



News, Updates and Aloha from Oahu

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On behalf of the Oahu Visitors Bureau, we hope you have started 2021 off safely and healthily. As Hawaii welcomes visitors back to its shores, Oahu's tourism industry continues to take precautions to ensure a safe and seamless arrival process and on-island experience for travelers. For more information, visit hawaii-covid19.com.

While the health and safety of our residents, communities and visitors remain the priority for the Oahu Visitors Bureau, we are also working with the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau and Hawaii Tourism Authority to encourage mindful travel through programs such as the Malama Hawaii Campaign. Malama means to take care of, preserve and protect. Through Malama Hawaii, visitors can have a more meaningful vacation while staying an extra night for free when participating in a voluntourism activity that helps the destination and enriches the experience for the visitor. For more information and participating partners, visit gohawaii.com/malama.





Currently Oahu has entered the City & County of Honolulu's Tier 3 of their COVID-19 Reopening Strategy. In this less restrictive level, social gatherings now permit up to 10 people, and restaurants and attractions now allow groups of 10 people regardless of household, among other changes. Businesses, operations, residents and visitors must still comply with social-distancing and face-covering requirements as outlined in the governor's emergency order. For more information, visit oneoahu.org/reopening-tier3

Finally, we are excited to share with you the latest news and updates from Oahu's attractions, restaurants and hotels. Below is a glimpse of what you can expect when visiting Oahu. We look forward to sharing new programs and offerings with you throughout the year.



Restaurants

Artizen

Local husband and wife team and chefs Michelle Karr-Ueoka and Wade Ueoka have recently resurrected Artizen, the casual downtown café that closed last year. The eatery has opened in the Symphony Honolulu building, with future plans to reopen the popular MW Restaurant upstairs in the same location. artizenbymw.com

Hau Tree - Kaimana Beach Hotel

The Hau Tree in the newly refreshed Kaimana Beach Hotel has been reimagined as a casual beach-centric restaurant from nationally-celebrated chef Chris Kajioka and chef de cuisine Alan Takasaki. It offers beachside brunch, lunch and casual dinner. hautree.com

‘Ili ‘Ili Cash & Carry

The team behind V-Lounge and Prima return with ‘Ili‘ili Cash and Carry, a new pizza and hoagie shop in Moilili, a neighborhood in Honolulu. Menu items include names like loverboy, rip city and the off-white pizza and traditional sandwiches of mortadella, caprese and Italian.

iliilicashandcarry.com



KAHALA MKT. by Foodland

Foodland, Hawaii’s largest locally owned grocery retailer, recently opened KAHALA MKT. by Foodland and its all-day eatery, et al., in November 2020. It anchors the new Kuono Marketplace at Kahala – a retail and dining center developed by Kamehameha Schools. The newly imagined 13,000 square-foot store offers an intimate, welcoming combination of neighborhood market, food destination and full-service eatery and bar.

kahalamkt.com



M by Chef Mavro

James Beard and AAA Five Diamond award-winning fine dining restaurant Chef Mavro recently launched M by Chef Mavro. The casual neighborhood bistro concept is led by new owner and chef, Jeremy Shigekane. In-restaurant and outdoor dinner service is offered Thursday-Saturday from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

mbychefmavrorestaurant.com

Ohana Hale Marketplace

Located within Ward Village in the heart of Kakaako, Ohana Hale Marketplace is a unique platform to support and sustain local small businesses. With over 250 retail spaces, it is the largest indoor marketplace in all of Hawaii, providing an exclusive shopping experience for residents and visitors alike. Guests can feast on the popular spam katsu musubi from Nana Ai Katsu, white truffle and bacon lobster rolls at Fat Cheeks Hawaii or unique Chinese hamburgers from Xian Taste. ohmhawaii.com

Papa Kurt’s

Acclaimed Senia chef Chris Kajioka partnered with another celebrated chef, Marc Noguchi, to debut a new mom-and-pop place called Papa Kurt's, which honors their late mentor Kurt Hirabara of Hirabara Farms. With a twist on nostalgia, the menu highlights Kurt's favorite foods which include old school style saimin, burgers, French fries and teriyaki beef sticks. papakurts.com

Piccola Onda and Double Fat Ice Cream

Two new al fresco eating options have launched at the 'Alohilani Resort in Waikiki. Piccola Onda serves classic Roman style Italian fare, headed by Andrea Onetti. Onetti partnered with Will Chen to launch a casual food truck and serves fresh made pastas, rustic ciabatta sandwiches and seasonal inspirations. Double Fat Ice Cream, the brainchild of Brandon Lee & Will Chen, features creative spins on locally made ice creams and sorbets with a vast array of toppings. Both places are located on the back lot of 'Alohilani Resort, adjacent to the Greetings Tour Mural on Kealohilani Avenue. piccolaondahi.com



