



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **News, Updates and Aloha from O'ahu**

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O'AHU — Welcome to O'ahu, where the spirit of aloha awaits at every turn! As Hawai'i's gathering place, O'ahu effortlessly weaves together elements of natural splendor, cultural richness and urban vibrancy, captivating visitors with its diverse array of experiences. Whether you're drawn to the sands of iconic Waikiki Beach, the island's many historical sites, the picturesque landscapes of the island's coastlines, or the lively experiences of metropolitan city life in Honolulu, O'ahu promises all who visit a blend of tropical allure and modern excitement.

This spring and summer, immerse yourself in O'ahu's warm hospitality and discover its newest attractions, events and offerings all awaiting your exploration!

The spring and summer are also a special time of year in the Hawaiian Islands as pupping season for endangered Hawaiian monk seals. Help protect our beloved Hawai'i state mammal by keeping a distance of at least 150 feet — about the length of a football field — from monk seal mothers and their pups. Pursuing and feeding endangered marine mammals such as the Hawaiian monk seal is prohibited by federal law. Do not attempt to touch, ride or feed monk seals or other marine mammals. Failure to comply with protections afforded to endangered species may result in fines.

### **Experience Authentic Hawaiian *Hula, Mele* and Culture in Vibrant Waikiki**

#### **Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort**

- Hula Grill at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort recently launched a new live Hawaiian music series with performances from noon to 2 p.m. daily. Musicians performing include Ben Kama (Mondays), Kawika Kahiapo (Tuesdays), Ronson Asuncion (Wednesdays), Randy Allen (Thursdays), Yoza (Fridays), Uluwehi Young (Saturdays) and Stephen Inglis (Sundays). [www.HulaGrillWaikiki.com](http://www.HulaGrillWaikiki.com)

#### **Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa**

- **Paina Waikiki Lū'au** — Boosted by its success since launching in June 2023, the Paina Waikiki Lū'au has expanded to five nights a week with a new show on Saturday nights. A celebration of Hawaiian culture and history, the *lū'au* tells the site-specific narrative of Hawaiian royalty who once lived on the Waikiki land the resort is now located. Performers bring the story to life through original *mele* (songs), *hula* by award-winning dancers and artists, and exciting performances by world fire-knife champions and one of the youngest fire-knife dancers in the Islands.

- **Traditional Featherwork Experience** — In partnership with [Nā Lima Mili Hulu No‘eau](#), a third-generation Hawaiian featherwork group, Waikīkī Beach Marriott Resort and Spa is now offering featherwork lessons at its cultural center as part of its Royal Legacies program honoring Hawaiian royalty that once resided on the grounds where the resort now stands. The featherwork group created many treasured feather *lei* and capes displayed at O‘ahu’s ‘Iolani Palace, Bishop Museum, Cathedral of St. Andrew and Kamehameha Schools.

### **Waikiki Beach Walk**

- Mele Hali‘a, a monthly showcase featuring Hawaiian music performances, has returned to the Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Stage. The meaning of the *‘ōlelo Hawai‘i* (Hawaiian language) words *mele hali‘a* is “to recall music fondly.” And on one Sunday each month, Mele Hali‘a engages award-winning local musicians to play Hawaiian music live, sharing the genre’s vocal and instrumental traditions and folklore. All performances happen from 5 to 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. [www.WaikikiBeachWalk.com](http://www.WaikikiBeachWalk.com)

### **Waikiki Starlight Luau**

- New for 2024, Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort debuted a special fireworks edition of its popular Waikiki Starlight Luau. Held every Friday on the resort’s beachfront Great Lawn, the *lu‘au* treats guests to interactive Hawaiian games and cultural activities and a buffet of island-inspired cuisine. Tihati Productions and its cast of performers take guests on a journey across the South Pacific for the *lu‘au*’s live show. And the evening ends with quick access to some of the best views of the resort’s spectacular Friday night fireworks show on Duke Kahanamoku Beach. [www.Hilton.com](http://www.Hilton.com)

