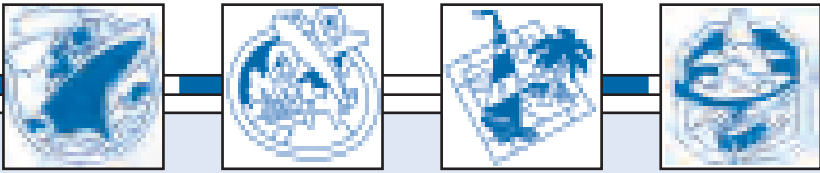


## OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



# TravelTalk

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## Book It, Dano

■ Here's what you need to know when Hawaii calls.

Not only has Hawaii always been one of our most popular vacation destinations, it has also been one of our family's personal favorites. The consultants in our office are Hawaii specialists, which basically means that we know how to tailor the Hawaii vacation that most meets your needs. We are realistic about it. One person might be looking for golf, one for romance, and another for the biggest pools for their kids to play in. Some resorts may have it all, but you cannot assume that, just because it is rated highly, it is the right hotel for you.

When I was 13, I went on a golfing trip with my father. We stayed at the Mauna Kea resort on the Big Island of Hawaii. It was absolutely beautiful with a scenic crescent white sand beach. It had a classy, clubby feel. Most of all, there was romance in the air. Unfortunately, it was this 13-year-old kid and his father. My father's frustration meant we argued on the golf course. We golfed, we ate, we argued and we came home ... not speaking to each other! This was not the right spot for us. Now that I am in the travel business, we send many romantic couples, and even some families, to the Mauna Kea, but we are careful not to recommend this romantic paradise to singles and divorced parents. For them we recommend a larger resort with more things for the kids, or a livelier place where new friends can be made easily. We might suggest the Hyatt Regency or Grand Wailea on Maui.

We know the properties, and that can be important. Right next door to each other in Wailea on Maui are two five-star resorts, the Four Seasons and the Grand Wailea. Both are terrific, but they are very different. The Four Seasons is smaller than the Grand Wailea, has a Spago restaurant, a very nice pool, and even a wading pool for infants and very young children. They carefully net in the balcony of your room before your arrival for the safety of your kids, and offer them milk and cookies. It is a terrific property for romantic couples and parents with very young children. The Grand Wailea, on the other hand, has a water-park pool area with many short and long water-slides. They even have the world's only water elevator. Older kids absolutely love it, and so do many active adults. We were having lunch at the Four Seasons last year when we heard a family talking at the next table. The kids, ages 9 and 12, were complaining that "it just wasn't fair" that they had to "rough it" at the Four Seasons while everyone was going down the slides at the hotel next door. Of course, they were "roughing it" in a hotel room that was costing their parents in excess of \$500 per night! We try to help our clients make informed decisions by helping design vacations that are not generic, but apply to specifically to them.

It is good to know the water-slide rules in advance, especially the height requirements. Our six-year-old terrific swimmer was most upset when a resort we were staying at would not let him go down the slide. Not one to give up, I tried to reason

with the people in charge. Then I tried begging. Finally, I signed all kinds of liability releases and my son had to pass a swimming test most Olympic champions would have trouble with. My son was granted his wish and received a wristband entitling him to go down the slide. I was proud and exhausted. We all watched from down below as my son climbed the stairs and made his way to the top of the slide. Once there, he stood there proudly. Unfortunately, he didn't move. Then he started crying. He became scared. He made his way down the stairs, and didn't try again the whole trip. On the way to the airport, after we had left the hotel, he announced that he was now ready. He had to wait another year before he got another opportunity. Who said parenting was easy?

We recommend some of the fabulous Hawaii golf resorts including the Mauna Kea mentioned above and the highly acclaimed Hyatt Regency and the Princeville Resorts on Kauai. We can also recommend some incredible restaurants, including a hidden away French Tepanyaki restaurant that seats only 16 people on Maui. We'll even tell you about the best hamburger joints.

Did you know that Hawaii is one of the most popular meeting destinations? We handle everything from giant corporate meetings and sports team scheduling on Oahu to wedding receptions on a beach on Kauai.

There are many different Hawaii vacations. We help you find the one that is right for you. Many of our packages include air, hotels and car rentals. We also have one-week Hawaii cruises that allow you to explore several islands without constantly packing and unpacking. Whether you are a first time Hawaii visitor or planning your return to paradise, we want to help make sure your next vacation exceeds all your expectations.

Please remember us the next time you are planning a trip. My company, Cruise and Resort, is your Club Partner for travel. We would love to help you with your next vacation, corporate meeting, or incentive. From individual trips to groups of more than 2,000, we are your best source for honest travel advice and great Club pricing.

Note: We have made exclusive preferred arrangements for meetings and team-building experiences at El Capitan Canyon just north of Santa Barbara. This is a deluxe camping experience with fully appointed tents and cabins with private facilities. It has hiking trails, biking, beaches, horse-back riding and is the perfect place to relax. If your department is looking for something different, this is something you should consider. Be sure to ask us about it soon and get your space reserved.

Call your Club representatives at (888) 652-6400 - Julie, David or Kristy - to talk about any travel destination. Be sure to mention that you are a Club member for your maximum discounts. We value your business and look forward to the opportunity to assist you.

# Club's Travel Partner Really Floats Their Boat

## PRAISE

■ Cruise and Resort, the Club's travel partner, gets high marks from these Club members who have used the service.

Whether or not you have thought about buying your travel through Cruise and Resort, the Club's travel partner, you ought to know that there are Club members who found the company to be excellent.

Make sure you contact Tony, Julie, David or Kristy at Cruise and Resort for all your travel needs. The number is (888) 652-6400. And make sure tell them you are a Club member. That's how you gain access to the special deals Cruise and Resort has put together just for you.

Here is what other Club members are saying about their experience with Cruise and Resort:

"I really appreciate the professionalism and patience that Julie took in assisting me on planning my first cruise. She did a fantastic job organizing the paperwork and making sure all the little details were answered quickly and thoroughly. I would definitely use Cruise and Resort again for planning my next trip. Thanks again!"

— Michael Poon, Finance

"In Sept. 2004, I went on the four-day Baja cruise on Royal Caribbean. A friend suggested I contact Cruise and Resort and I'm glad that I did.

"Julie, I thought you were very professional and knowledgeable in assisting me with the travel arrangements. You answered all my silly questions as a first-time cruiser with lots of patience. You've notified me through e-mail of other events. I will call Cruise and Resort to help me plan my next trip."

— Navella Hutchings, Engineering

"Booking through Cruise and Resort was extremely easy. All the rates I asked for were quoted beforehand, and there were no surprise fees after booking. Everything they told me I would get with my package came with the package. All my questions were answered right away. Couldn't have asked for better service."

— Scott Ko, Club Member



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