

Aqua Hotels offers “Obama-rama” special celebrating the first President from Hawaii

Visitors encouraged to explore the island where Barack Obama grew up

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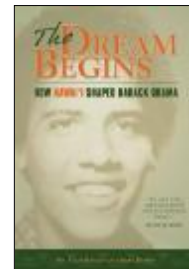
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WAIKIKI BEACH, Hawaii – Aqua Hotels & Resorts is celebrating President-elect Barack Obama’s victory with the “Obama-rama” package at all 12 Aqua Hotels in Waikiki.

“The people of Hawaii are very proud of Barack Obama’s island heritage and so are we,” said Elizabeth Churchill, Aqua’s VP Sales & Marketing. “Growing up and attending school on Oahu helped shape Obama into the fine leader he is today and we’ve developed a special package that shares insights on what being raised in a multi-cultural society is really all about.” As Obama himself has said, “What’s best in me, and what’s best in my message, is consistent with the tradition of Hawaii.”

Aqua’s “Obama-rama” special includes:

- Rates starting from \$159 per night for Aqua Boutique hotels and \$139 per night for Aqua Lite properties
- One book per room booked: “The Dream Begins – How Hawaii Shaped Barack Obama” by veteran Hawaii authors Stu Glauberman and Jerry Burris
- Automatic compact rental car for each day booked (driver must be 25 years or older)



“Recently, the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau unveiled a microsite that shares where Obama likes to go and what he likes to see and do on Oahu,” added Churchill. “It’s a list that visitors can easily duplicate if they are interested to see what our next President enjoys about Hawaii and the rental car allows them to explore the island at their leisure.” Visit the site at www.gohawaii.com/about_hawaii/explore/Obama.

The “Obama-rama” special is available through June 30, 2009, based on availability. Rates quoted are for single or double occupancy, plus taxes. The special cannot be combined with any other offer. For reservations, see your preferred travel agent or call Aqua toll free at 1-866-406-2782. From Hawaii, call 808-924-6543.

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About Aqua Hotels & Resorts

Aqua Hotels & Resorts is a full-service hotel management company founded in 2001 by Hawaii hotelier Mike Paulin. In 2005, the Aqua Boutique Collection was launched focusing on service, style and value for today’s savvy travelers. In 2006, the Aqua Lite Line was introduced to represent the company’s transitional and best-rate product. Currently, Aqua’s chain-wide inventory of 12 unique properties is located exclusively in Waikiki where both brands are recognized as service and price leaders for Oahu lodging.

In 2007 and 2008, Aqua Hotels & Resorts was ranked the #8 ‘Fastest 50’ growing Hawaii company by Pacific Business News. Also in 2008, Aqua became Hawaii’s first employee-owned hotel company when Paulin executed an Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

Visit www.aquaresorts.com for more information about the company and individual hotels. For reservations, see your preferred travel agent, book online or call Aqua toll free from the U.S. at 1-866-406-2782. From Hawaii, call 808-924-6543. Aqua is represented in Australia and New Zealand by Travel Reflections and by ARM International in Japan.

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