

World's best distilleries

To help travellers find their way to the best distilleries and bars on the planet, Lonely Planet has released its Global Distillery Tour book, which explores everything from gin, bourbon and whisky to vodka, cachaça, tequila and more. Written by specialists, the book recommends the top spots in 33 countries, including Australia. Lonely Planet's Global Distillery Tour

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Chateaux property

On the island of Maui, the 72-bedroom, independently-owned, all-suite Hotel Wailea has recently opened Ondine restaurant, by celebrated local chefs Anthony Rush and Chris Kajioka, known for their Honolulu restaurant, Senia. Hotel Wailea, an adultsonly property, is the only Hawaiian property to be accepted into the Relais & Chateaux group. It is set on six hectares of grounds

with tropical gardens, cascading waterfalls and winding pathways. The new space at Ondine features three different culinary experiences for guests: an interactive chel's kitchen with tasting counter for small groups; a garden terrace with views overlooking the kitchen; and a treehouse private dining experience for small groups. hotelwailea.com



Fiji fresh

Two of Fiji's private island resorts have announced new culinary offerings, Kokomo Private Island has appointed an Australian executive chef. Cory Campbell, to lead the culinary team at the resort's three restaurants. Campbell has worked at some of the world's top restaurants including Copenhagen's two Michelin star restaurant Noma. Campbell will champion the islands' dock-to-dish and farm-to-table techniques. Meanwhile, Turtle Island, a privately-owned luxury island in the Yasawa Group, has introduced a new culinary program to bring to life an authentic Fijian approach to cuisine. The culinary program will be led by recently appointed chef de cuisine, Simon Orviss, working in close partnership with Turtle Island's established Fijian sous chef, Beni Betekoaka. Orviss has worked for more than a decade at award-winning African safari lodges and luxury islands; while Betekoaka hails originally from the Fijian village of Vuaki. The resort's two-hectare on-island kitchen garden supplies up to 80 per cent of the food that is enjoyed by guests. kokomoislandfiji.com | turtlefiji.com