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HANMI OCCUPANCY AT 29% IN MARCH 2026

SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS – The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) reported 29.47% average occupancy rate among nine member hotels for March 2026, 15% higher than 34.73% in March 2025. HANMI is still compiling April 2026 data as hotels focus on full recovery from Super Typhoon Sinlaku in mid-April.

The March 2026 occupancy rates reflect a reduction in total room inventory, due to this year's temporary closure of GrandVrio Resort Saipan and the non-inclusion of March statistics from Laolao Bay Golf Resort. A total of 14,618 of 49,599 available room nights were sold in March 2026, compared to 18,011 of 51,856 available room nights reported sold in March 2025. Average room rates for March 2026 were \$100.49, compared to \$112.77 in March 2025.

The association is anticipating the restart of international flights on June 20 with the completion of repairs to Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport, as announced by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

"We're pleased to report that several hotels – including Aqua Resort Club, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, and Surfrider Resort Hotel - are receiving guests again, while other HANMI member properties are opening soon or may need a bit more time to finish repairs," said HANMI Chairman Ivan Quichocho. "We are looking forward to the reboot of our tourism economy with the resumption of international flights beginning June 20. We sincerely thank everyone who continues to work to lift our community...to get people back on their feet, to clean up, and to prepare to share our beautiful islands with the world once again."

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club Saipan, Aquarius Beach Tower, Century Hotel, Coral Ocean Resort, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Saipan World Resort, and Surfrider Resort Hotel, although LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort March 2026 is not included in the March 2026 report.

"Travel destinations around the world continue to face challenges, from rising fuel costs to shifting market conditions, and the Marianas is no exception," said Quichocho. "What's encouraging is that awareness of our destination continues to grow. Key partners in Washington, D.C., are becoming more aware of the economic tools the commonwealth needs to be self-sufficient, while relief agencies, recovery workers, and volunteers from across the nation are contributing to our recovery efforts as they experience our community for themselves. At the same time, potential visitors throughout Asia and beyond are seeing what we already know—that the Marianas remains united, welcoming, naturally beautiful, and truly Far From Ordinary."

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of The Marianas.

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