

MARTIN AMY Woodstock International Trips

With the success over the last few years of the Woodstock Tour Bus, with it most recently heading to Orange, Central Coast, Southwest Rocks and soon to be heading to Canberra, it is now considered that it acquire some wings and get a visa.

With the need to achieve your yearly International Run, having done a bit of research there appears to be a decent opportunity for 2014 in Maui (Hawaii) on 19 January 2014.



<http://www.mauiocceanfrontmarathon.com/>

The festival offers a 5km, 10km, 15km, Half Marathon and Full Marathon. So something for all abilities/talents/laziness....

There is also the added bonus of this one being in school holidays, so no 'kid' excuses.

As you may also be aware, it is also our resident Hawaiian Woody's last year stationed in Honolulu, so it is likely to be our last opportunity to having a running experience with her on her current 'turf'.

Initial reconnaissance suggests that we need a couple of night to acclimatise in Honolulu, being lavishly hosted to by our resident; a night or two in Maui for running preparation, a night or two post-race, then a another couple of nights recuperation in Honolulu. All in all, the draft Itinerary looks something like this, with the plan being that we'll hopefully stay (travel and accommodation-wise) together, unless otherwise persuaded...

Date	Day	Location	Travel Activity	Accommodation
15th	Weds	Honolulu	Arrive in Honolulu Drive to Kim Cayzers	Cayzer Castle (STA)
16 th	Thurs	Honolulu		Cayzer Castle (STA)
17th	Fri	Honolulu/Maui	Fly to Maui	Lahaina
18 th	Sat	Maui		Lahaina
19th	Sun	Maui	Race Day	Lahaina
20th	Mon	Maui/Honolulu		Cayzer Castle
21 st	Tues	Honolulu		Cayzer Castle
22 nd	Weds	Honolulu		Cayzer Castle
23d	Thurs	Honolulu	Depart Honolulu (See you later to Cayzer)	

As for activities, there is heaps of things to do, and given the strength of the \$AUS against the \$US, suggest that running shopping could be on the agenda.

For those who need a bit of a 'friendly' incentive to decide, early bird entries finish on May 1 2013. Don't let any obstacle of say – humidity, heat, early start be a barrier to signing up, all in all it will be a great an opportunity to go and race somewhere different with pals!

Scouting flights now, there appear to be offers to Hawaii and it is hoped that these will be available for the intended flying time. As for overall cost I've no idea at this stage, but naturally, given that I am as tight as the proverbial Englishman, you can rest assured that it will be as economical as possible, without being backpackerish! Though if anyone has any further inside information on cost, pipe up!

So if keen on this one, please let me know, so we can start some sort of wheels in motion to look for accommodation/confirmation of flights. Closing date for those who are keen is 31 MAY 2013.

Ps. This will also be a special trip as one of Woodstockodians turns the big 6-0 at the beginning of the year, so he'll be looking at giving the Marathon a crack, isn't that right Joe?

Pps. Mummy and Daddy won't be at Central Coast this year, but they will be at Maui!