## **MĀLAMA HAWAI‘I**

### **Hula Grill Waikiki**

- Hula Grill Waikiki recently launched its Mālama ‘Āina (“Care for the Land”) series featuring presentations about Hawai‘i’s wildlife, ecosystems and environmental issues, with a special focus on the *ahupua‘a* (Hawaiian land division) of Waikīkī. Series speakers share with guests a deeper understanding of their Hawai‘i surroundings and an appreciation for conservation and restoration efforts throughout the Islands. [www.HulaGrillWaikiki.com](http://www.HulaGrillWaikiki.com)

### **The Twin Fin Hotel**

- The Parley Interactive Classroom is a new weekly poolside experience sharing knowledge with guests about how to protect the world’s oceans as they create unique art pieces from marine debris collected from Hawai‘i’s beaches. A large-scale example of the kind of creative repurposing taught in the classroom is The Wave, a large, wave-shaped art structure made from ocean plastic and Albizia wood (an invasive species to Hawai‘i), which can be found on permanent display in the hotel’s lobby. Classes are held on Mondays. [www.TwinFinWaikiki.com](http://www.TwinFinWaikiki.com)

### **Romer Waikiki at The Ambassador**

- Offered on the second Thursday of each month, the Romer Waikiki's Park Clean Up and Pau Hana is led by Romer's Mayor of the Block, inviting friends, community members and hotel guests to show neighboring King Kalākaua Park some TLC. The hotel worked with the City and County of Honolulu to adopt the park as its stewards and help keep it clean. Following the clean-up, guests with a wristband are invited to receive a free drink at Romer Waikiki's Waikiki Swim and Social Club. [www.RomerHotels.com](http://www.RomerHotels.com)

### **Wild Side Specialty Tours**

- Wild Side specialty tours offers its guests opportunities to not only observe but be an active participant in O'ahu's marine world. Wild Side offers ways for guests to *mālama* (care for) Hawai'i by engaging in citizen science onboard its marine wildlife tours. Guests take photos of whale flukes and dolphin dorsal fins to submit to conservation organizations for sustainable habitats. They record sightings of whale sharks, manta rays, Hawaiian monk seals and even coral bleaching for regenerative tourism efforts. In addition, guests retrieve and report marine debris crossing the tour's path, such as ghost nets. [www.SailHawaii.com](http://www.SailHawaii.com)

### **SUPPORT LOCAL**

#### **Waialua Estate Coffee & Chocolate**

- In collaboration with [Laukahi](http://Laukahi), a nonprofit plant conservation network, Waialua Estate Coffee and Chocolate recently rebranded its chocolate bars with a goal of helping promote education and awareness about plant diversity in Hawai'i. Laukahi's and its partners' initiatives include plant propagation, field work protecting native habitats, and research to better inform their strategies. From farm to factory, Waialua Estate crafts chocolate utilizing a mix of cacao varieties grown and sourced from its North Shore O'ahu farm. [www.WaialuaEstate.com](http://www.WaialuaEstate.com)

### **ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS**

#### **Ala Moana Center**

- Ala Moana Center has added a new complimentary *hula* show to its Centerstage lineup featuring *kahiko* (traditional) and *'auana* (modern) *hula*, happening every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. The newest of Ala Moana Center's three *hula* shows, The Kamapua'a Show, was created by *kumu hula* (hula instructor) Kapua Dalire-Moe of Hālau Ka Liko Pua O Kalaniākea and spotlights several *kolobe* (mischievous or rascal) figures in Native Hawaiian culture and folklore. The Pele Show and The Kamehameha Show have remained hallmarks of Ala Moana Center's daily *hula* show offerings for nearly a decade and will continue to be a part of the Centerstage performance lineup. Ala Moana Center's three *hula* shows rotate throughout the week and happen daily. [www.AlaMoanaCenter.com](http://www.AlaMoanaCenter.com)

