

CGS GutSea 2017 Veterinary Conference: February 25 – March 2, 2017
Sheraton Kauai Resort
Poipu Beach, Kauai, HAWAII

Reservations: on-line at: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/gutsea2017>
or by phone at: 888-627-8113



About the Conference

The Comparative Gastroenterology Society (CGS) is sponsoring the GutSea 2017 Conference at the Sheraton Kauai Resort on Poipu Beach in Kauai, Hawaii. The 4-day program includes 16 hours of scientific abstracts and presentations on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in an atmosphere that is relaxed and family friendly. All CGS members are encouraged to present short abstracts or case studies in gastroenterology, hepatology, or nutrition. The morning program leaves afternoons free for study, recreation, and relaxation. In addition, receptions are held every evening for informal discussion and “networking” with colleagues.

The conference opens with a Welcome Reception on Saturday evening (Feb. 25th) and concludes with a banquet on Wednesday evening (March 1st), followed by departure on Thursday AM (March 2nd). With the generous support of our CGS sponsors, the conference registration includes:

- Scientific abstract sessions on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
- Welcome reception for all participants, family, and guests (Saturday evening)
- Evening receptions for all participants, family, and guests on Sun-Mon-Tues-Weds
- Group breakfast buffet for all participants, family, and guests on Sun-Mon-Tues-Wed
- Gala final night banquet for all participants, family, and guests on Wednesday evening

Conference Registration

- Registration Deadline: December 1, 2016
- Registration Fee: \$150 (*nonrefundable after Jan. 1, 2017*); or \$155 when using PayPal
- To register: Please submit the Registration Form and \$150 (check made out to CGS), or \$155 with PayPal to:
Dr. Jan Suchodolski, CGS Secretary-Treasurer
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- **IMPORTANT: Registration does not reserve your hotel room. Registrants must reserve their hotel room directly with Sheraton Kauai Resort on-line at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/gutsea2017> , or by calling 888-627-8113 (ask for the CGS GutSea rate).**
- Registrants must be current members of the Comparative Gastroenterology Society.
- **Registration cancellation policy:** The meeting registration fee of \$150 is not refundable after Jan. 1, 2017.

Reserving Your Room at Sheraton Kauai Resort

- **IMPORTANT: DO NOT DELAY RESERVING YOUR ROOM: Contact Sheraton Kauai Resort**
- We have reserved a block of rooms at a special group rate, so space is limited. Please register early to secure your room. Registrants must reserve their hotel room directly with the **Sheraton Kauai Resort by Dec. 1st, 2016, on-line at: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/gutsea2017>**; or by calling **888-627-8113, Please indicate you are attending the GutSea Vet Conference for the special discounted group rate on your room.**
- For extended stays, the discounted room rate is also available for 3 days before and 3 days after GutSea.
- You will need to guarantee your reservation with a credit card (one night’s deposit). This deposit is refundable with notice by Jan. 26, 2017.

GutSea Group Rates at Sheraton Kauai Resort

| Room Type | Daily Rate (Single or Double Occupancy) | Rate for Each Additional Occupant, 13 yr age or over (Max. of 4 persons)* | Additional Resort Fee (daily)** | Additional Taxes (daily) |
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| Garden View Room | \$189 | \$70 per person | \$15 | 13.416 % |
| Deluxe Oceanfront Room | \$269 | \$70 per person | \$15 | 13.416 % |

* Children 12 yrs of age and under can stay with parents at no extra charge, up to maximum of 4 occupants.

** Resort Fee: The daily resort activity fee of \$30 is group discounted by 50% to \$15/day for GutSea participants.



No Show Policy – Confirmed reservations that fail to arrive (no show) will be charged for the entire stay.

Early Departure Policy – Individuals checking out early will be charged 2 nights room plus tax.

Smoke Free Policy – The Sheraton Kauai Resort is a smoke free facility. Smoking is prohibited.