Pizza Mamo

Debuting in late 2020, Pizza Mamo offers Brooklyn and Detroit style pizza made with the finest ingredients using Old World techniques in Honolulu's historic Chinatown. eatpizamamo.com

Senia

Senia looks to reopen for dine-in service in April 2021. To ensure everyone's safety, the restaurant will require its team to be vaccinated prior to reopening, the building's air system has been fitted with both ionizers and a UV filter, and physical barriers now separate tables. The restaurant will also continue its takeaway program for those who prefer to dine at home. restaurantenia.com



Activities, Attractions & Venues

Battleship Missouri Memorial

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open and welcomes guests aboard America's last battleship 4 days a week, Wednesdays - Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It is also encouraging students to continue engaging, learning and exploring remotely during this unprecedented time. Students are invited to take a virtual field trip to the Mighty Mo and experience America's last battleship. The Battleship Missouri Memorial's "Online in the Classroom" began in 2009 and has since "traveled" over one million miles to classrooms all over the world. Bringing the history of the USS Missouri to life for those who are unable to visit the ship in person, this online, educational program has allowed students in classrooms from countries including, the U.S., Canada, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, India, Morocco, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, the unique chance to learn more about the historic Mighty Mo. The one-hour virtual field trip takes students on a tour back in time, explaining the ship's place in history, length of service, and explains the impressive magnitude of her size and power of her guns. The discussion also includes a more in-depth conversation about World War II and the Missouri's famous role in that war. Each field trip concludes with a student-based question and answer session. Classes are available from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday – Saturday HST. In order to take part in the Battleship Missouri Memorial's virtual field trip, schools will need a Zoom account, which can be created for free, a web-enabled camera, speakers, and computer with reliable internet and YouTube access. USSMissouri.org



Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

Bishop Museum presents an original exhibition, (Re)Generations: Challenging Scientific Racism in Hawaii, in its J. M. Long Gallery open now through Oct. 24, 2021. The exhibition is based on the Sullivan Collection—photographs and plaster busts of Native Hawaiians collected during the 1920s. The images and busts were originally created to measure the physical features of Native Hawaiian people in an anthropological study of

race associated with the eugenics movement. In addition to serving as an exposition and rebuttal of the false and harmful claims of race science, the exhibition will show how, despite their problematic and racist origins, these photographs and busts are “regenerated” today, through Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) descendant communities doing genealogical research, revisiting these photographs, and adding their own connections, histories, and memories.

bishopmuseum.org

Hawaii CinemAttractions

Hawaii CinemAttractions will unveil Hawaii’s hottest new family fun attraction: a state-of-the-art immersive cinematic 4DFX experience, showcasing a series of specially created full motion and sensory effects programmed films. The special effects built into the seats and environment include mist and scent spray, wind blasts and overhead fans, seat back and bottom rumblers, leg ticklers and more, all synchronized to the films to create an exhilarating experience for the whole family. The venue will also offer a Virtual Reality (VR) Entertainment Lounge as well as a merchandise and concession shop featuring local and unique souvenirs, snacks, and beverages. 4dfxhawaii.com



Hawaiian Diving Adventures

With additional COVID-related safety procedures, Hawaiian Diving Adventures is open and diving daily. Smaller diving groups and social distancing protocols ensure everyone can stay safe on the boat while still having amazing dives underwater. hawaiidiving.com

Honolulu Zoo

The ZOOMfari is a fun, engaging virtual tour led by a knowledgeable and passionate Zoo Educator through a variety of popular areas in the Zoo. ZOOM-to-You is a virtual presentation that includes biofacts, resources, and educational fun with one of the Zoo Educators. All presentations are developed to address Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for various grade levels. honolulu zoo.org

Kō Hana Distillers

Kō Hana distillers is open for tours by reservation and tastings by walk-in. Visitors can tour Kō Hana’s Kunia farm to learn about the history and culture behind heirloom Hawaiian sugarcane,

and then experience how Kō Hana hand harvests, presses and distills these cane varieties into the finest rum. Kō Hana has also released Kō Hana Koa – the world’s first koa wood finished rum. After being distilled, this select rum rests in an oak barrel, then is finished in a koa barrel. The two-year aging process results in a phenomenal spirit – cask strength with a distinctly red hue.

