



MAUNA KEA RESORT

HAWAII ISLAND

MAUNA KEA RESORT UNVEILS NEW APIARIES AND HONEY PROJECT

Mauna Kea Resort Honey Featured at Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel and Mauna Kea Beach Hotel

KOHALA COAST, HI (August 9, 2017) – Just in time for National Honey Month (September), Mauna Kea Resort is buzzing with excitement as it announces the arrival of on-property apiaries at [Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel](#) and [Mauna Kea Beach Hotel](#) and debuts Mauna Kea Resort Honey for guests to enjoy. The first honey harvest from Hapuna’s hives provided six gallons of honey from the resort’s traditional beehives. Flow Hives at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel are also now in production and 45 pounds of honey was recently harvested.

The traditional hives at Hapuna produce honey and honeycombs while the Flow Hives at Mauna Kea utilize an innovative approach to harvesting honey only. The nectar used to produce the honey from both locations is primarily sourced from the blossoms of Kiawe trees, which are found throughout Mauna Kea Resort’s more than 1,800 acres.

The resort’s culinary team has started infusing Mauna Kea Resort Honey into a variety of restaurant menu items at Hapuna's Coast Grille. The honey is now featured on regular dinner specials and menu items including the Hudson Valley Foie Gras, in addition to sauces and dressings such as the barbeque sauce on the Duroc Pork Ribs and red wine vinaigrette on the Greens Salad. At Mauna Kea Beach Hotel’s Manta Restaurant, chefs are incorporating the honey into a new signature biscotti item. The biscotti will be served as a takeaway for restaurant guests to enjoy with coffee following their meal or over breakfast the next morning; further extending their experience at the one-of-a-kind bay-view restaurant.

In addition, Copper Bar at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel is utilizing the Resort Honey to enhance the house-made dough used for all flatbreads on the menu, making this signature menu component even more buzzworthy. The beverage program at both properties will also take a “hive-to-bar” approach and the culinary team will begin to incorporate house-made honey syrup into handcrafted cocktails on beverage menus.

Over the next few months, Mauna Kea Resort Honey and Honeycomb will be used in additional menu items throughout the resort and packaged and sold on-property. As there are no travel restrictions on honey, visitors can take the sweet souvenir with them and continue to enjoy after they depart.

In addition to offering unique local items for guests to enjoy, launched with the support of the Apiary Branch for the state of Hawai’i and consultation by locally-owned and operated Rare Hawaiian Honey Company, the resort is furthering its commitment to the local community and environment with the new initiative.

“We’re excited to bring beekeeping to the resort and offer local Kohala Coast honey to our guests,” said Craig Anderson, Vice President of Operations at Mauna Kea Resort. “We take pride in doing our part for the local community and environment we care so deeply for. This is the perfect project for us to be involved with and also allows us to bring distinct new culinary items to our guests.”

Along with raising interest, awareness, and support from the local community, the beehives have a significant positive impact on the local environment. By establishing honeybees in the area, biodiversity is increased in flower and native plant production through pollination. The resort has ideal conditions to house the beehives and they are working in tandem with the Hawai‘i State Department of Agriculture and Michael Domeier of Rare Hawaiian Honey Company to ensure the bee population continues to thrive.

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