About the Sheraton Kauai Resort

<http://www.sheraton-kauai.com/>

(GutSea Reservations: 888-627-8113; Main Phone: 808-742-1661; Address: 2440 Hoonani Road, Koloa, HI 96756)

The Sheraton Kauai Resort occupies a premier oceanfront location on 20 acres along the world-renowned Poipu Beach on the sunny South shore of Kauai, with swimming, snorkeling, surfing, and paddle boarding just a few steps away. Poipu Beach has been named one of the top 10 beaches in America. The Sheraton's guest rooms are the closest you can get to the ocean on the island of Kauai. The resort has two pools (depicted below) – one ocean side pool and a garden side pool. It has two restaurants (Rumfire and Lava's), and a fitness center and spa. The resort has considerable experience hosting medical groups, and has all the conference facilities and amenities to support an exceptional GutSea Conference experience. In addition to excellent meeting space, the resort has beautiful oceanview locations for our daily GutSea breakfasts, Saturday Welcome Receptions, daily Happy Hour Receptions, and our final night Farewell Banquet. The on-site resort activity desk and concierge can help arrange excursions. The beach activity center has gear available for water sports. The Sheraton Kauai is walking distance (5 to 10 min) to several shops and restaurants and two shopping centers. There are 27 restaurants within a 2 mile radius. The PGA Poipu Bay Golf Course is nearby. It is a 10 min drive to grocery; 20 to 30 min from airport. 40 min. to Waimea Canyon (see below) and 1 hour from East and North shore points of interest. Some of the features and amenities at Sheraton Kauai Resort are highlighted in this short video: http://www.sheraton-kauai.com/video_tour.aspx.



Ocean Side Pool



Garden Pool

Activities and Attractions in Kauai

(See the Hawaii Visitors Bureau website at: <http://www.gohawaii.com/kauai/>)

Kauai is known as “The Garden Isle” and is the oldest and northernmost Hawaiian island. Kauai is world famous for its amazing beauty with picturesque beaches, mountains, canyons, rivers, waterfalls, and rainforests. For its beauty, Kauai has been the backdrop for dozens of movies, including all of the Jurassic movies, Pirates of the Caribbean, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Avatar, Lord of the Flies, Gilligan’s Island, South Pacific, and many more.

- **The Sheraton Kauai Resort** – On-site activities include swimming, beach and water sports, yoga classes, arts and crafts, tidepool exploration, introductory SCUBA, hula lessons, lei making, lawn games, etc.
- **Beaches** – The resort is located on Poipu Beach, which is one of the best beaches in Kauai for swimming and water sports. A short walk down the beach is Poipu Beach Park, which has lifeguards and a protected ocean lagoon suitable for young children. Kauai has other nice beaches accessible by car, but some are not recommended for swimming due to reef, rocks, and strong currents.
- **Waimea Canyon** – Also called the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific”, is 40 min. drive from the resort. An amazing scenic drive along the canyon rim; also canyon hiking and biking options are available for the adventurous.
- **Napali Coast** – This picturesque cliff-lined coast on the Northwest side of Kauai is not accessible by road. It can be seen from the top of Waimea Canyon Rd., or by helicopter tour, boat tour, guided kayak tour, or hiking.
- **Hiking** – The historic and beautiful Koloa Heritage Trail (Mahalepu Trail) is near the resort and runs for 10 miles along the south shore. Also various rainforest hikes and water fall hikes are available. Kokee State Park near Waimea Canyon has 45 miles of scenic hiking trails up to 4,200 feet above sea level.
- **Kayaking** – near the resort at Poipu Beach; on the Wailua River, or in the ocean along the scenic Napali Coast.
- **Horseback Riding** – scenic rides for unique sightseeing opportunities.
- **Scuba Diving** – Scuba boat & shore dives readily available with 5-star PADI dive shops located near the resort.
- **Ziplining** – above the tropical rainforest.
- **Golf** – Two golf courses (Kiahuna and PGA Poipu Bay) are near the resort.
- **Wildlife Watching** – The Poipu Beach area near the resort is frequented by the endangered monk seals of Hawaii, Hawaiian green sea turtles, and humpback whales (GutSea is during peak whale season in Hawaii).
- **Ocean Excursions from Port Allen Harbor** – 15 minute drive from the resort; a departure point for snorkel tours and sunset cruises of the Napali Coast.
- **Helicopter tours of the island** – 20 minute drive from the resort; spectacular views of the Napali Coast, Waimea canyon, waterfalls, mountainscapes, and rainforest.