#### **Atlantis Adventures**

- The O'ahu Ocean Cocktail Cruise and Lū'au Package from Majestic by Atlantis Cruises and Ka Moana Lū'au journeys along the Waikīkī coastline with on-board guides providing narration about the rich and fascinating history of area. Once back on shore, guests attend the Ka Moana Lū'au at Aloha Tower Marketplace where farm-to-table dining, cultural performances and interactive activities await for the evening. [www.AtlantisAdventures.com](http://www.AtlantisAdventures.com)

## **Bishop Museum**

- Coinciding with the 13<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture, the new exhibition “Ka ‘Ula Wena: Oceanic Red” is coming to Bishop Museum’s Castle Memorial Building in May. The exhibition will be the first to gather material culture of Oceania and articulate the multiple uses and understandings of the color red. In Hawai‘i, red is significant in both every day and sacred objects, *‘olelo* (language) and *mo‘olelo* (stories), and in the names and classifications of nature and place. The exhibition will explore how red signifies beyond color, drawing from collections stewarded by Bishop Museum and loaned objects from around the world. The exhibition will be curated by Kānaka ‘Ōiwi (Native Hawaiians) collaborating with indigenous peoples throughout Oceania. [www.BishopMuseum.org](http://www.BishopMuseum.org)

## **Halekulani Bakery**

- Imperial Hotel Tokyo Pastry Chef Yuki Saito and Halekulani Pastry Chef Michelle Baldomero have collaborated to bring two spring desserts to Halekulani Bakery from May 1 through June 30. The Sakura Tropical Mochi Roll incorporates mochi, sakura blossoms and soft sponge cake wrapped around a tropical cream and fresh tropical fruit. Chef Baldomero’s creation, the Exotique, is a coconut mousse bar layered with pineapple, guava and a hint of lime. [www.Halekulani.com](http://www.Halekulani.com)

## **Honolulu Zoo**

- Recently ranked fourth in USA Today’s 10Best list of best zoos in the U.S., the Honolulu Zoo showcases a full display of Hawai‘i’s biodiversity at its 42-acre park in Waikīkī . While exploring, visitors will encounter the *nēnē* goose, *kōlea* and a wealth of other native bird species while also checking out an array of global wildlife, including the Sumatran tiger and Asian elephant. [www.HonoluluZoo.org](http://www.HonoluluZoo.org)

## **‘Iolani Palace**

- The iconic ‘Iolani Palace, commissioned by King Kalākaua in 1882, is set to undergo a significant roof repair and restoration project slated for completion later this year. The project, which was launched with a traditional Hawaiian blessing on March 18, aims to ensure the protection and preservation of the palace’s historical integrity and valuable contents. Project work will include repairing and replacing approximately 9,000 square feet of slate roofing, treating cast iron elements, neutralizing rust damage and repairing the palace’s historic glass cupola and skylights. [www.IolaniPalace.org](http://www.IolaniPalace.org)

## **Lion Coffee Roastery**

- After a four-year hiatus, Lion Coffee Roastery’s Kalihi facility tours are back. Guests on the tour learn about the journey of coffee beans from farm to cup aboard the “Roar”stery Tour as they explore one of Hawai‘i’s largest coffee-roasting facilities and sample two kinds of coffee in a guided tasting session. Guests also receive a keychain exclusive to the tour. [www.LionCoffee.com](http://www.LionCoffee.com)

## **Sea Life Park**

- Learn about one of Hawai'i's traditional practices and art forms at Sea Life Park's new *kepa*-making workshops. Led by *kumu* (instructor) Page Pūko'a Chang, the immersive workshops include peel-and-pound sessions focused on *kepa* prep and in-depth workshops walking participants through the creative process. The experience offers participants an opportunity to make one of the original textiles of the Islands. The new workshops are presented by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement in partnership with Waimānalo Canoe Club. [www.SeaLifeParkHawaii.com](http://www.SeaLifeParkHawaii.com)

