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HAWAII'S WORLD CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July – December 2018

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JULY 2018

- ◆ **July 4, 2018**
Kaua'i Hospice Concert in the Sky – This annual event is a fundraiser for Kaua'i Hospice, and touts the largest display of aerial fireworks on the island along with hula, local music, rides, games, local products for sale, and an auction. Top hotels and restaurants provide great food for this highly anticipated event. For more information, visit KauaiHospice.org
- ◆ **July 14-15, 2018**
Hale'iwa Arts Festival Summer (O'ahu) – Discover and experience a broad spectrum of arts as local artists showcase their original masterpieces at Hale'iwa Beach Park. Festival program offerings have included visual and performing arts, chalk art events, children's art displays, and workshops in support of arts education programs in the North Shore community. For more information, visit HaleiwaArtsFestival.org
- ◆ **July 21-22, 2018**
Prince Lot Hula Festival (O'ahu) – This event, named in honor of the beloved Kamehameha V, brings the community together at 'Iolani Palace for a hula exhibition showcasing new and experienced *hālau* (hula school). Learn about Hawaiian culture with food and refreshments, traditional games, lomilomi massages, and arts and crafts like lauhala weaving, kapa, and ipu making. For more information, visit MoanaluaGardensFoundation.org
- ◆ **July 15, 2018**
48th Annual 'Ukulele Festival (O'ahu) – This concert at Kapi'olani Park is by far the largest of its kind in the world, attracting an audience of thousands. The free concert showcases the finest 'ukulele players, including national musicians, Hawaii's top entertainers, and a 'ukulele orchestra of more than 800 students. The festival also offers food booths and informational displays. For more information, visit UkuleleFestivalHawaii.org
- ◆ **July 20-29, 2018**
Kōloa Plantation Days (Kaua'i) – Held in the area where Hawaii's first sugar plantation was founded in 1835, Kōloa Plantation Days comprises a lively, family-oriented slate of events that showcase the area's social and natural history along with diverse cultural traditions. Bring the family to celebrate through music, dance, costumes, and Hawaiian food throughout this 10-day

festival. For more information, visit KoloaPlantationDays.com

◆ **July 27th, 2018**

The Joy of Sake (O'ahu) – This is one of the largest sake-tasting events held outside of Japan, celebrating Hawai'i's love for sake. The samples guests enjoy are also submitted as entries to the U.S. National Sake Appraisal, a rigorous blind tasting with 10 judges from Japan. The U.S. Honolulu's finest restaurants are also represented as local chefs prepare sushi and other tantalizing dishes to complement the sake. For more information, visit JoyofSake.com

AUGUST 2018

◆ **August 4-5, 2018**

Heiva I Kaua'i Iorana Tahiti (Kaua'i) – This international Tahitian dance and drum competition held at Kapa'a Beach Park features unique, exciting, and colorful solo and group performances, in addition to traditional and contemporary Tahitian style drumming. Multi-cultural workshops and exhibitions, Tahitian dance, and singing are also featured. For more information, visit HeivalKauai.com

◆ **August 4-12, 2018**

Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (island of Hawai'i) – Holding its 59th annual tournament, the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament combines five days of fishing off the beautiful Kona Coast with several other social and cultural events throughout the week. More than 30 teams from around the world are expected to compete for the coveted Governor's Trophy. For more information, visit HIBTFishing.com.

◆ **August 5, 2018**

78th Nā Hula Festival (O'ahu) – Celebrating the artistry and grace of hula, Hawai'i's longest running non-competitive hula event is held annually at Kapi'olani Park Bandstand. Put together by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the event brings respected *kumu hula* (hula teachers) from the community to *hō'ike* (showcase) their students. For more information, visit Honolulu.gov/Parks

◆ **August 17-19, 2018**

Made In Hawai'i Festival (O'ahu) – Popular among visitors and residents alike, this event is held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall and Arena, and features nearly 400 exhibitors showcasing food products, books, gifts, apparel and jewelry, arts and crafts, produce and more home-grown products all made in Hawai'i. Attendees enjoy free cooking demonstrations and live musical performances. For more information, visit MadeInHawaiiFestival.com

◆ **August 18, 2018**

Great Waikiki Beer Festival (O'ahu) – One of Hawai'i's largest beer events returns to Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The "beer-o-licious" summer festival will feature more than 100 beers from breweries ranging from local producers to eminent national breweries. Beer-friendly foods will be available and top local entertainment will illuminate the evening with music. For more information, visit HiltonHawaiianVillage.com

