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News, Updates and Aloha from O'ahu

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O'AHU — *E komo mai!* In *'ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) these words mean “welcome!” And you should always consider yourself welcome to visit O'ahu — the island fondly nicknamed Hawai'i's Gathering Place and the state's third-largest island. O'ahu is a captivating destination seamlessly blending natural beauty, rich culture and vibrant urban life on one island. O'ahu offers a diverse array of experiences for every type of traveler. From its iconic Waikīkī beaches and historic Pearl Harbor to the lush landscapes of the island's North Shore and bustling metropolis Honolulu, O'ahu is a perfect fusion of tropical paradise and modern excitement.

As we all continue to welcome the new year, O'ahu invites you to embrace the warm hospitality that defines our island home. With O'ahu a vibrant island rich with a tapestry of experiences awaiting your discovery, we suggest you read on to discover its newest attractions, events and offerings sure to make your upcoming visit very special.

EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC HAWAIIAN *HULA, MELE* AND CULTURE

Zippy's

- Hawai'i-based Zippy's restaurants is collaborating with tutor and teacher [Kumu Kahanuola Solatorio](#) to celebrate the use of *'ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) in everyday conversations by presenting its food menu to guests in English and *'ōlelo Hawai'i*. The *keiki* (kids) menus will be translated into *'ōlelo Hawai'i* as well. Zippy's February menu was designed by Hawaiian artist and business owner Kea Peters of [Kākou Collective](#). A free series of in-person Hawaiian language classes with Kumu Kahanuola will be held at select Zippy's locations on O'ahu and in Las Vegas. www.Zippys.com

Kilohana Hula Show

- Presented by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) and Kilohana by CNHA, a new version of the renowned Waikīkī hula show once put on by Kodak will debut at the Waikīkī Shell on February 15. Directed by Kipe Ebana and *Nā Kumu Hula* (hula instructors) Tracie and Keawe Lopes, the free, open-to-the-public Kilohana Hula Show will highlight *mele* (songs) honoring Waikīkī and feature dancers from six award-winning *halau hula* (hula groups) from across Hawai'i. CNHA is working with Rick Barboza, Native Hawaiian plant specialist and co-owner of Hui Kū Maoli Ola, on plans reintroducing Native Hawaiian plants to the Waikīkī Shell venue. www.ExperienceKilohana.com

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

- **Heritage Center** — Helmed by Culture Advisor Leilani Kūpahu-Marino Kaho‘āno, the [Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa’s](#) recently opened Heritage Center offers activities every Wednesday including:
 - **‘Oli (6 a.m.)** — Participating in this Hawaiian form of chanting, guests are invited to connect with themselves and learn the importance of breath. The session begins on-property and concludes oceanside.
 - **History lesson (7:30 a.m.)** — Participants learn about Hawaiian monarchs who once lived in Waikīkī, the history of Waikīkī and the global view of Hawai‘i.
 - **Contemporary hula lesson and dance (8 a.m.)**
 - **Hawaiian language lesson (9 a.m.)**
 - **Hawaiian floral design (5 p.m.)**

[International Market Place](#)

- **Cultural Audio Tour** — Positively promoting Hawaiian culture, the International Market Place (IMP) recently launched one of Waikīkī’s first GPS-enabled audio tours illuminating the area’s rich history and promoting cultural understanding through stories, sound and music. As you walk the center, geotags initiate soundbites at 20 of IMP’s architectural features, sharing stories of significant people, places and practices that have shaped the area’s history.
- **‘O Nā Lani Sunset Stories** — Presented on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, this live show honors the IMP’s rich history and sense of place through Hawaiian and Polynesian song and dance. Free and open to the public, the current 6 p.m. show will move to a 6:30 p.m. start time in March.
- **Queens Waikīkī Lū‘au** — Guests of Queens Waikīkī Lū‘au — happening on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays — enjoy dinner, bar access and interactive activities while experiencing a Polynesian revue showcasing music and song from across the Pacific, plus fire-knife dancing.

