



HAWAII'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July-December 2024

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JULY 2024

◆ July 1, 2024

Lānaʻi Pineapple Festival (Lānaʻi) — Since James Dole's purchase of Lānaʻi in 1922 to grow pineapple, the sweet and juicy fruit has evolved into an iconic symbol of the Hawaiian Islands. Thanks to Dole's green thumb and ingenuity (canned pineapple, anyone?), the tiny island became an agricultural giant, with its plantation acreage once accounting for 75 percent of the world's pineapple production. While the majority of Lānaʻi's pineapple production shut down in the late 1980s, the island still celebrates its rich history as Hawaii's Pineapple Island each summer with the Lānaʻi Pineapple Festival. Be sure to come hungry to enjoy pineapple-eating contests, pineapple-cooking competitions and food booths showcasing tasty island eats. Lanai96763.com

◆ July 4, 2024

Parker Ranch Annual 4th of July Rodeo & Horse Races (island of Hawaiʻi) — Celebrating the Waimea community and commemorating its ranching culture and way of life, this rodeo is a long-standing tradition. The event promotes camaraderie and friendly competition among several Hawaiʻi Island ranches, showcasing the skills that made *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) famous throughout the world. *Paniolo* compete in multiple events, including horse racing, ranch mugging, team roping, *poʻo waiū* (*paniolo* ranching technique) and more. The community is invited to enjoy crafts and food from local vendors and *keiki* (children) activities, including a petting zoo. ParkerRanch.com

◆ July 4, 2024

Great Waikoloa Rubber Duckie Race (island of Hawaiʻi) — Adopt a rubber duckie to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaiʻi this Independence Day, then watch it and 10,000 other bathtub duckies as they paddle to victory. The first 50 finishers and last place duckie win prizes. Additional race highlights include entertainment, free *keiki* activities, merchant offers and more. UnitedCerebralPalsyHawaii.org

◆ July 6, 2024

Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest 2024 (Oʻahu) — Family and friends can join in this annual bon dance season event to celebrate the diversity and heritage of Honolulu's Mōʻiliʻili community. The festival is a vibrant cultural extravaganza, honoring Japanese and Hawaiian cultural roots and featuring one of the city's largest bon dances. Attendees can participate in multiple activities, including learning about the Tanabata holiday, decorating Japanese uchiwa fans and writing wishes to hang on bamboo trees. MoiiliiliSummerFestHi.com

◆ July 12, 2024

Moonlight Mele (Oʻahu) — Bishop Museum is excited to welcome Moonlight Mele concerts back to its Great Lawn for 2024. Moonlight Mele invites *kamaʻāina* (local residents) and *malihini* (visitors) to enjoy an evening of *ʻono* (tasty) Hawaiian food and live entertainment from some of Hawaiʻi's most talented musicians. BishopMuseum.org

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- ◆ **July 12-14, 2024**
6th Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic (Kaua'i) — This community-based competition on Prince Kūhiō Beach educates boogie board competitors on the long-term benefits of watersports. *Kūpuna* (elders) and professional bodyboarders mentor participants through the competition and coach the contest's amateur-level divisions. Kaikeha.org
- ◆ **July 14, 2024**
Hawai'i 'Ukulele Festival (O'ahu) — In partnership with the Kala Foundation, the Hawai'i 'Ukulele Festival event brings people together to celebrate the power of music and promote cultural understanding. This outdoor annual live music event features well-known and emerging artists, an arts and crafts village, a multiethnic food court and more. HawaiiUkuleleFestival.com
- ◆ **July 17, 2024**
Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival (Statewide) — Organized by the Kalihi-Pālama Culture and Arts Society, this annual event celebrates Hawaiian culture and hula, fostering a cultural exchange that enhances the experience for residents and visitors alike. Approaching its 50th year, the competition draws *bālau hula* (hula groups) from across Hawai'i and Japan, showcasing the talents of young dancers in *hula kabiko* (traditional hula) and *hula 'auana* (modern hula). KeikiHula.org
- ◆ **July 19-20, 2024**
Molokai Holokai Ho'olaule'a (Maui, Moloka'i) — Celebrating Hawaiian cultural values, community and respect for the land and sea, this event combines two renowned ocean-paddling competitions: the Maui to Moloka'i Challenge and the Moloka'i Holokai. The event weekend kicks off on Friday with the Maui to Moloka'i Challenge, which includes a harbor clean-up and welcome for paddlers at Kaunakakai Harbor. The competition continues on Saturday with the Holo Fun Run and Moloka'i Holokai Kamalo Run. Attendees can enjoy live music and food as they cheer on both days' paddlers. MolokaiHolokai.com
- ◆ **July 19-21, 2024**
Paniolo Heritage Rodeo (Kaua'i) — The Paniolo Heritage Rodeo, held during the annual Kōloa Plantation Days festival, offers a fun, cultural experience spotlighting the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) lifestyle. Crowds gather over three days to cheer on competitors in races, fast-action riding and roping sports and enjoy *'ono* (delicious) local foods, educational exhibits and *paniolo* storytelling. KauaiRodeo.com
- ◆ **July 19-28, 2024**
38th Annual Kōloa Plantation Days Festival (Kaua'i) — Held in the South Kaua'i district, where Hawai'i's first sugar plantation was founded in 1835, this 10-day community celebration features lively, family-oriented events that showcase the area's rich history and diverse multicultural traditions. Bring the family to celebrate Kōloa and enjoy live music, dance, a festival parade and lots of multiethnic comfort food. KoloaPlantationDays.com
- ◆ **July 20, 2024**
47th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival (O'ahu) — This annual Hawaiian cultural event honors beloved Hawai'i monarch and *hula* enthusiast Kamehameha V (born Lot Kapuāiwa) and brings *hula* practitioners and admirers together for an exhibition of dance performances by invited *bālau hula* (hula groups). One of Hawai'i's most revered cultural events, the festival will be held at Thomas Square in Honolulu this year, offering residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty, skill and spirit of the Hawaiian tradition of *hula*. MoanaluaGardensFoundation.org