◆ **August 18-26, 2018**

Duke's OceanFest (O'ahu) – The week-long festival will feature a variety of ocean sports events, including longboard surfing, paddleboard racing, tandem surfing, surf polo, stand-up paddling, and a beach volleyball tournament in honor of the legend, Duke Kahanamoku. Kahanamoku was a Native Hawaiian swimmer said to have popularized the ancient sport of surfing. The week's festivities culminate with the Duke's Statue lei draping ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of his birthday. The fest will also raise funds for the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation's (ODKF) college scholarships and athletic grants program. For more information, visit DukesOceanFest.com

SEPTEMBER 2018

◆ **September 1-2, 2018**

Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) – From its humble beginnings to its status as one of Hawai'i's premier ethnic festivals, attracting more than 50,000 visitors worldwide, the annual event continues to share the Okinawan culture with the public through demonstrations of calligraphy, flower arrangement, and traditional attire, with exciting cultural performances and delicious traditional delicacies, such as *andagi* (Okinawan doughnut) and *andadog* (Okinawan corndog). For more information, visit OkinawanFestival.com

◆ **September 2, 2018**

The Kaua'i Marathon – This 26.2-mile race promises to keep runners inspired as the course features sparkling blue waters, pristine white sand beaches, and lush rainforests of Kaua'i. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities to support the community of Hawai'i. For more information, visit TheKauaiMarathon.com

◆ **September 7 – October 13, 2018**

Festivals of Aloha (Maui, Lāna'i and Moloka'i) – Throughout September and October, the islands of Maui Nui honor Native Hawaiian culture and traditions with a festive lineup of events including a parade followed by *ho'olaule'a* (celebration), a poke contest, *keiki* (child) craft making, and a *mu'umu'u* (woman's gown) and aloha shirt contest. The festivals will feature endless live entertainment and *'ono* (delicious) food. For more information, visit FestivalsOfAloha.com

◆ **September 7, 8, 15, 2018**

Hawai'i Island Festival – 30 Days of Aloha – The island of Hawai'i celebrates Hawaiian culture and tradition with an entire month of activities and events featuring music, dance, and more. Signature events include the Ms. Aloha Nui pageant, the Kindy Sproat Falsetto & Storytelling contest, the Waimea Annual Paniolo Parade, and a poke contest. For more information, visit HawaiiIslandFestival.org

◆ **September 1, 15, 22, 29, 2018**

Aloha Festivals (O'ahu) – Preserving the unique traditions of the islands, Aloha Festivals is a cultural showcase of Hawai'i's music, dance and history, with events celebrated throughout the month. The festivals feature pageantry, parades, performances, and activities for families. Some of the

highlights include the floral parade and the Waikiki *ho'olaule'a* (celebration), Hawai'i's largest annual block party. For more information, visit AlohaFestivals.com

◆ **September 21, 2018**

REHAB's Joy of Food and Wine (O'ahu) – A food and wine connoisseur's delight held at the luxurious Halekulani Hotel in Waikiki, this annual event features a collection of the world's finest wines paired with exquisite French culinary creations. For more information, visit RehabFoundation.com

◆ **September 14-17, 2018**

Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds (island of Hawai'i) – This nature adventure invites island visitors and residents to discover and celebrate the diversity of Hawai'i's birdlife and the habitats that support them. The annual festival supports the Hawai'i Island Coast to Coast Birding Trail and the Hawai'i Wildlife Center. For more information, visit BirdFestHawaii.com

◆ **September 22, 2018**

Ko Olina Children's Film & Music Festival (O'ahu) – The festival features interactive video and music activities, live stage performances, family-friendly movies from Disney/Pixar and the Hawaii International Film Festival, and a sunset finale feature film on the beach. Children's Film & Music Festival attendees can enjoy special room rates at Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa and the Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina. For more information, visit KoOlinaChildrensFestival.com

◆ **September 23, 2018**

Na Wahine O Ke Kai (Moloka'i, O'ahu) – Founded in 1979, this prestigious women's Moloka'i to O'ahu canoe race has flourished over the years and attracted paddlers from all over the world. Celebrate and honor their endurance, devotion and sportsmanship, as more than 70 women's teams race to cross the challenging Ka'iwi Channel. For more information, visit NaWahineOKeKai.com

◆ **September 23-29, 2018**

Kaua'i Mokihana Festival – Named in honor of the highly treasured Mokihana flower and green berry found only in Kaua'i's forests, the festival is a week-long celebration of Hawaiian culture. Experience the rich heritage of the island through music, educational lectures, and hula competitions. For more information, visit MalieFoundation.org

◆ **September 30, 2018**

Honolulu Century Ride (O'ahu) – Hawai'i's largest cycling event features one of the most beautiful bike routes in the world. Riders cycle 100 miles on Oahu's eastern shores starting from Kapiolani Park, where they will ride through Waikiki passing by mountainous Diamond Head, Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo, and finally Kailua before riding back to Kapiolani Park. For more information, visit HBL.org