kohanarum.com

Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum, a \$20 million, 13,000-square-foot USS Bowfin submarine museum, opened in February 2021 with a new name and striking look that charts the course of Navy undersea duty from the loss of the F4’s 21 hands off Honolulu in 1915 up through the newest \$6.5 billion Columbia-class ballistic missile submarines. It is now open from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily.

pacificfleetsubmarinemuseum.org

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum has reopened to the public and is now home to Blue Angel #4. Blue Angel #4 arrived at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum in February and guests can experience the thrill of seeing a Blue Angel live and in person, while also learning about the iconic flight demonstration crew’s ties to World War II.

pearlharboraviationmuseum.org



Polynesian Cultural Center

The Polynesian Cultural Center welcomes guests back safely with limited interactive guest experiences including visits to the Samoan Village, an extended format of the Center’s new “Ali’i Lū’au featuring ‘Onipa’a, A Tribute to Queen Lili’uokalani,” a new canoe excursion to explore the Center’s lagoon and villages, and their award-winning evening show, “HĀ: Breath of Life.” Increased sanitation efforts including use of electrostatic sanitizing methods, physical distancing, and additional sanitation stations available for all guests while visiting the Center. polynesia.com

Segway of Hawaii

Segway of Hawaii is open and welcoming visitors on tour. All tours take place outdoors and it now offers informative tours in Waikiki and Kakaako. segwayofhawaii.com

Sunset Ranch

Sunset Ranch is open for weddings, elopements and private dinners and is the exclusive boutique venue of Oahu’s North Shore. The popular Sunset Ranch “Standard Package” and “Signature Package” are available for couples who are wanting to host traditional weddings.

sunsetranchhawaii.com



Waikiki Aquarium

While Waikiki Aquarium remains closed, it is offering various virtual experiences, classes, and activities on its website and through social media. waikikiaquarium.org

Waikiki Beach Walk

Waikiki Beach Walk now offers a Sunday morning hula class out on Waikiki Beach Walk's Plaza from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. This hour-long class is reserved for up to 10 individuals. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Visitors can also enjoy live music at Waikiki Beach Walk's plaza stage on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The shows are also streamed on Waikiki Beach Walk's Facebook and Instagram accounts. The Farmer's Market is back every Wednesday from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. featuring local vendors and artisans at the Waikiki Beach Walk plaza. waikikibeachwalk.com



Hotels & Resorts

Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa

The popular KA WA‘A Luau is returning at Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa starting on March 27. The luau immerses guests in the live music, traditional dance and ancient stories of Hawaii through Disney’s signature entertainment. Prior to the show, guests are encouraged to participate in family activities that are now enjoyed from the comfort of their own table. These activities include flower arranging and poi pounding. After dinner, guests are treated to an enchanting journey through Hawaiian history and discover its deep cultural roots in canoe (wa‘a) exploration, which brought the first explorers to the shores of Ko Olina. The luau is offered three nights per week at 5 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations can be made online, or by calling (844) 284-7644.

disneyaulani.com

ESPACIO

In recognition of the January 1, 2021 enactment of Hawaii’s ban on the sale of reef-damaging sunscreens, ESPACIO has partnered with the Japanese beauty brand Shiseido to offer new Hawaii-compliant sunscreens as a first-of-its-kind guest amenity. ESPACIO is the first hotel in the U.S. to offer guests Shiseido’s new invisible ocean-friendly sunscreen. [ESPACIO is managed by Hawaii-based Aqua-Aston Hospitality](#), a company that played an instrumental role in Hawaii becoming the first state to ban reef-damaging sunscreens through its #ForOurReef campaign. Shiseido promotes ocean conservation in partnership with the [World Surf League](#) through the Shiseido Blue Project, which organizes beach cleanup efforts and the planting of sand dunes to safeguard shorelines.

espaciowaikiki.com

Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina

The Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina, an oceanfront resort on Oahu’s secluded western coastline, is pleased to announce it will welcome guests back safely on March 11, 2021. Escape-seekers in search of transformative experiences can revel in a collection of new Four Seasons experiences ranging from reimagined culinary concepts and enhanced outdoor wellness programs, to refreshed guest rooms. Upon



reopening, the resort will debut a collection of distinct new culinary experiences to complement the resort’s five restaurants and bars. Guests can sip innovative cocktails and indulge in light bites at Mina’s Beach Club – the all-new toes-in-the sand experience by James Beard Award-winning Chef Michael Mina located directly on the beach; savor a new plant-based inspired concept at La Hiki; and enjoy the stylish swim-up bar, Dr. Mai Tai’s, located at the water’s edge of the famed infinity pool. Set on the Ocean Lawn, the resort will also showcase a flavorful Hawaiian barbecue dinner concept on Monday evenings. Signature restaurants Noe Italian and Mina’s Fish House will showcase their acclaimed menus, as well as introduce specialty nights to further expand guests’ palettes. fourseasonsoahu.com

