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HAWAII'S MARINE LIFE COMES TO LIFE ON LAND WITH SEA LIFE EXPLORATION
Grand Wailea's New Complimentary Program Presented by Maui Ocean Center

WAILEA, MAUI, HI – June 5, 2012 – Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort, brings Hawaii's extraordinary ocean animals to land with Sea Life Exploration. In partnership with Maui Ocean Center, Sea Life Exploration is an educational program allowing visitors the opportunity to interact with the marine life in the Hawaiian Islands. The program is complimentary and held every Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm.

Guests get up-close-and-personal with some of Hawaii's most fascinating sea creatures in the two-hour interactive experience. Expert ocean naturalists bring marine animals that are not usually encountered on diving and snorkeling excursions from their exhibits at Maui Ocean Center to Grand Wailea.

"The waters of Hawaii are truly magnificent, serving as home to an abundance of marine life," said Matt Bailey, managing director of Grand Wailea. "Partnering with the Maui Ocean Center allows us to share this amazing underwater world with our guests. There is nothing more exciting than being able to touch, feel, see and learn about these remarkable animals."

Many of the animals available to see and touch are invertebrates, species that lack a backbone, such as sea cucumbers, sea stars, hermit crabs and more. In addition to learning about Maui Ocean Center's most intriguing animals, the ocean naturalists share snorkeling tips, proper beach and reef etiquette and techniques to identify many miraculous and colorful fish in the "I SPY" portion of the Sea Life Exploration program.

Grand Wailea's Sea Life Exploration program is open for enjoyment to guests of all ages. It is located on the lawn by the beach path across from the Tarzan swing.

For guests interested in visiting Maui Ocean Center, a special added value offer will be available for purchase that includes a "One Week Journey Pass" and a "Hawaiian Fish ID" card with a purchase of a one day Maui Ocean Center admission price (a $14.00 value). This offer is available at the Sea Exploration program or at Camp Grande's recreation center.

For more information about Sea Life Exploration, contact the Grand Wailea recreation team at 808.875.1234 or Maui Ocean Center at 808.270.7000.

About Grand Wailea

Grand Wailea is the only Waldorf Astoria Resort in the Hawaiian Islands. Nestled on 40 acres of lush, tropical gardens fronting Wailea Beach, Grand Wailea offers open spaces for the active vacationer, beauty for romantic getaways and fun for the whole family. Built to portray the richness of Hawaii's culture, people and nature, Grand Wailea is the ultimate Hawaiian resort providing an extensive selection of amenities and activities. Since opening in 1991, the Grand Wailea consistently ranks among the world's best resorts by leading travel consumer reports and industry peers. For more information, call 800.232.4604 or visit www.grandwailea.com

About Maui Ocean Center

Maui Ocean Center displays live coral and Hawaiian marine life in over 60 vibrant exhibits. Twenty-five percent of the animals found at Maui Ocean Center are endemic, meaning they are found nowhere else in the world. In addition to daily marine life presentations given by ocean naturalists, Maui Ocean Center highlights specific marine species with enhanced presentations, special guest talks, hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes tour upgrades and more each month. More information and program details can be found at www.mauioceancenter.com.

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