## **Wai Kai AquaVenture**

- Wai Kai at the [Hoakalei Resort](http://www.HoakaleiResort.com) in West O'ahu recently debuted its new 40,000-square-foot floating playground, Wai Kai AquaVenture. Located in the water park's lagoon and open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the AquaVenture features a series of interconnected inflatables, with monkey bars, slides, bridges, balance beams, towers and more. [www.WaiKai.com](http://www.WaiKai.com)

## **Waikīkī Beach Services**

- Join the beachboys at Waikīkī Beach Services in celebrating their upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Book a surfing experience with their certified watermen and women and catch the thrill of riding the waves of the famed shoreline. Waikīkī Beach Services has perpetuated the area's beachboy traditions since 1955. [www.WaikikiBeachServices.com](http://www.WaikikiBeachServices.com)

## **HOTELS**

### **Courtyard Marriott Oahu North Shore**

- The Courtyard Marriott Oahu North Shore is currently undergoing a full-property transformation, including updates to the hotel's lobby, recreational facilities, guest rooms and restaurant. Renovations of the 144-room property neighboring the Polynesian Cultural Center are scheduled for completion by the end of May. Guest room updates are already completed and include four new Family Rooms — created for larger families and groups — each with a king bed and two sets of twin bunk beds. Renovations of the hotel's suites are ongoing and will include the addition of kitchenettes. The hotel is open through renovations and looks forward to celebrating when the project is complete. [www.Marriott.com](http://www.Marriott.com)

### **Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort**

- Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort recently announced its Inclusive Waikiki Package, offering travelers an inclusive vacation experience in Waikīkī. The limited-time-only package bundles accommodations with parking, dinner, drinks and a choice of breakfast or lunch for up to two people under one nightly rate. The inclusive package is available for stays of four nights or more and is available to book now through March 31, 2024, for stays between March 20 and Dec. 19, 2024. [www.Hilton.com](http://www.Hilton.com)

### Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

- **Ke Kai Series** — The Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort is hosting a series of free events honoring Hawaiian wayfinding traditions and the perpetuation of Hawaiian voyaging canoe caretaking. The events are fundraising opportunities for the nonprofit [Friends of Hōkūleʻa and Hawaiʻiloa](#), with the first event set for the resort's A'o Cultural Center on June 15, featuring family-friendly activities, light bites and refreshments and live music.
- **Coral Kids Club** — The new Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort Coral Kids Club activity center offers a safe, supervised space for *keiki* (children), featuring interactive activities and professional childcare services offered in both English and Japanese. The Coral Kids Club is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering time for parents to relax while their children participate in fun and culturally enriched activities on their vacation.

### **Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel**

- Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group will soon launch a new resident production at Outrigger Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel introducing its well-known artistry to Hawaiʻi audiences through the guidance and vision of Native Hawaiian creatives Dr. Aaron J. Salā, Costume Designer Carrington Manaola Yap and Choreographer and Kumu Hula Hiwa Vaughan-Darval. Announcements regarding the show's title, theme, schedule and ticket sales will be made this spring. [www.CirqueDuSoleil.com](http://www.CirqueDuSoleil.com).

### **Prince Waikiki**

- Prince Waikiki aims to honor Oʻahu's history and establish the island's future for new generations of locals and visitors. The hotel's Prince Commitment was created with a purpose of supporting the Oʻahu community. Guests can offer \$1 for each night of their stay to improve Hawaiʻi by supporting Prince Waikiki's local partners such as [Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii](#), [Maui Relief Efforts](#), [Make A Wish® Hawaii](#), the [Honolulu Museum of Art](#) and [Anuenue School](#). [www.PrinceWaikiki.com](http://www.PrinceWaikiki.com)

