hospital emergency room treatment is lifted



## **CONSUMER TRAVEL SENTIMENT**

#### Leisure activities experience

(%, multiple answers on experience or not)



KOREA

### TRAVEL TRADE TRENDS



Younger generation attracted by package products



Aviation industry job fare held for the first time in 3 years



My Real Trip,
Interpark,
Yoggioddae to
compete for the
cheapest flight
tickets

# coupang

Coupang added about 500 overseas travel products from Korea's largest wholesaler, Hana Tour



## **MEDIA TRENDS**

# Shift to mobile & beyond

No.1 social media usage rate among Asian countries

Smartphone online shopping becoming a stronger shopping channel

# Leading social media channels

42M+ users accession on 6 major social networks

YouTube, Instagram & Kakao are three most dominant channels

# New paradigm of online video contents

Short-form contents on Youtube, Instagram and Tiktok gaining explosive reactions

Youtube and Netflix are the top 2 channels to view videos

# Big wave of creator influencers

Influencers with growing fandoms becoming one of the main channels to communicate with consumers

Delicately targeted small content creation gaining more power than ever in new media landscape



#### \*Total air seats from Korea

- 2019: 326,398

- 2022: 217,617(67% of 2019)

- From Dec. 22: 224,817 (69% of 2019)

- Jan-Jun 2019 vs. Jan-Jun 2023: -1.6%

Source: Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)

# KOREAN AIR (KE053)

Frequency	daily
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Seats (Aircraft)	368 seats (B747-8i)

# **AIR CAPACITY**

From Dec. 22, 2022







278 seats (A330)

5 x weekly



# COMPETITION

# Korean travel shoppers who searched for Hawai'i also searched for these destinations







**BALI** 



**AUSTRALIA** 



**EUROPE** 



## **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Challenges:**

- > European destinations actively marketing
- Southeast Asian resort destinations opening up – Bali, Thailand, Vietnam
- > Strong US dollar
- > Increased ground cost





#### **Opportunities:**

- Millennials and Gen. Zs fall in love with hiking and outdoor sports (Sportscation)
- Golf population increased
- > Increased interest in sustainability
- Plogging (Picking up the trash + Jogging), beach-combing, and green initiatives are in trend
- Increased interest in 'Workcation'



