

## The Equus offering kamaaina ‘Paniolo Special’

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WAIKIKI BEACH, Hawaii – Aqua Hotels & Resorts announced a kamaaina ‘Paniolo Special’ at The Equus, an Aqua Boutique Hotel.

The ‘Paniolo Special’ includes a Polo Deluxe Room, FREE parking, FREE 4 pm late checkout, FREE daily continental breakfast and FREE high-speed Internet for just \$110 per night. A beachfront trail ride for two is also available for an additional \$95.

The trail ride is a scenic 90-minute horseback ride that starts at the Mokuleia Polo Field, located on the North Shore, and wanders through ironwood forests, naupaka shrubs and along the beach before circling back to the polo field. The beachfront trail ride normally retails for \$95 person and reservations can be made at the time of booking or after arrival.

Conveniently located, the 68-room The Equus is just one block to Ala Moana Center and in easy walking distance to the Hawaii Convention Center. The Equus has a long-standing paniolo heritage and, besides the hotel name, it is reflected in its décor with framed pictures and sculptures of horses throughout and use of the palaka print for staff uniforms. Kamaaina owner Mike Dailey is the President of the Hawaii Polo Club and the hotel is the official home of the Club, hosting visiting teams from around the world during the polo season (from late April through September). Dailey often makes tickets available to in-house guests throughout the season.



Polo Deluxe Room



Lobby décor incorporates framed photos of horses

The Equus was recently named as one of Oahu’s ‘Best Green Resorts’ by *Green Travel Guides Oahu*, published by Two Bridges Press of San Francisco. The Equus is truly an affordable green boutique hotel and a member of the Green Hotels Association. Some of

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the green features at the hotel include: Non-smoking property; low-flow toilets/shower heads; linen/towel re-use program; all-natural, non-toxic cleaners used in guest rooms and public areas; no chlorine used in the swimming pool; water filtration system and non-toxic grounds keeping.

Rate for the kamaaina 'Paniolo Special' is \$110 per night, plus taxes and valid until December 10, 2008. The special cannot be combined with any other offer and is subject to change. For reservations, see your preferred travel agent or call 808- 924-6543.

High-rez DIGITAL IMAGES of the Polo Deluxe room and lobby (pictured) are available upon request.

#### 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, with a focus on service, experience and value, appealing to today's budget conscious traveler. In 2006, the Aqua Lite Line was added to represent the company's transitional and best rate product. In 2007 and 2008, Aqua Hotels & Resorts was ranked the #8 'Fastest 50' growing Hawaii Company by Pacific Business News.

Currently, Aqua's chain-wide inventory of unique properties is located exclusively in Waikiki where it is Oahu's value leader and TripAdvisor's most 'honored' hotel company.

Visit [www.aquaresorts.com](http://www.aquaresorts.com) for more information about the company and individual hotels.

For reservations, see your preferred travel agent or contact Aqua's Central Reservations department at 808-924-6543 between 4 am - 7 pm Monday - Friday and 8 am - 4 pm Saturday. Email [reservations@aquaresorts.com](mailto:reservations@aquaresorts.com) or fax 808-941-3770.

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