◆ **September 30, 2018**

13th Annual Maui 'Ukulele Festival – The annual festival is a full afternoon of 'ukulele music and food hosted at the first-class venue, the Maui Arts & Cultural Center. Bring your lawn chairs or

roll out a blanket on the lawn and enjoy some of the islands' favorite 'ukulele players. For more information, visit UkuleleFestivalHawaii.org

OCTOBER 2018

◆ October 6-28, 2018

Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival (island of Hawai'i, O'ahu and Maui) – Featuring an exciting roster of internationally renowned master chefs, culinary personalities, and wine and spirit producers, this prestigious event attracts national and international attention to the extraordinary culinary talent and the diversity of quality locally grown products in Hawai'i. Each festival event features dishes that showcase the state's bounty of local produce, seafood, and meats. For more information, visit HawaiiFoodandWineFestival.com

◆ October 7, 2018

Hawaiian Airlines Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Race (Moloka'i and O'ahu) –Moloka'i Hoe attracts more than 1,000 paddlers from around the world to compete in the world's most prestigious outrigger canoe race. The competition starts at Hale O Lono on Moloka'i's west side crossing 38+ miles of open-ocean in the Ka'iwi Channel and finishes at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki. For more information, visit MolokaiHoe.com

◆ October 9-14, 2018

Hawaii Yoga Festival (island of Hawai'i) – The sixth annual Hawaii Yoga Festival is returning to Kalani retreat center in rain-forested Kalapana-Kapoho. This year's festival will feature local, organic, and whole meals, excursions to local cultural sites, diverse yoga classes with a focus on Pratyahara, and digital detox teachings presented by a diverse faculty from Hawai'i and around the world. Participants will be invited to live fully in the present moment, bathed in the healing power of nature. For more information, visit HawaiiYogaFestival.com

◆ October 13, 2018

IRONMAN World Championship (island of Hawai'i) – Witness 1,900 of the strongest triathletes compete in one of the world's most prestigious challenges that sports has to offer, the IRONMAN World Championship in Kona. With a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run through tough ocean waves and challenging lava-covered terrain, this event truly defines the sport where "average" people get to compete alongside the best in the world. For more information, visit IronMan.com

◆ October 13, 2018

Eo e Emalani i Alaka'i (Kaua'i) – Each year, *kumu hula* (hula masters) and their dancers honor Hawai'i's beloved Queen Emma with inspiring performances that make for a truly authentic and powerful Hawaiian cultural experience. Queen Emma made many contributions to her people and the land, and this event pays tribute to her humanitarian spirit. For more information, visit Kokee.org

◆ **October 14, 2018**

Maui Marathon and Half-Marathon – Recognized as one of the 10 most scenic marathons in the country, this road race sends runners across Maui's mountains, seaside highways, and at times within 50 feet of the Pacific Ocean. For more information, visit MauiMarathonHawaii.com

◆ **October 20, 2018**

Honolulu Pride Parade & Festival (O'ahu) – Celebrate the rainbow as Hawai'i's largest LGBTQ community event returns for a jam-packed day. The colorful parade will begin at Sandy Beach and take marchers through Waikīkī to Waikiki Shell, where the festival celebration takes place. Experience live music, inspirational speeches, and more. For more information, visit HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com

◆ **October 27, 2018**

XTERRA Kapalua Trail Run – 3.3/5/10km (Maui) – Runners of all ages and skill levels can experience the famous world championship XTERRA run course featuring an off-road trail winding through Maui's dense forests and stunning oceanfront scenery. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com

◆ **October 28, 2018**

XTERRA World Championship Off-Road Triathlon (Maui) – This extreme sport triathlon tests the endurance of qualified athletes from more than 20 countries through a Maui course noted for its rough terrain and climate. The course begins with a 1.5K swim, followed by a 32K bike ride on the slopes of the West Maui Mountains, and ends with a 10.5K trail run through forest trails and beach sand. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com

NOVEMBER 2018

- ◆ **November 8-18, 2018**
Hawai'i International Film Festival (O'ahu) – Each year, more than 70,000 film enthusiasts visit this premier cinematic event in the Pacific that boasts more than a dozen screening sites across six islands. This festival brings Asian-Pacific feature films, documentaries, and film shorts into the limelight during its entertaining seminars, workshops, and special award presentations. For more information, visit HIFF.org.

