

Newest Luxury Hawaiian Retreat Opens its Doors

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Lumeria Yoga by Abigail Perrin, Surfing by Champs Suzie Cooney and Buzzy Kerbox, Farm-To-Table Cooking by Chef Ben Diamond is “

Hawaii’s Newest Luxury Retreat is a Historic Restoration of 24-Rooms and Suites on Six-Acre former Maui Baldwin Estate

Luxury Hawaiian Retreats now can add Lumeria Maui to the list. Located on the North Shore of Hawaii’s most popular island, officially opened its doors as a luxury retreat this month. This experiential retreat, set on six acres, was originally built in 1909 by the Baldwin sugar cane family. The historic structures have been extensively renovated and restored as one of the most impressive historic restorations on Maui.

Owner and operator Xorin Balbes, the award winning architectural conservator and designer famous for high profile restorations including a 1926 Lloyd Wright (LA’s Sowden House) among many others, created this retreat for those seeking adventure and enrichment in an intimate, authentic environment. Find Xorin’s bio here: www.templehome.net/about_us.php <http://www.templehome.net/about_us.php>

Lumeria offers classes, programs and retreats in yoga, meditation, Hawaiian culture and water sports with world-renowned teachers and instructors from Maui and around the world. The luxury accommodations are surrounded by beautifully landscaped and edible gardens, yet are just minutes from the charming and historic town of Paia and Maui’s legendary north shore surfing spots.

Lumeria Maui, a collection of five lodge buildings, features 24 guest rooms and suites designed in the casual elegance of classic neo-colonial architecture and furnishings. Guest rooms and common areas benefit from ocean and mountain views, and Lumeria’s park-like grounds inspire peace, relaxation and restoration of mind, body and spirit. Classroom facilities consist of a yoga studio/meeting room, outdoor classrooms and off-site partner locations.

Organic enthusiasts, yogis and foodies alike will be delighted by Lumeria’s farm-to-table dining experience. With many ingredients sourced from Lumeria’s own gardens and other local farms, Chef Ben Diamond provides delicious organic meals to support and enliven mind, body and spirit.

Lumeria Maui’s water sports classes and activities focus on surfing, kite surfing and wind surfing. Programs are led by world-renowned professional surfers Suzie Cooney and Buzzy Kerbox, and enable participants to learn technical skills as well as the importance of the ocean to Hawaiian culture.

Lumeria is committed to honoring the history and traditions of indigenous Hawaiian culture through classes, programs, tours and volunteer activities. Lumeria offers tours of the on-site Hawaiian medicinal gardens with Puanani Lindsey of Maui Cultural Lands, and shows how to grow and use Hawaiian medicinal herbs. Guests can participate in “Talk Story” around the firepits with a local Kahuna, cleanse and purify with a traditional “Calabash; Bowl of Light” activity, and relax during a Hawaiian astrology lesson on the lawn. Off-campus opportunities range from volunteering in Honokowai Valley to help restore ancient villages and learn about Hawaiian farming practices and daily life, to taking a ride on horseback through Haleakala crater to discover the importance of this sacred mountain to the people of Hawaii. Or, guests can visit one of Maui’s sacred Heiaus, where the Hawaiians sought sanctuary for healing and

protection.

Abigail Perrin joins Lumeria Maui as the Director of Yoga Programs. Abigail is the former owner of Paia Yoga, now re-named Lumeria Yoga, Lumeria Maui's Paia studio location. Abigail, along with the other teachers at Lumeria Yoga, join an ever changing roster of guest yoga masters from around the world that will make Lumeria a can't-miss stop for yoga fans and devotees. Upcoming Lumeria special events include; Dharma Dialogues with Catherine Ingram (author of Passionate Presence, In the Footsteps of Gandhi, and A Crack in Everything); a visit with Lama Surya Das, one of the foremost Western Buddhist meditation teachers and scholars whom the Dalai Lama affectionately calls "the American Lama"; and a Sunday Satsang with Ram Dass joined by Peter Simon, nationally acclaimed photographer, photojournalist and 70's historian who will be sharing his "treasure photos." Special Musical Guests include Ken Sandin, Gerit Williams and Andrea Walls for an unforgettable Maui musical tapestry and kirtan.

Lumeria Maui, Hawaiian resort is now open to individual bookings as well as small groups with introductory Daily yoga, a light organic breakfast, and daily meditation are included with all reservations. For reservations or more information, please contact Lumeria Maui at Toll Free: 1-855-579-8877 or (808) 579-8877 or visit www.lumeriamauai.com,

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