Waikiki Beach Walk

- Committed to preserving and sharing Hawai‘i’s rich culture and heritage, [Waikiki Beach Walk](#) hosts an array of Hawaiian music and cultural programming for residents and visitors.
 - **Complimentary ‘Ukulele Lessons** — Offered daily at 11:15 a.m. at the Ukulele Store at Waikiki Beach Walk and taught by Nā Hokū Hanohano Hawai‘i music award-winner Tyler Gilman. Reservations are required.
 - **Kū Ha‘aheo** — Free live Hawaiian music every Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Plaza Stage.
 - **Ka Lei Hula** — Complimentary hula practice at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Classes are free and pre-registration is encouraged.
 - **Waikiki Beach Walk Open Market** — A gathering of local businesses offering unique souvenirs, handmade art and snacks, happening Mondays from 4 to 8 p.m.
 - **Monthly Mele Hali‘a Sunday Showcase** — Award-winning Hawai‘i entertainers headline this free musical showcase monthly, on a designated Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. This year’s showcase, “Ke Kulāiwi,” spotlights the native homeland of Hawaiian people.

MĀLAMA HAWAI‘I

International Market Place

- Hoping to inspire mindful travel and protect and preserve Hawai‘i’s natural world, the International Market Place (IMP) recently partnered with Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii for beach cleanups. Participants in IMP’s DIY Beach Cleanup Program can receive a \$20 gift card valid through December 1, 2024. Visit the IMP’s Customer Service Desk on Level 1, Mauka Court to learn more. www.ShopInternationalMarketplace.com

Romer Waikiki at The Ambassador

- On the second Thursday of each month, Romer Waikiki at The Ambassador invites friends, community members and hotel guests to help show its neighboring King Kalākaua Park some TLC. The hotel worked with the City of Honolulu to adopt the park and now helps keep it clean with volunteer cleanups. Following cleanups, guests with a wristband indicating they helped receive a free drink at the hotel’s Waikiki Swim and Social Club, which features a pop-up market, an aura photobooth and music spun by EP Bar. www.RomerHotels.com

Turtle Bay Resort

- Turtle Bay Resort is home to 480-acre Kuilima Farm, which provides the resort with more than 700 lbs. of fresh produce each week, and even more produce to the local community. Kuilima Farm offers 45-minute farm tours every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Throughout the tour, visitors enjoy a scavenger hunt for native Hawaiian plants, and a chance to maybe help plant a few! www.KuilimaFarm.com

Wayfinder Waikiki

- Created for residents, visitors and hotel guests, [Wayfinder Waikiki’s](#) curated, local volunteer experiences explore O‘ahu and offer participants opportunities to make a lasting impact to the planet. The activities include farm experiences, beach cleanups and cultural education and sustainability initiatives. As a part of the hotel’s Mālama Hawai‘i initiative, \$1 per night of every stay is donated to the Bishop Museum.
 - **Cultural Education and Sustainability Initiatives with the Bishop Museum** — The recently launched “Hawaiian Stars and Stories: Wayfinder Planetarium Adventure” is a special initiative, happening every third Friday monthly, allowing participants to explore the science of traditional non-instrument navigation practiced by early Hawaiians and learn about Hawaiian history and royal artifacts on a guided tour of the museum’s Hawaiian Hall.
 - **Taro Field Restoration with Kāko‘o ‘Ōiwi Farm** — On the final Friday of each month, participating Wayfinder Waikiki guests are driven by shuttle to Kāko‘o ‘Ōiwi farm to participate in the restoration of its *lo‘i kalo* (wetland taro terraces), forge connections with its dedicated workers and gain an appreciation for the cultural and environmental importance of O‘ahu’s He‘eia community.
 - **Beach Cleanups with Waikiki ‘Ohana Workforce (WOW) and 808 Cleanups** — Wayfinder Waikiki regularly partners on volunteer beach cleanups with these nonprofit environmental organizations committed to restoring the natural beauty and ecology of Hawai‘i’s coastlines.

WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL

HIE Heirlooms of Hawai‘i

- HIE Heirlooms of Hawai‘i is a fine jewelry collection founded in 2023 by lifelong friends and Hawai‘i residents Meleana Estes and Noël Pietsch Shaw. Inspired by Hawai‘i’s final monarch Queen Lili‘uokalani, — who originated the Hawaiian bracelet tradition — and their own personal heirloom bracelet collections dating back as far as the late 1800s, Estes and Shaw created this new collection for gifting and to wear and pass down to future generations. www.HieHawaii.com

International Market Place

- Visitors to the [International Market Place](#) (IMP) can explore a shopper’s myriad of local brands including:
 - [Koa Wood Ranch](#) — Level 1 — The Hawai‘i lifestyle brand is rooted in the restoration of Hawai‘i’s native *koa* forests, offering an assortment of Hawaiian *koa* wood products that includes jewelry, home decor, gifts and accessories. Proceeds from purchases support the store’s *koa* tree conservation project.
 - [Coco Nene](#) — Level 1 — Following the loss of its flagship store in Lahaina, Maui’s Coco Nene has expanded to include a location at IMP. Shop its #MauiStrong collection and look for Coco Nene’s Longboard Letters, wall décor and other local artwork.
 - [Sun.Daes](#) — Level 2 — This new boutique specializes in everything handmade, colorful and cute. Its fashions, jewelry and accessories are all crafted in Hawai‘i.
 - [Surf Waikiki](#) — Level 2 — Select from an array of outdoor and ocean sports rentals, including surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, fins and snorkels, beach chairs, umbrellas, bodyboards and premium floaties. Surf Waikiki delivers to Waikiki hotels and also offers surf lessons.

Lei Aloha

- Expert *lei* maker and owner of fine-jewelry brand HIE Heirlooms of Hawai‘i Meleana Estes showcases the breadth of Hawai‘i *lei* making in her book, “Lei Aloha.” The coffee-table book tells stories of *lei* culture, traditions and personal connections, depicts the lush and vibrant flowers of the Hawaiian Islands, and shares the history of *lei* in Hawai‘i. A portion of all sales of “Lei Aloha” made through the Penguin Random House online store benefits Maui relief efforts. www.PenguinRandomHouse.com

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Bishop Museum

- Debuting in March in the J.M. Long Gallery, the Bishop Museum’s new exhibition, “Corned Beef & Kalo,” was curated by Healoha Johnston, the museum’s director of cultural resources and curator for Hawai‘i and Pacific arts and culture. It features the works “Pisupo lua afe (Corned Beef 2000)” by Michel Tuffery and “KALO” by Bernice Akamine, bringing together both contemporary artworks to consider how artists make visible issues related to agricultural subsistence, environmental sustainability and everyday life where food imports and structured land use intertwine. www.BishopMuseum.org

Kualoa Ranch

- Kualoa Ranch added a new 3-hour deluxe semi-private UTV tour. Offered six-times daily, the guided tour utilizes Kawasaki off-road UTV vehicles for a behind-the-scenes adventure to the backcountry of the ranch's Ka'a'awa and Hakipu'u valleys unreachable by other vehicles and tours. Guides customize the tour's narration to guest's Kualoa interests, sharing stories of Hollywood movies filmed in the valley, its historic places, Hawaiian legends, and valley farming, aquaculture and ranching. www.Kualoa.com

Waikiki Trolley

- **New Family Packages** — Discover O'ahu's many charms with Waikiki Trolley's Hop-On and Hop-Off rides. The company's new Family Package offers flexibility to travel on the trolley at your own pace. Choose between its Single-Line All-Day or Multi-Day All-Line Passes, ideal for families of four or more.
- **Buy One, Get One Promotion** — Guests purchasing a Waikiki Trolley ticket for the Blue Line: Coastline and Local Grinds or Red Line: Heroes and Legends tours in February will receive a complimentary ticket for the Pink Line: Ala Moana Shopping Mall and Dining Shuttle. Tickets are available exclusively at the company's Waikiki Shopping Plaza booth.