- ◆ **July 27, 2024**
Volcano's 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs (island of Hawai'i) — Enjoy this annual fun run through a beautiful 'ōhi'a forest, with scenic views of the Maunakea and Maunaloa volcanoes. Runners participating in 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs can opt to join the event's half-marathon or 5K courses. OhiaLehuaHalf.com
- ◆ **July 27, 2024**
Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge (Kaua'i) — The World Open Water Swimming Association has called the Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge one of the Top 100 American Open Water Swims. With its warm, clear, gentle waters and sandy bottom, Hanalei Bay in the summer offers an ideal venue for the event's fun and competitive open-water races, which are open to multiple ages and skill levels and attract swimmers from around the world. HanaleiBaySwimChallenge.com
- ◆ **July 28, 2024**
2024 Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Moloka'i, O'ahu) — As one of the most prestigious paddleboard races in the world, this championship attracts elite athletes from around the globe. The challenging race covers 32 miles across the Kaiwi Channel from Moloka'i to O'ahu. Spectators can witness the thrill of competitors racing to the finish line from several points on O'ahu's coastline. Molokai2Oahu.com
- ◆ **July 28, 2024**
The Virtual V.5 Edition of the Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Virtual) — Paddleboarders unable to participate in person in this year's live championship race detailed above are invited to compete in the Virtual V.5 Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships. Solo paddlers and relay teams can race the championship's 16-mile course length anywhere and at any time in the world and submit their times to the official leaderboard. Molokai2Oahu.com

AUGUST 2024

- ◆ **August 2-3, 2024**
20th Annual Korean Festival (O'ahu) — All are invited to celebrate the Korean culture in Hawai'i at the annual Korean Festival, organized by the Korean American Foundation Hawaii, Hawaii Korean Chamber of Commerce, and supported by dozens of community organizations and businesses. Held at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale, the festival offers attendees a taste of Korean culture through its food, dance, art, music and entertainment at multiple festival booths. KoreanFestHawaii.com
- ◆ **August 2-30, 2024**
Youth Art Exhibition (Maui) — The Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will present the works of more than 250 youth participating in its summer arts programming at this monthlong exhibition, which serves as a showcase for the students' creativity and the possibilities of community visual arts education. HuiNoeau.com
- ◆ **August 3-4, 2024**
Heiva I Kaua'i (Kaua'i) — Celebrating its 22nd anniversary, this colorful two-day cultural festival at Kapa'a Beach Park features Tahitian dance and drum competition in solo and group performances, as well as traditional and contemporary Tahitian-style drumming. Attendees can also enjoy an array of vendors selling Pacific Island jewelry, art, woodwork and delicious food. HeivaiKauai.com