### **Romer House Waikiki**

- Romer House will debut in June as one of the first adults-only concept lodging properties on the island of Oʻahu. It will feature Japanese-Hawaiian inspired dining and entertainment, a rotating selection of local artwork, and a second-floor pool for socializing and relaxing without the kids. The hotel hopes to be a gathering place for visiting guests and the local community — with all-day dining and an innovative cocktail program — as well as an intimate retreat amid the vibrant energy of Waikīkī. [www.RomerHotels.com](http://www.RomerHotels.com)

### The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach

- **Keiki Concierge** — The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach resort is offering a new family amenity aimed at helping create memorable experiences for *keiki* (children). From curating thematic scavenger hunts around the property to arranging kid-approved adventures on Oʻahu, the resort's Keiki Concierge is meant to ease itinerary planning for parents and delight children with special moments throughout their stay.



- **Little Paddlers** — Another new resort offering for families is the Little Paddlers surf program. Waikīkī's calm waters are ideal for *keiki* to catch waves. And this daytime activity includes a surf lesson with a certified instructor as well as snack boxes to enjoy afterwards. Every participant receives a framed certificate of completion as a keepsake of their accomplishment.

### **Wayfinder Waikiki**

- This spring, Wayfinder Waikiki will debut the Wayfinder Lanai Suite — offering partial ocean and city views — and in the summer, two Penthouse Suites set atop the property. The hotel has also expanded its guest neighborhood perks program to include discounts with local partners, including Leahi Voyager, Gem Studio, Daniels Hawaii, Yoga Under the Palms, Island Picnic Co, Pink Sales, Bishop Museum, Moniz Surf School and more. Lost and Found, the hotel's tropical speakeasy pool bar, is undergoing a revamp to offer a restyled look complemented by a new happy hour menu available daily from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring the full menu discounted at 50%. [www.WayfinderHotels.com](http://www.WayfinderHotels.com)

## **CULINARY OFFERINGS**

### **Hard Rock Cafe Honolulu**

- For families and groups looking to escape the hassle of meal planning during their vacation, Hard Rock Cafe Honolulu has added box lunches and special family bundles to its catering options. From double-protein fajitas to build-your-own-burger bars to family-style salads, families can enjoy their favorite Hard Rock dishes without leaving the comfort of their room. [www.Cafe.HardRock.com](http://www.Cafe.HardRock.com)

### **Mille Fête**

- Alongside friend and baker extraordinaire, Katherine Yang, James Beard award-winning chef Robynne Maii is readying to open bakery concept Mille Fête this spring, featuring delectable treats and some of the most popular desserts from her restaurant, Fête. For a taste test at Fête, make a reservation at [www.FeteHawaii.com](http://www.FeteHawaii.com).

### **Monkeypod Kitchen**

- Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman is now open at the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort. The restaurant concept by Chef Peter Merriman and Handcrafted Restaurants offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and happy hour just steps away from the sands of Waikīkī Beach. Monkeypod Kitchen's opening marks the completion of Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort's \$85 million investment in property enhancements, which include the restaurant, upscale residential-style rooms and suites such as the 4,000-square-foot Coral Reef Penthouse, a fitness center and the Coral Reef Kids Club. [www.Outrigger.com](http://www.Outrigger.com)

## **Nami Kaze**

- Spotighting local farmers and uplifting the local community are missions of 2024 James Beard Award semifinalist Nami Kaze restaurant. In addition to sourcing fresh and quality ingredients, Nami Kaze recently unveiled its Farmers' Menu, crafted by chefs Devin Hikosaka, Reed Kikuta, Richard Lee and Beverly Luk. The menu is being served now for a limited time and subject to change based on seasonal availability and product availability. A portion of proceeds raised from menu items will go to Maui Relief with Chef Hui, with guest orders contributing to the local community. [www.NamiKaze.com](http://www.NamiKaze.com)

## **Orchids**

- In June, Halekulani Executive Chef Christian Testa and Imperial Hotel Tokyo Executive Chef Yu Sugimoto will collaborate on a special tasting menu at the Halekulani's oceanfront restaurant, Orchids, celebrating the sophisticated flavors of the coastal Italian regions. [www.Halekulani.com](http://www.Halekulani.com).