Atlantis Adventures

- **Majestic by Atlantis Cruises** — Humpback whales have returned to the Hawaiian Islands from chilly North Pacific waters to breed, calve and nurse their young during our warm winter months. Atlantic Cruises' daily whale watching cruise along the south shore of O'ahu, running now through March 31 aboard the vessel Majestic, includes an on-board naturalist offering guests insightful educational information about humpback whale behavior and biology. Should the on-board naturalist not locate a whale during the cruise, guests are given a complimentary return whale-watch cruise for another opportunity to see a humpback whale in our offshore waters. www.MajesticHawaii.com
- **Atlantis Submarines Waikiki** — Guests on Atlantis Submarines offshore Waikiki submarine tours learn about the value and importance of reefs and how mankind can contribute to the development of reefs and their associated ecosystems. Atlantis initiatives have contributed to reenergizing the marine environment of the Waikiki coastline, introducing several man-made reef developments that have increased the biomass of fish, coral and other marine life in the area. The company's battery-powered subs operate quietly as well, resulting in minimal marine life disturbance. www.AtlantisAdventures.com

Bike Hawaii

- Bike Hawaii offers a 10-Miles of Smiles e-bike tour through a Honolulu rainforest on bikes with 250 watts of quiet pedal-assist power, all accompanied by cool temperatures and views. BikeHawaii.com

Blue Hawaii Private Tours

- **Private photography Tours** — Blue Hawaii's one-on-one private photography workshops welcome new and experienced photographers to a tour of scenic location and also offers photo composition tips and guidance. Experienced photographers are coached by a photographer with expertise in a variety of subjects, including O'ahu wildlife, sunrises and sunsets, plants and landscapes.

- **Brewery and Food Tour** — On this Blue Hawaii tour, guests visit an independent local brewery to learn how craft beers are produced, check out the Honolulu Arts District and enjoy some local-favorite food.
- **Pearl Harbor Private VIP Tours** — Guests on this tour learn the history of Pearl Harbor and Hawai‘i before and after World War II. Blue Hawaii reserves the tour’s tickets for the USS Arizona Memorial and makes reservations for the new, upgraded Battleship Missouri Memorial tour to include a choice of the Captain’s Tour or the Chief Engineer’s tour — intimate tours exploring areas of the USS Missouri not open to the public.

Royal Hawaiian Center

- The Royal Hawaiian Center welcomes all to embark on a fun exploration of picture-perfect moments on its property. The center’s recommended photo spots start with its SHAKA sign, tucked away in Building C, Level 1, just behind the KITTH store. Decorated with vibrant plumeria flowers and lights, the sign offers an enjoyable backdrop for memorable family photos. At Building C, Level 3, shoppers are invited to take a photo at the center’s ALOHA sign. www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com

Wild Side Specialty Tours

- Wild Side Specialty Tours offers numerous ways to engage in citizen science on its wildlife tours. Guests are invited to snap photos of whale flukes and dolphin dorsal fins to submit to conservation organizations and report whale shark, manta ray and Hawaiian monk seal sightings. The company also encourages reporting of marine debris, including ghost nets. www.SailHawaii.com

Waikiki Beach Walk

- Do you know the Hawaiian legend of the *menehune*? Waikiki Beach Walk staff say these special visitors arrived at their location via *wa‘a* (outrigger canoe) and brought with them fishnets, an *o‘o* (digging stick), bananas and more. An educational marker at Waikiki Beach Walk pays tribute to the *menehune* and their legend. www.WaikikiBeachWalk.com

HOTELS

AC Hotel by Marriott Honolulu

- The new AC Hotel by Marriott Honolulu opened to guests in December as the first AC Hotel-branded property on O‘ahu. The boutique hotel, situated in downtown Honolulu, caters to business and leisure travelers, offering access to the Chinatown Historic District’s vibrant nightlife, restaurants and bars. A versatile venue for meetings and events, the hotel offers 2,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor space. A secret space within an old post office is home to Yours Truly, a hidden speakeasy. Yours Truly and other AC Hotel Honolulu dining outlets are now open. www.Marriott.com

Halekulani

- **Halekulani Bliss 2024** — SpaHalekulani welcomes all to indulge in its 90-minute couples experience featuring the spa’s signature Halekulani massage combining *lomilomi* with warm stones and a choice of *maile* scented oil or passionfruit oil. Hawai‘i residents receive 15% off

spa services with a valid Hawai'i ID. The treatment is available now through February 24, 2024.