- ◆ **November 9-18, 2018**
Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) – Hawai'i's longest-running food festival celebrates the culture behind Kona's world famous coffee! The 10-day festival offers a firsthand look at Kona's rich coffee history through food and drink tastings, hands-on cultural events, plantation and mill tours, coffee art exhibits, and more. For more information, visit KonaCoffeeFest.com

- ◆ **November 10, 2018**
Old Koloa Sugar Mill Run (Kaua'i) – This is Kauai's premier annual 5K, 10K, Half Marathon Run, and non-competitive 5K walk. All proceeds from this event will go toward local scholarships for students at the University of Hawai'i, Kaua'i Community College. The run is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Kaua'i, and grants students the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). For more information, visit OldKoloaSugarMillRun.org

- ◆ **November 19-21, 2018**
Maui Jim Maui Invitational (Championship Round) – Hosted by Chaminade University of Honolulu, the Maui Jim Maui Invitational is considered the best early-season college basketball tournament with the nation's top ranked teams. The lively sporting event will take place in front of an exciting crowd at the Lahaina Civic Center. For more information, visit MauiInvitational.com

- ◆ **November 25 – December 6, 2018**
Vans World Cup of Surfing (O'ahu) – This professional surfing event is held on the North Shore of O'ahu, a coastline notorious in the surfing world for its 50 foot winter swells. Catch the best big wave surfers as they perform at the highest level at one of the most exciting surf events in the world. For more information, visit TripleCrownOfSurfing.com

DECEMBER 2017

- ◆ **December 1, 2018**
Waimea Christmas Twilight Parade (island of Hawai'i) - Hawai'i's second-longest-running parade, will celebrate its 58th run on Dec. 1, in the parade's namesake town. This year is themed "Truckers Light the Town" and will feature a huge brigade of festively lighted trucks that include dozens of units representing Waimea *keiki* (children) to *kupuna* (ancestors) including churches, schools, community organizations, ranches and businesses. As always, Santa has promised to

ride in the parade and afterwards, will visit with keiki at Parker Ranch Center's Fireside Food Court. For more information, visit WaimeaTown.org

◆ **December 1, 2018 – January 1, 2018**

Honolulu City Lights (O'ahu) – Experience the Christmas spirit come alive in downtown Honolulu as Honolulu Hale and the Civic Center grounds are transformed into a spectacular Christmas display that features various themed Christmas trees and wreaths, gingerbread houses, and gigantic statues of Mr. and Mrs. Claus – Hawaiian style. The opening night kicks off the month-long celebration with various food booths, *keiki* (child) rides, the annual tree-lighting ceremony, electric light parade, and live entertainment. For more information, visit HonoluluCityLights.org

◆ **December 1, 2018**

Festival of Lights/Lights on Rice Parade (Kaua'i) – The island of Kaua'i kicks off the holidays with the must-see annual lighting of Christmas decorations on the grounds of the Historic County Building. The festivities will center around the parade on Rice Street, with live local entertainment and festive Christmas caroling. For more information, visit FestivalofLights.com

◆ **December 2, 2018**

XTERRA Trail Run World Championship (O'ahu) – This 21-kilometer half-marathon event features an off-road course across hills, flat valley trails, and streams throughout the majestic Kualoa Ranch. As participants of all ages work their way to the finish line, they'll be treated to picturesque views of Ka'a'awa Valley and the white sandy beaches on O'ahu's northeast shore. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com

◆ **December 9, 2018**

Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu) – As the fourth largest marathon in the United States, the Honolulu Marathon starts its 26.2-mile course in downtown Honolulu. Participants will run through Waikiki to Hawaii Kai before turning back and finishing the in Kapi'olani Park. The run includes spectacular views alongside the world famous Waikiki Beach and Lē'ahi (Diamond Head). For more information, visit HonoluluMarathon.org

◆ **December 22, 23, & 25, 2018**

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic (O'ahu) – Experience the exciting collegiate basketball tournament held at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu, featuring eight teams to play twelve games. The family-friendly tournament includes three days of tournament play, practices, events and travel experiences unique to the islands of Hawai'i. For more information, visit DiamondHeadClassic.com

◆ **December 22, 2018**

Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu) – Witness one of college football's most exciting bowl games as it kicks off at Aloha Stadium just before Christmas. The game continues to be the first non-all-star post-season game in Hawai'i since December 2000 when the O'ahu Bowl and the Aloha Bowl were played in Honolulu. For more information, visit SheratonHawaiiBowl.com

◆ **December 31, 2018**

2018 New Year's Eve Celebration at Po'ipū Beach Park (Kaua'i) – Ring in the new year and celebrate at one of the top-ranked beaches in the nation. This family-friendly event offers a big outdoor movie screening, a spectacular firework show, and 'ono (delicious) beachside food trucks. For more information, visit www.PoipuBeach.org

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