## **Royal Hawaiian Center**

- The Royal Hawaiian Center recently welcomed two exciting new dining destinations. Straight from California, [Mini Monster](#) arrives with a commitment to sustainability in a relaxed setting. Indulge in exclusive Hawai'i jar drinks and the café's popular Thai Tea. The new [206 BCE's](#) menu features seafood platters, Cajun shrimp and the eatery's signature anti-gravity noodles. [www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/dining](http://www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/dining).

## **Zippy's**

- In May, Zippy's will offer a special *mahalo* (thank you) to five Hawai'i-based community nonprofit organizations helping our communities. Each week in May, a portion of sales proceeds from Zippy's Kokua Pac — a special menu item the Hawai'i restaurant chain brings back to its menu only in May — will be donated to several local nonprofits, including the Partners in Development Foundation, Hawaii Chamber Music Festival, Hale Makua Health Services, Aloha Diaper Bank and HUGS. [www.Zippys.com](http://www.Zippys.com)

## **100 Sails Restaurant**

- A mission of 100 Sails Restaurant and Bar Chef Jeremy Shigekane is ensuring the [Prince Waikiki](#) hotel's food and beverage environmental footprints are minimal. From implementing smaller menus and creating dishes using locally grown produce to utilizing ingredients from on-property gardens, he recognizes the importance of sustainability. Shigekane's work alongside local nonprofit [Aloha Harvest](#) to collect unused and untouched food for redistribution to feed the hungry helps keep food out of landfills and strengthens the local community. All remaining food waste is donated to a local pig farm, resulting in zero food waste. [www.100Sails.com](http://www.100Sails.com)



## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

### April 22 - May 27 2024

- **Hideout** — Located at The Laylow hotel, the [Hideout](#) serves modern Hawai'i cuisine in a relaxed, open-lānai setting. Beginning in April, Hideout will host events including:
  - **April 22: An Earth Day Celebration** will spotlight cocktail and wine specials.
  - **May 24-27: Memorial Day Weekend Celebration** — This weekend celebration, in partnership with Heineken, will feature parties on May 24 and 25 with live music by Natural Vibes and The Vitals, and brunch on May 26 and 27.

### April 27, 2024

- **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Waikiki SPAM® Jam** — Situated in the heart of Waikīkī, this annual event showcases Hawai'i's unique love affair with SPAM®. Check out its Waikīkī block party from 4 to 10 p.m., featuring unique and favorite SPAM® dishes, locally crafted gifts, retail products and more. In addition, catch live entertainment at the Outrigger Resorts stage fronting the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, the L&L Hawai'i/Alaska Airlines stage fronting Royal Hawaiian Center, and the Hawaii Music Preservation Society Stage at the *hula* mound fronting the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort. [www.SpamJam.com](http://www.SpamJam.com).

### April 28, 2024

- **Ho'omau Hawai'i Market** — The Ho'omau Hawai'i Market will return for a one-day celebration in partnership with Hawaiian Airlines on May Day for another Lā Mei Celebration. Held at Bishop Museum, the special event promises a vibrant mix of Hawaiian culture, music and local entrepreneurship with more than 40 local vendors. Families can enjoy *keiki*-friendly activities and a fashion show while showing support for local businesses. [www.HoomauHawaiiMarket.com](http://www.HoomauHawaiiMarket.com).

