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AZURE RESTAURANT INTRODUCES THE MOST EXCLUSIVE DINING EXPERIENCE IN WAIKIKI: THE ROYAL PAPA'AINA

HAWAII, OAHU, WAIKIKI BEACH – Cool ocean breezes, a candlelit beachfront cabana, and the freshest flavors of the islands consummate to become the ultimate dining experience at Azure Restaurant. The Royal Papa'aina (Royal Table) is an eight-course tasting menu, focusing on local ingredients, by acclaimed Executive Chef Jon Matsubara. Complete with wine pairings, the intimate culinary affair is set within the billowing sanctuary of the private beachfront Chef's Cabanas at Azure. Unrivaled panoramic views of Diamond Head, and the sparkling Pacific Ocean await those who dine within these enchanting seaside retreats.

The Royal Papa'aina menu is offered exclusively in Azure's cabana setting for \$150 per person and includes:

Amuse Bouche

Akolea Black Sturgeon Soy Caviar, with Passion Chili Soda

Torched Australian Wagyu Beef

*Keawe "Smoked" Baby Rocket & Fines Herbs Manchego, Granny Smith, Wasabi-Maldon Salt
Wine Pairing: Chateau D'Aqueria Tavel Rose, Rhone Valley, France*

Roasted Kona Lobster

With Anchovy & Marrow Butter Citrus Corn Salad, Thai Basil & Espelette

Wine Pairing: Kumeu River Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ

Potato Scaled Hawaiian Island Fish & Kona Abalone

Saffron Braised Fennel, Kaffir Lime Aromatic Broth

Wine Pairing: Trefethen Dry Riesling, Napa, Ca

Intergalactic

Hibiscus & Tahitian Lime Sorbet

Butter Poached Tenderloin of Beef & Foie Gras

Waiialua Asparagus, Alii King Mushroom, Sunny Side Quail Egg, Black Truffle & Madeira Sauce

Wine Pairing: Vita Nova Merlot by Jim Clendenen, Santa Barbara County, CA

Daily Selection of Soft, Medium & Hard Cheese

Macadamia Nut, Brulee of Melon, Mango Gewürztraminer Preserve

Wine Pairing: Guenoc Petite Sirah Port, "Serpentine Meadow"

Maracaibo "Grand Cru" Chocolate

Fior di Latte Gelato, Ruby Port Gelee, Marcona Almond

"The picturesque setting of Chef's Cabanas at Azure, the only beachfront dining cabanas in Waikiki, coupled with Chef Matsubara's exquisite menu featuring local ingredients, combine for an intimate and exclusive culinary celebration," said General Manager James Weisiger.

Named after the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, Azure specializes in fresh island seafood, and features locally caught fish and indigenous ingredients prepared using innovative techniques. Under the direction of Executive Chef Jon Matsubara, Azure has single-handedly redefined the Oahu dining scene. Chef Matsubara has worked in kitchens from New York to Honolulu, including Restaurant Jean

Georges in New York, Alan Wong's Restaurant in Honolulu, and most recently Stage Restaurant in Honolulu where he was awarded the Ilima "Critics Choice" Award for "Best New Restaurant."

The Royal Papa'aina is available for \$150 per person including wine pairings for a maximum of four guests.

For more information or to book The Royal Papa'aina please call the Starwood Dining Desk at 808-921-4600.

The famed "Pink Palace of the Pacific" has set the standard for luxurious and glamorous travel for more than 80 years. The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, the hotel that mesmerized Hawaii's early travelers, re-opened its doors as Waikiki's most fashionable destination on January 20, 2009. Emerging from a multimillion-dollar re-imagining with a radiant new face and an entirely new attitude, The Royal Hawaiian offers discerning travelers a redefined luxury experience filled with rich tradition, customized services, exclusive settings and amenities, as well as the Azure Restaurant and rejuvenating Abhasa Spa. Set on 14 beachfront acres with 528 guest rooms including 33 suites, The Royal Hawaiian captures the imagination with its opulent architecture and storied history amid Diamond Head's picturesque setting. The Royal Hawaiian is once again redefining luxury.

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