- In honor of Valentine's Day, Halekulani's chefs and culinary teams have created special menus for **La Mer, Orchids and House Without A Key**. Halekulani's traditional celebration of Easter is already in the works as well, with a feast being planned by Executive Chef Christian Testa and holiday treats — including hot cross buns — from pastry Chef Michelle Baldomero and her team. The hotel's brunch includes two glasses of Prosecco bubbles for adults ages 21 and over.

Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

- **Waiola Wellness Wing** — Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort recently unveiled its newly renovated wellness wing, complete with property enhancements, amenities and oceanfront views of the iconic Waikiki shoreline. The resort's \$85 million investment in renovations includes the addition of a Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman restaurant, a brand-new fitness facility, a Coral Reef Kids Club, and upscale residential-style rooms and suites, including the 4,000-square-foot Coral Reef Penthouse.
- **O Ke Kai Series** — Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort is hosting quarterly events honoring Hawaiian wayfinding traditions and the perpetuation of Hawaiian voyaging canoe caretaking skills. The free events are fundraisers for the local nonprofit The Friends of Hōkūle'a and Hawai'iloa, with the first event set for March 16 at the property's A'ō Cultural Center. Events will include family-friendly activities, light refreshments and live music.

Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel

- **Cirque du Soleil** — Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel and Cirque du Soleil will announce the title, theme, show schedule and debut date for the partnership's highly anticipated Hawai'i-inspired show this spring. Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber will be home to the new Cirque du Soleil experience led by co-creators Simon Painter (The Works Entertainment) and Neil Dorward (The Illusionists, Circus 1903), with cultural direction by Dr. Aaron Salā Ph.D. www.CirqueDuSoleil.com

Renaissance Honolulu Hotel & Spa

- With its grand opening set for March, the Renaissance Honolulu Hotel and Spa will be the Renaissance brand's first Hawai'i location and one of the first new hotels constructed in Honolulu in 25 years. Situated in the city's vibrant Ala Moana neighborhood, the 39-story hotel's rooms and suites spotlight floor-to-ceiling glass windows and contemporary design. Other highlights of the new property include a Sky Terrace and Renaissance Spa complete with traditional Japanese *ofuro* soaking tubs, Himalayan salt saunas, a fitness center with LifeFitness equipment, and a glass-enclosed yoga space. www.Marriott.com

Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach

- The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach is celebrating the Asian cultures that have influenced Hawai'i's vibrant resident community. Guests are invited to embark on an exploration of Chinese and Korean cultures and embrace new and familiar traditions for the Year of the Dragon through hands-on culinary programming, educational cultural experiences incorporating Chinese and Korean traditions, and more, offered throughout the year. Find the hotel's full Lunar New Year event schedule [here](#), with festive activities for all ages. www.RitzCarlton.com

The Twin Fin Hotel

- The Twin Fin Hotel, in partnership with Beach Candy Waikiki and the Jamie O'Brien Surf Experience, recently launched the new [Jamie O'Brien School of Surf Waikiki](#). Housed in the oceanfront hotel's ground-level storefront, the Jamie O'Brien School of Surf Waikiki is a new venture from O'ahu resident, professional surfer, filmmaker and nine-time Banzai Pipeline surf competition champion Jamie O'Brien. The school specializes in family and group surf lessons, with all surf experiences conceptualized and designed by O'Brien and led by local instructors hand-selected for their ocean knowledge and surf skills. www.TwinFinWaikiki.com

Turtle Bay Resort

- **Kama'aina Staycation Sale** — This celebration sale for *kama'aina* includes room savings of up to 30%, waived resort fees, free parking and late check-out. The offer is valid through February 22 for residents with a valid Hawai'i ID or proof of current Hawai'i residency. www.TurtleBayResort.com

Waikiki Malia

- The Waikiki Malia welcomes shopaholics, cultural enthusiasts and adventure lovers of all kinds. The 18-story hotel is just a block from Waikiki's beaches and amidst an array of shopping and dining options. Built in 1959, the hotel recently finished a multimillion-dollar reimagining of its Malia Tower, lobby and guest rooms, which offer striking ocean, city and garden views. For Spring Break offers from March through April visit www.WaikikiMalia.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Arden Waikiki