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort offers up to 25 percent off of room stays during its Dream Away Sale. Guests at the resort enjoy prime access to Waikiki’s widest stretch of beach, providing more open space to spread out and enjoy the sea and sunshine. Guests can also choose from five swimming pools and a unique saltwater lagoon perfect for stand-up paddling, kayaking

and other water activities. Travelers can book with peace of mind with Hilton's flexible bookings policy. Reservation changes and cancellations are free of charge, and can be made without penalty up to 24 hours in advance of arrival. In addition, the resort has recently resumed its Waikiki Starlight Luau. The luau will now take place on the beachfront Great Lawn and will be offered every Friday. New procedures at the Waikiki Starlight Luau will prioritize a safe experience for all, and guests are free to participate as much or as little as they like. Attendees will enjoy tableside activities like lei making and other Hawaiian crafts. Just before the show, a socially-distanced group hula lesson will also be held and all guests are treated to a feast of Hawaii favorites crafted from island ingredients. [hiltonhawaiianvillage.com](https://www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com)

Moana Surfrider

Waikiki's first hotel is celebrating its 120th birthday in grand style on March 11. And in celebration of the Moana Surfrider's 120th anniversary, Beachhouse at the Moana reopens for Friday and Saturday dinner service starting on Friday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

[moanasurfrider.com](https://www.moanasurfrider.com)



The Outrigger Hotels & Resorts

Outrigger Hotels & Resorts recently unveiled **The Outrigger Promise** with a bold pledge: guests will love their Hawaii holiday at Outrigger, and if not – the premier beach resort brand will credit the guest for a future stay, on the house. Participating properties include the iconic Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, located on the sands fronting world-famous "canoes" surf spot and home of Duke's Waikiki restaurant, plus the all-new Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger, which is anchored by Maui Brewing Co. restaurant. Further underscoring Outrigger's promise to providing guests with a worry-free stay, both locations follow strict cleaning and sanitation guidelines under Outrigger's Clean Commitment, with an enhanced focus on the health and safety of both guests and hosts. [outrigger.com](https://www.outrigger.com)

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

Outrigger Hospitality Group recently announced a grand new voyage – the \$80 million transformation of the brand's flagship property, Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort, located directly on world-famous Waikiki Beach. The investment transforms the resort into a contemporary beachfront retreat, rooted in Hawaiian culture. With a focus on wellness, the property enhancements include upscale residential-style rooms and suites, chic poolside experiences and a fully reimagined Kani Ka Pila Grille and stage – the home of live Hawaiian music. The transformed resort plans to again welcome guests beginning late-April 2021. [outrigger.com](https://www.outrigger.com)

Prince Waikiki

Contemporary oceanfront hotel Prince Waikiki has launched a number of new initiatives to welcome locals and travelers back safely. Beginning with its [Prince Promise](#) initiative, Prince

Waikiki has implemented an extensive training program and safety protocols in order to protect both its staff and guests, from regular temperature checks and enhanced arrival and concierge services to rigorous sanitation standards. On Friday and Saturday evenings, guests can also opt for 100 Sails Restaurant & Bar's new "Indulge, A Signature Grazing Experience," menu, which is a buffet-free, all-you-can-eat dinner experience featuring executive chef Joseph Almoguera's signature fresh island cuisine. princewaikiki.com

Sheraton Waikiki

In early 2021, the Sheraton Waikiki completed all of its renovations. In January 2019, it began a renovation project that helped bring significant aesthetic and functional upgrades to guest rooms, suites, hallways and elevator landings on guest floors, as well as the elegant Leahi Club Lounge. sheratonwaikiki.com



Events & Festivals

King Kamehameha Festival

While there will not be a formal floral parade honoring King Kamehameha this year, there will be other modified events the public can still enjoy in the month of June. The focus will be on the Lei Draping Ceremonies in Honolulu, Kohala and Hilo and it will be showcased on social media and through a partnership with CBS affiliate, KGMB. kingkamehamehacelebration.com

Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawaii

Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawaii 2021 will not be held as a gathering on the beach on Memorial Day due to concerns for the health and safety of the community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, Shinnyo-en, host of the event, has announced alternate plans for the public to experience and will be offering opportunities in the coming months reflecting the theme of Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawaii - "Many Rivers, One Ocean – Share Your Light."

lanternfloatinghawaii.com



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