### April 28, 2024

- **Kailua Town Party** — The 29<sup>th</sup> I Love Kailua Town Party, presented by nonprofit Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) and supported by Alexander and Baldwin, will happen on Kailua Road in Windward O'ahu. The community block-party offers an array of food booths with flavorful specialties such as shave ice, malasadas, plate lunch and more. The I Love Kailua Town Party is also an opportunity to enjoy shopping, entertainment and family fun. All proceeds raised from the event go back into the Kailua community through LKOC's beautification and tree-planting projects. [www.LKOC.org](http://www.LKOC.org)

### May 1, 2024

- **Kāhuli Leo Le'a** — Hawaiian Airlines May Day 2024 presented by Mele continues the annual Lei Day tradition by the Brothers Cazimero with Keauhou, the 19-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning group, returning to headline the concert experience alongside special guests. The live concert will be held at the Great Lawn of Bishop Museum featuring performances of *mele*, *hula*, and *mo'olelo*. [www.Mele.com](http://www.Mele.com)

#### May 1, 2024

- **Lei Day Celebration** — As one of Hawai'i's most emblematic symbols of aloha, lei — and the crafting of lei — have been celebrated in the Hawaiian Islands on Lei Day since 1927. The City and County of Honolulu's official Lei Day event is held at Kapi'olani Park in Waikiki, honoring lei and the traditions surrounding it with festivities, including pageants and competitions for lei queen and the crafting of colorful, fragrant flower lei. [www.Honolulu.gov](http://www.Honolulu.gov)

#### May 4, 2024

- **Flores de Mayo & Filipino Fiesta** — Sponsored by L&L Hawaiian Barbeque and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the Filipino Community Center and Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu are collaborating once again to host the 2024 Flores de Mayo & Filipino Fiesta. *Kama'aina* and visitors are invited to immerse themselves in a day-long celebration featuring an array of Filipino cuisine, cultural showcases, entertaining performances, activities for the entire *'ohana*, and local businesses and community organizations. This year's theme, "Celebrating a Resilient Community," honors the collective strength that has carried us through challenges and triumphs alike. [www.FilCom.org](http://www.FilCom.org)

#### May 5, 2024

- **Cinco De Mayo Celebration of Diversity** — Join the celebration of Cinco de Mayo, presented by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. This vibrant event promises to immerse you in the diverse cultural heritage of Hawai'i through mariachis, music, *hula*, O'ahu Intertribal American Indian dancers and drummers. Enjoy authentic Latino regional cuisine from food trucks alongside a lively beer garden. Don't miss out on this family friendly event with festivities at the Keiki Zone! [www.HCCHawaii.org](http://www.HCCHawaii.org)

#### May 11, 2024

- **Aloha Home Love Your Momma Market** — Aloha Home's market features Hawai'i furniture makers, artisans, jewelry makers, clothing designers, food vendors and more. Stop by to enjoy an afternoon of shopping, live entertainment from local up-and-coming musicians, *'ono* (tasty) grinds, kids activities and more. [www.AlohaHomeMarket.com](http://www.AlohaHomeMarket.com)

#### May 11, 2024

- **Ko Olina Children's Festival** — The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ko Olina Children's Festival returns to Aulani, A Disney Resort and Spa with a sunset screening of the Disney-Pixar movie, "A Bug's Life." Designed to engage young minds and foster a love of the natural world, the festival offers an afternoon of interactive exhibits, creative workshops, live performances, food stands and more. Proceeds from this year's event will go to Hawai'i Pacific Health, which oversees Kapi'olani Medical Center, Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Medical Center on O'ahu, and Wilcox Medical Center on Kaua'i. [www.KoolinaChildrensFestival.com](http://www.KoolinaChildrensFestival.com)

### May 11, 2024

- **Prince Waikiki: Wine + Wicks** — Both guests and locals can join the Prince Waikiki hotel for a Mother's Day-themed candle-making workshop. Celebrate your special bond with mom while crafting candles together and making memories. [www.PrinceWaikiki.com](http://www.PrinceWaikiki.com).

### May 13-16, 2024

- **AccesSurf Hosts Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships** — AccesSurf's Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships, sponsored by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority is set for the Queen's Surf Break in Waikiki in May. Event host AccesSurf's mission is providing inclusive opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy the freedom and benefits of water sports. With more than 100 adaptive surfers from around the world expected to participate across nine divisions, this championship promises a showcase of remarkable talent and unwavering spirit within the surfing community. [www.AccesSurf.org/hasc](http://www.AccesSurf.org/hasc).