- Arden Waikiki recently launched a new happy hour in its lounge and bar from 5 to 6 p.m. offering guests a moment to unwind and relax before dinner at the restaurant. House cocktails, wines by the glass and beer are available for 50% off during happy hour. And on Valentine's Day, February 14, guests will be able to enjoy a special [menu](#) for the occasion. www.ArdenWaikiki.com

Blue Fish

- The Blue Fish, serving traditional and specialty sushi, sashimi, and Japanese and Korean menu items, is now open for lunch and dinner. With more than 200 seats, the 5,400-square-foot location offers indoor and patio seating, a bar and lounge area, a sushi counter, and comfortable dining spaces for couples, families and small groups. www.TheBlueFishSushi.com

UMI by Vikram Garg

- Stop by Halepuna Waikiki to celebrate special calendar dates ahead. Chef Vikram Garg is offering a special Valentine's Day menu at his UMI by Vikram Garg restaurant and is already working on his Easter menu. Halekulani Bakery's Mandarin lychee mousse is back by popular demand to celebrate the Lunar New Year, along with almond cookies and Macau style egg tarts. For Valentine's Day, the bakery will offer heart-shaped cookies, strawberry pan and raspberry yuzu entremets, with Easter treats appearing soon after. www.Halepuna.com

IL Gelato Hawaii

- Waikiki Beach Walk recently welcomed local favorite IL Gelato Hawaii to its lineup of restaurants and eateries. Made with great passion and aloha, its gelato is all natural and made fresh daily using locally sourced ingredients. IL Gelato Hawaii, which has other O'ahu locations, will open in Waikiki in early February. www.ILGelato-Hawaii.com

Kona Brewing Company

- Kona Brewing Company is celebrating its 30th anniversary in February. While the company's original brewpub and brewery in Kailua-Kona toasts the occasion, its second location in Hawai'i Kai is celebrating 20 years in business neighboring East O'ahu's Koko Marina. www.KonaBrewingHawaii.com

Nami Kaze

- At his Nami Kaze restaurant in Honolulu, Kaua'i-born chef Jason Peel's dishes fuse Japanese and American cuisine. A former Kapi'olani Community College culinary instructor and 2023 semifinalist for a James Beard Award for "Best New Restaurant," Peel combines the flavors of his hometown roots with decades of experience working with culinary leaders in Hawai'i. This February, Nami Kaze will offer a pre-fixe Valentine's Day menu and local farm-focused pre-fixe menu option. www.NamiKaze.com

Pounders Restaurant

- Pounders Restaurant at the Polynesian Cultural Center recently debuted new menu items. The restaurant's new Family Meal includes a house Chinese chicken salad, Pounders fish nuggets, hurricane fries, mango mascarpone pizza, Korean chicken, baby back ribs and char siu fried rice. Also new to the menu is a creamy corn chowder taro bowl. For Pounders Restaurant's full menu, visit www.PoundersRestaurant.com.

Mille Fête

- Partnering with her friend and baker, Katherine Yang, James Beard Award-winning chef-owner Robynne Maii of Fête is readying to open a bakery concept featuring new treats and some of her restaurant's most popular desserts this spring. www.FeteHawaii.com

Sushi Gyoshin OMAKASE

- Immerse yourself in a thoughtfully chosen array of the finest fish, sourced from both Hawai‘i and Japan’s famed Tsukiji Market. Prepared by the skilled culinary artisan Hiroshi Tsuji, each dish is a work of art that honors traditional sushi. Whether indulging in delectable small plates or savoring intricate sushi masterpieces, every bite promises a flavorful adventure. Step into a realm where passion, skill, and extraordinary flavors come together in perfect harmony. www.SushiGyoshin.com

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Now – February 18, 2024

- **Royal Hawaiian Center** — A multitude of upcoming events at [Royal Hawaiian Center](#), include:
 - **Now – February 18, 2024**
 - **Lunar New Year** — A rich array of cultural festivities celebrate the Year of the Dragon.
 - **Lucky Lai See Gift with Purchase** — Take part in a journey of good fortune with the Lucky Lai See Gift with Purchase event. Shoppers spending \$200 or more in combined receipts will receive a distinctive red envelope containing a lucky prize slip at Helumoa Hale Guest Services.
 - **February 15, 2024**
 - **Rooftop Stargazing** — All are welcome to experience a free, up-close look at the moon and stars in Hawai‘i’s night sky at the center’s monthly rooftop stargazing event at the Ka Lewa Lanai in Building A, Level 4.