Napali Coast of Kauai

Getting There - Travel to Kauai in Hawaii

Fly into Kauai's Lihue Airport:

- **Option 1:** Some flights go directly to Kauai's Lihue Airport from selected US mainland cities on American, United, and possibly a few other carriers.
- **Option 2:** Many commercial carriers fly direct from various mainland cities to Honolulu (Oahu) or Maui, then take a short 20 to 30 minute inter-island connecting flight on Hawaiian Air to Lihue Airport in Kauai.

Transport from Lihue Airport to Sheraton Kauai Resort:

The hotel does not offer airport shuttle service. The hotel is 20 to 30 minutes drive from the airport.

- At airport, curbside taxi and limo services are available to transport visitors to the hotel.
- Rental cars - available at airport; also useful for sightseeing excursions around the island.

Transportation During Your Stay:

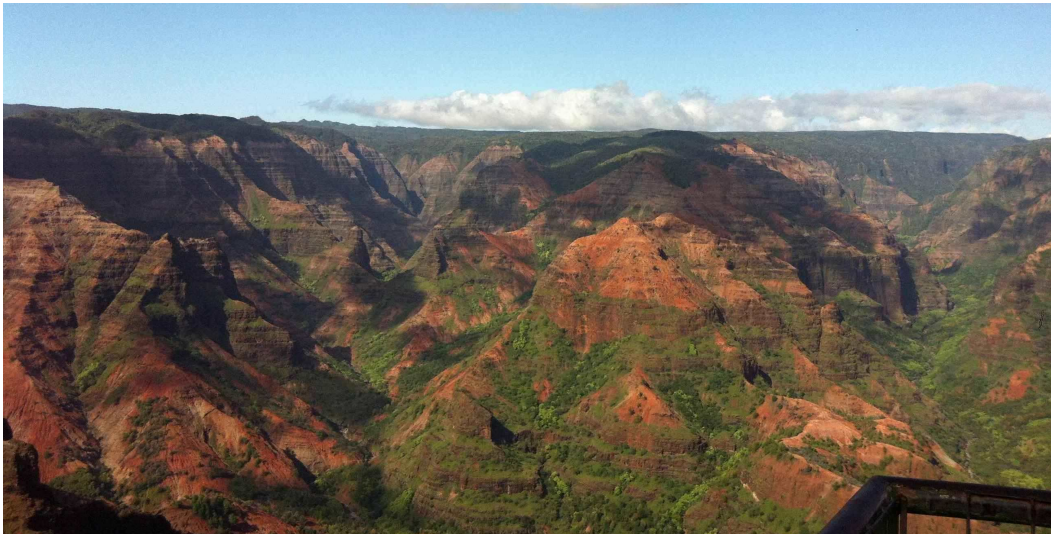
- Sightseeing around the island is easiest with a rental car. Full-service car rentals are available at the Lihue airport. In addition, day rentals are available on site at the resort at the Dollar Car Rental desk.
- Some tours and excursions have a pick-up transport service for guests. Consult the concierge or activity desk.
- The hotel concierge can arrange for taxi and limo services.

Contacts for Additional Information

For questions or additional information contact the Conference Coordinators:

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Many thanks to our GutSea sponsors:



Waimea Canyon; Kauai