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## **The Pacific Rim Conference Center at Turtle Bay Resort Offers Productivity in Paradise**

**NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI (2009)** – With its spectacular setting, service, food and beverage offerings, and activities, The Pacific Rim Conference Center at Turtle Bay Resort, operated by Benchmark Hospitality International – a leader in conference center management, is a prime location for productive corporate meetings and international conferences.

**Meeting Space**

The Pacific Rim Conference Center offers a total of 31,000 square feet of meeting space and accommodations for up to 600 attendees making the venue the ideal location for executive conferences, banquets and receptions. An experienced staff is trained to assist with all program needs from catering to audiovisual (AV) services to team-building programs, ensuring a seamless event. Meeting space includes:

- The **Kuilima Ballroom**. With floor to ceiling glass windows overlooking the rolling waves of the Pacific Ocean, the Kuilima Ballroom is 8,960 square feet and can be divided into three separate meeting rooms. Seating can be arranged for 100 to 900 guests.
- The **Kahuku Ballroom**. Offering 9,800 square feet, the Kahuku Ballroom can be divided into six meeting rooms with seating for 100 to 1,000 guests. The ballroom's pre-function space is 1,800 square feet and can be used for exhibits or receptions.

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- The **Sunset Room**. With dramatic oceanfront views of the Pacific, the 3,800 square foot Sunset Room is the perfect setting for intimate wedding parties or twilight cocktail receptions. The room seats 150 guests for banquets and 300 for receptions.

The Pacific Rim Conference Center also offers six smaller conference rooms of various sizes, ranging from the 1,768 square foot Hawaii Room to the 800 square foot Molokai Room, and a 1,000 square foot seaside pavilion. Conference amenities include a full service conference concierge, all-day coffee and refreshment kiosk, business center and private restrooms.

All meeting rooms are equipped with wireless and hardwired high-speed Internet access, telephones, modem access, individual sound and light controls, and multiple electrical outlets with standard 110v/220v power. One-phase or three-phase electricity is available with advance notice. To accommodate AV intensive presentations, both the Kuilima and Kahuku Ballrooms have AV controls located within the room, as well as in a central control room.

All break out rooms have solid and tackable wall surfaces with optimal acoustical design for conference communication, blackout and sun shades, unobstructed interior sightlines, adjustable lighting and individual climate control, ergonomically designed chairs that allow for better comfort and concentration, wide work tables with hard writing surfaces that are non-reflective, and phones with direct dial to the Conference Concierge for immediate assistance.

### **Wireless Connectivity is Fast and Easy**

From its guest rooms, The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort, Kuilima ballroom, lobby, or virtually anywhere within the resort, guests have wireless Internet access via high-speed T1 connectivity. This degree of mobility allows business guests to stay in touch at lightening speeds using a laptop, PDA or handheld computer configured for wireless access. Wireless converters are available for rent through the front desk at \$10/day; setup services and technological support are available.

Also known as 802.11, Wi-Fi wireless Internet access operates on an unregulated radio spectrum and promises speeds of up to 11 Mbps, about 200 times faster than a dial-up modem. Wi-Fi subscribers can access their accounts throughout the United States, with more than 400 networks deployed across the country at airports, hotels and coffee shops. Wireless 802.11 is a global standard, with deployments in Tokyo, London and other parts of the world and Wi-Fi cards have become as indispensable as the toothbrush for travelers of elite hotels that provide the service.

In addition to wireless access, all guest rooms and beach cottages are equipped with a data port separate from the phone line for modem access to the Internet without interrupting the phone service.

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### **Technological Amenities**

The Pacific Rim Conference Center features leading-edge technological amenities that create the ideal environment for productive meetings and help keep business objectives moving forward. All conference rooms feature the latest in communications technology:

- CAT5 data jacks are on every wall for lightning-fast Internet access.
- Video teleconferencing is available in all meeting rooms.
  - In addition to the meeting rooms, video teleconferencing can be hooked up in any guest room or cottage.
- In the Kuilima Ballroom and the Hawaii, Maui and Oahu meeting rooms, a floor box, located in the front of each room, contains a power outlet, phone jack and data jack.
- Phone jacks are on every wall for modem access to the Internet.
- AV equipment and support including LCD projectors, VHS and DVD players, cable TV and more.
- Six 32-inch plasma television screens throughout the lobby, which broadcast meeting schedules as well as CNN news.
- At least one cordless phone in each room.
  - Speakerphones can also be provided for in-room conference calls.
  - Guest rooms can be wired with up to four phone lines for business travelers to setup a mini-office with phones and fax machines.
- Complimentary Internet access in the resort's Turtle Den available 24 hours per day.

Data jacks, available on each of the walls, plug into the Guest Network for T1 Internet service and allow for easier set up and improvisation of computer classrooms, without a mess of wires and cables over the floors and tables. The resort also has the capability of having 32 phone lines in each of the smaller meeting rooms and 76 phone lines in each of the larger rooms.

### **Business Services**

Throughout a group's stay, a concierge is stationed conveniently outside the conference center and is available to provide all business services such as faxing, copying, business arrangements and appointments. Across the hall, a convenient communications center offers multiple plug-ins for laptops and telephones as well as spacious desk space for working.

### **Meeting and Banquet Cuisine**

Conference dining is an important respite from a busy meeting agenda and The Pacific Rim Conference Center offers superb dining options in one of the most beautiful locations in the world. Plan a memorable reception on the lawn of Bay View Beach in the glow of a Hawaiian sunset, or gather on the Kahuku Terrace for a traditional Polynesian luau complete with buffet dining and entertainment.

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For all dining menus related to meetings, special receptions, private banquets and theme dinners, the banquet team and chef will work with the meeting coordinator to create unforgettable events in the true spirit of Hawaii.

### **Activities for Groups**

Interaction beyond the conference room can be as important as the meeting itself and The Pacific Rim Conference Center offers a wide range of activities to enhance the overall program. Activities include:

- Golfing on Oahu's only 36-hole championship golf course. The resort's Golf Academy also provides courses, taught by PGA professionals, for the novice to the advanced golfer.
- Learning to surf Oahu's legendary North Shore. Surfing legend and Hawaiian waterman, Hans Hedemann and his team of instructors are available for private or group lessons.
- Rejuvenating with a body, skin or massage treatment at the resort's beach-level Spa Luana.
- Exploring 12 miles of extensive trails and seaside pathways.

Other activities include tennis tournaments, horseback riding, or snorkeling in the calm waters of Kuilima Cove.

For activities beyond the resort, some of Oahu's most famous nearby attractions include:

- Polynesian Cultural Center
- The 45-foot waterfall in Waimea Valley
- Historic Haleiwa town
- The surf at Banzai Pipeline, Waimea Bay and Sunset Beach

Conference planning managers can arrange outings to any of these venues as well as plan company activities on property or theme parties to entertain groups.

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort is also a Preferred Hotels® & Resorts Worldwide property – a collection of the world's finest independent luxury hotels.

Famous for world-class surfing, pristine white sand beaches, and its charming country setting, the North Shore also offers colorful cultural attractions, innovative ecological endeavors, and environmental adventures.

For reservations or more information, visit [www.turtlebayresort.com](http://www.turtlebayresort.com) or call (808) 293-6000.

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