### May 27, 2024

- **Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i** — This annual ceremony bringing together communities from around the world in honor of fallen service members and loved ones will return to Ala Moana Beach on Memorial Day. Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with its theme of "Many Rivers, One Ocean," the ceremony hopes to connect the community by offering a physical and emotional space for residents and visitors to experience a sense of comfort, connection and healing. Individual lanterns will be available on a first come first serve basis. [www.LanternFloatingHawaii.com](http://www.LanternFloatingHawaii.com)

### June 3 – December 31, 2024

- **Walt Disney Studios and World War II Exhibition** — Experience this historic Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum exhibition showcasing more than 550 remarkable examples of Disney's extensive contributions to the Allied war effort during WWII, including animated short films with favorite Disney characters, propaganda films and insignia designs. Entrance to the exhibition is included with museum general admission. [www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PearlHarborAviationMuseum.org)

### June 6-16, 2024

- **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture** — The Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) is one of the world's largest annual celebrations of indigenous Pacific Islanders. The celebration will convene in Hawai'i on the island of O'ahu this year for the first time. More than 2,500 delegates — including artists, cultural practitioners, scholars and officials from more than 20 nations — will gather for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual festival's 10 days of cultural exchange, appreciation and celebration at multiple venues across the island. The festival's 2024 theme is "Ho'oulu Lāhui: Regenerating Oceania," honoring the traditions FestPAC works to perpetuate with an eye toward the future. FestPAC serves as a platform for Pacific Island nations to showcase their rich heritage and artistic talents. [www.FestPacHawaii.org](http://www.FestPacHawaii.org)

## June 7-8, 2024

- **King Kamehameha Celebration** — This year’s King Kamehameha Day holiday will again arrive with festivities planned across the Hawaiian Islands. The theme for 2024’s O‘ahu celebration is “E ala e nā kini o ka ‘āina! Arise people of Hawai‘i.” [www.SFCA.Hawaii.gov](http://www.SFCA.Hawaii.gov)
  - **June 7, 2024 — Lei Draping Ceremony (2:30 p.m.)** — O‘ahu’s annual King Kamehameha Day Celebration begins with its Lei Draping Ceremony fronting Ali‘iōlani Hale in Honolulu. The ceremony will include cultural protocols, pageantry and beautiful hand-made *lei* draped on the outstretched arms of the King Kamehameha I statue at Ali‘iōlani Hale. The Royal Hawaiian Band and *hula* group Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima will provide live entertainment. And all are welcome to join the women of Hawaiian royal society ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu in stringing 30-foot plumeria *lei* on the king’s statue — a tradition perpetuated by these gracious ladies for nearly as long as the statue has stood. Donations of loose plumeria flowers will be accepted at 8 a.m.
  - **June 8, 2024**
    - **107<sup>th</sup> King Kamehameha Floral Parade (9 a.m.)** — This event features floral floats, marching bands and *pā‘ū* riders on horseback, as well as representatives from Hawai‘i’s royal societies. The parade route will begin on King Street fronting ‘Iolani Palace then head south on Punchbowl Street, before turning onto Ala Moana Boulevard and eventually Kalākaua Avenue in Waikīkī. The parade finishes at Monsarrat Avenue and Kapi‘olani Park at around 11:30 a.m.
    - **King Kamehameha Celebration Ho‘olaule‘a (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)** — This free and open to the public *ho‘olaule‘a* (celebration) happens at parade’s end in Kapi‘olani Park with food booths, Hawaiian cultural activities, *hula*, live entertainment, cultural activities, games, education, demonstrations, workshops and more. Everyone is invited to relax and enjoy the afternoon in the park and meet with *pā‘ū* riders and other parade participants.

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