February 11-18, 2024

- **Aloha Kai Lū‘au** — Sea Life Park's Aloha Kai Lū‘au’s Valentine-themed Love and Lei Lū‘au will offer a romantic evening under the stars complete with festive decor, Valentine's Day *lei*, photo archways to capture memories, sparkling rosé and a decadent heart-shaped dessert. www.AlohaKaiLuau.com

February 14, 2024

- **Friends of the Waikiki Aquarium** — Spend Valentine’s Day evening at the Waikiki Aquarium with the return of Seaduction, a night out featuring a champagne reception, seven-course meal prepared by local restaurant partners, and live Hawaiian music. www.FowAquarium.org/seaduction

Now – February 19, 2024

- **Ala Moana Center Lunar New Year Celebrations** — Bring in the Year of the Dragon with a slate of Ala Moana Center family-friendly Lunar New Year events and activities, including a limited-edition gift-with-purchase, Chinese calligraphy demonstrations, lion and dragon dancing, lion dance pole jumping and other cultural performances. Ala Moana Center’s [2024 Lunar New Year Celebration](#) includes:
 - **Lunar New Year Store Offers** — Throughout the month, select retailers will be offering exclusive Lunar New Year products and promotions.

- **February 9-19, 2024**
 - **Lunar New Year Gift-With-Purchase** — 888 lucky customers will receive a limited-edition Year of the Dragon shopping tote and Ala Moana Center gift-card reward of up to \$100 in a lai see envelope redeemable at Guest Services with dated receipts.
 - **Lunar New Year Wishing Wall** — Shoppers are invited to commemorate the year ahead by leaving special messages of hope, health and happiness on the Lunar New Year Wishing Wall. The display will be located on Mall Level 2, Center Court between Chanel and Louis Vuitton.
- **February 17, 2024**
 - 11 a.m. — Centerwide Lion Dance
 - 1:30 p.m. — Cultural Demonstrations
 - 3 p.m. — Performances by Phoenix Dance Chamber
 - 5 p.m. — Pole Jumping and Dragon Dance
- **February 18, 2024**
 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Chinese Calligraphy Demonstrations
 - 1 p.m. — Performances hosted by the Narcissus Pageant
 - 3 p.m. — Performances by the Vill Dance Co.
 - 5 p.m. — Hula Show

Now – February 25, 2024

- **Kumu Kahua Theatre** — The newest work from playwright Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, “Aitu Fafine,” is now on stage at Kumu Kahua Theatre in Honolulu through February 25. Described as “a seductive story full of laughter, anger, compassion and forgiveness,” the fictional play features famed writer Robert Louis Stevenson among its characters. Set to a backdrop of dreams, literary musings and ghost stories, “Aitu Fafine” follows Stevenson and his family as they become infatuated with ‘afakasi visitors staying at their home in Sāmoa. www.KumuKahua.org
 - **February 2** — Audiences are invited to stay after the show for a Talk Story session with the cast and crew.
 - **February 18** — American Sign Language interpretation will accompany the show.

February 19, 2024

- **Hawai‘i Pacific Health Great Aloha Run (GAR)** — The Great Aloha Run is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The 8.15-mile race starts at Aloha Tower and finishes at Aloha Stadium. Participants may also sign up for GAR’s virtual race option and walk or run the 8.15 miles anywhere and any day on their own. Whether you’re a serious racer, an occasional runner or prefer walking, your GAR participation helps raise money for dozens of Hawai‘i charities. www.GreatAlohaRun.com

February 23, 2024

- **2024 Joy of Sake** — The annual Joy of Sake returns to the Hawai‘i Convention Center for two events celebrating the history of sake and its unique connection to Hawai‘i. Both events will feature more than 570 sake selections paired with traditional and contemporary appetizers from some of Hawai‘i’s leading chefs. www.JoyOfSake.com

February – March 2024

- **Aloha Home Market** — This Kailua pop-up market offers a diverse array of local-made treasures from local vendors, including furniture makers, artisans, jewelry designers, clothing creators and food makers. For more details on upcoming markets, visit www.AlohaHomeMarket.com
 - **February 10, 2024** — Aloha is For Lovers Market
 - **March 10, 2024** — Celebrate Women’s Day Market

February – June 2024

- **Moana Surfrider** — The Veranda, located within the Moana Surfrider, is hosting an enchanting twist on its traditional Afternoon Tea, partnering with Paradise Monarch to host a Butterfly Keiki Tea every second Saturday of the month until the end of spring. *Keiki* (kids) will enjoy an interactive journey blending entertainment with education in an immersive experience. *Keiki* will step into the captivating realm of the Butterfly Dome surrounded by enchanting butterflies and participate in a magical butterfly release under the Moana Surfrider’s iconic banyan tree. They’ll also learn about how their efforts contribute to plant pollination and enhancing Hawai‘i’s biodiversity. www.VerandaWaikiki.com/special-events

March – May 2024

- **International Market Place** — From March through May, the [International Market Place](#) (IMP) will host a series of events to include:
 - **March 3, 2024 — Girls Day** — Throughout March, IMP will offer multiple ways for women of all ages to celebrate the annual Japanese tradition of Hinamatsuri (Girls’ Day) and the arrival of spring, including dining specials, a gift with purchase and other promotions.
 - **April 27, 2024 — Waikīkī SPAM JAM®** — Experience the creative dishes of IMP restaurants participating in the annual Waikīkī SPAM JAM®, a celebration of Hawai‘i’s unique and continuing love for the pink canned meat.
 - **May 20, 2024 — Prince Albert’s Birthday** — Honor Hawai‘i’s Prince Albert (1858-1862) with a traditional *lei* draping of his statue at Queen’s Court.

March 8-10, 2024

- **Honolulu Festival** — Celebrating its 28th anniversary in 2024, the Honolulu Festival is one of Hawai‘i’s premier cultural events. The three-day festival shares the rich, vibrant cultures of Hawai‘i and its Pacific Rim neighbors with attendees through arts and entertainment, educational programs and activities, craft fairs, and a grand evening parade through Waikīkī. The festival concludes with the colorful Nagaoka Fireworks show off over Waikīkī’s beaches. www.HonoluluFestival.com

March 21, 2024

- **Pacific Historic Parks** — This past December 7, a record eight real-life Rosie the Riveters attended the annual Pearl Harbor Day commemoration at the harbor. The presence of these women, all of them now in their late nineties, reflected the importance of how successful efforts on the home front helped the Allies win World War II. In honor of National Rosie the Riveter Day on March 21, Pearl Harbor National Memorial will honor the critical efforts of the many Rosies of the era. More details to come at www.PacificHistoricParks.org.

March 24, 2024

- **Sea Life Park**— Head to Sea Life Park for a day of family fun, learning and exploring with an Easter theme. Enjoy a park scavenger hunt, prizes, face painting, photo ops with the Easter Bunny and more. Local vendors will be serving up treats, including shave ice and vaifala Samoan fruit drinks. Nonprofit Hawai'i Marine Animal Response (HMAR) will be on-site to host an educational booth. And on this special *Keiki* (Kids) Day, every paid adult admission allows free entry to the park for up to two children.
www.SeaLifeParkHawaii.com

March 29-31, 2024

- **Kawaii Kon (O'ahu)** — Kawaii Kon is a three-day convention celebrating Japanese anime (cartoons), manga (comics) and all facets of Japanese culture. Offering a variety of events and activities throughout its weekend schedule, Kawaii Kon is held annually at the Hawai'i Convention Center. www.KawaiiKon.com

April 27, 2024

- **Waikiki SPAM JAM®** — The 20th annual Waikiki SPAM JAM® will celebrate Hawai'i's ongoing love for, of course, SPAM®, with local Waikiki restaurants offering creative SPAM® dishes. Attendees will find food and retail booths, custom festival T-shirts, arts and craft vendors, *keiki* activities and appearance by SPAMMY™ characters and friends. The event benefits Hawai'i Foodbank — the state's largest nonprofit feeding those in need — the Waikiki Community Center, and the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i.
www.SpamJamHawaii.com

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