- ◆ **August 5-10, 2024**
Asia Pacific Dance Festival (Statewide) — The Asia Pacific Dance Festival features concerts, university course offerings, public lectures, forums and community demonstrations. The festival aims to foster diverse and dynamic types of interactions, leading to opportunities for dialogue enhancing exposure to, and an understanding of, many of the rich forms of dance from Asia and the Pacific. Manoa.Hawaii.edu
- ◆ **August 10, 2024**
Kanikapila Festival (O'ahu) — Join in for an exciting night of local apparel and accessories, handmade jewelry and crafts, local street food, and refreshing fruit and drinks. The free and open-to-the public festival will feature over 140 vendors offering Hawai'i-made and -crafted products. It is hosted by Millwood Ohana Productions in partnership with The Four Caterers LLC and will benefit the Elks Major Project. MillWoodOhanaProductions.com
- ◆ **August 13-24, 2024**
IVF World Sprint Championship (island of Hawai'i) — Hosted by the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, the 20th IVF World Sprint Championship will be held in Hilo with an aim of spotlighting the sport of outrigger canoe racing and creating opportunities to inspire new generations of paddlers. The 12-day international event draws thousands of spectators and paddlers from over 35 countries. WorldSprints2024Hilo.org
- ◆ **August 17-18, 2024**
Ho'oku'ikahi Establishment Day, Hawaiian Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Pū'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site will celebrate its 52nd anniversary alongside its annual Establishment Day Hawaiian cultural festival Ho'oku'ikahi Pu'ukoholā, which means “to unify at Pu'ukoholā” in *‘ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language). Festivities will include a *ho'okupu* (gift giving) ceremony, workshops and demonstrations that showcase traditional Hawaiian arts and crafts and more. NPS.gov/PuHe
- ◆ **August 17-25, 2024**
2024 Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival (O'ahu) — All the events in this nine-day ocean sports festival happen in the offshore waters and sands of Waikīkī's beaches in honor of legendary Hawai'i waterman and fest namesake Duke Kahanamoku. The festival's full schedule of ocean sports events includes surfing, outrigger canoe paddling, swimming, surfboard water polo, foil surfing, beach volleyball and more, culminating with a *lei*-draping ceremony at Kahanamoku's Waikīkī statue to commemorate his birthday. The fest is a fundraiser for the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation's college scholarship and athletic grants programs. DukesOceanFest.com
- ◆ **August 23-25, 2024**
Gathering of the Voyagers (Maui) — Hosted by the Fairmont Kea Lani resort in partnership with the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society, this three-day celebration of Polynesian and Hawaiian culture brings together revered voyagers, navigators, canoe carvers and practitioners from across the globe for traditional ceremonies, demonstrations, a *mākeke* (market), live entertainment and a collective voyage around offshore islet Molokini. The event happens at the resort and is free and open to the public. GatheringOfTheVoyagers.com

◆ **August 23-25, 2024**

Made In Hawaii Festival (O'ahu) — Popular with visitors and residents, this annual shopping event at the Hawai'i Convention Center features over 400 exhibitors, showcasing food products, books, gifts, apparel, jewelry, arts and crafts, produce and other homegrown products—all of it produced right here in Hawai'i. Festival attendees also enjoy cooking demonstrations, live music and dance performances. [MadeInHawaiiFestival.com](https://www.madeinhawaii.com)

◆ **August 29 - September 2, 2024**

Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race (island of Hawai'i) — The Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race was founded in 1972 as a training event for the grueling Nā Wāhine o Ke Kai women's and Moloka'i Hoe men's long-distance canoe races from Moloka'i to O'ahu. The race welcomes paddlers from around the globe to compete in the world's largest long-distance outrigger canoe race. Other event activities and highlights include a Historic Kailua Village cultural walk and tour of Hulihe'e Palace, the Queen Lili'uokalani Cultural Fair, arts and crafts vendors, food booths, an event blessing and a torch-light parade. [QLCanhoeRace.com](https://www.qlcanhoe.com)

◆ **August 31, 2024**

42nd Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival (O'ahu) — This annual music festival at the Waikiki Aquarium features live music from Hawai'i musicians with roots in the Hawaiian slack-key guitar music genre, as well as free giveaways and prizes. Festival attendees will also enjoy favorite Hawai'i cuisine, including shave ice. [GoHawaii.com](https://www.gohawaii.com)

◆ **August 31 – September 1, 2024**

Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) — As one of the state's premier cultural festivals, this annual event celebrates the Okinawan culture's long history in Hawai'i and its many contributions to the cultural fabric of the Islands. Celebrating its 42nd year, the two-day festival at the Hawai'i Convention Center welcomes residents and visitors to experience Okinawan cuisine, cultural and historical exhibits, arts and crafts, children's games and lots of Okinawan entertainment. [OkinawanFestival.com](https://www.okinawanfestival.com)

SEPTEMBER 2024

◆ **September 1, 2024**

Kaua'i Marathon and Half-Marathon (Kaua'i) — This 26.2-mile marathon and 13-mile half-marathon keeps runners inspired with a course often running alongside Kaua'i's sparkling blue ocean waters, white sand beaches and emerald rainforests. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities supporting the community. [TheKauaiMarathon.com](https://www.thekauaimarathon.com)

◆ **September 4 – October 28, 2024**

Festivals of Aloha (Maui) — Free and open to the public, the annual Festivals of Aloha, Maui Nui Style celebrates Hawaiian culture through royal pageantry, parades, street parties, concerts and family activities hosted on Maui, Lāna'i and Moloka'i. More details to be announced. [FestivalsOfAloha.com](https://www.festivalsaloha.com)

- **September 4** — Kū Mai Ka Hula — Maui's only adult *hula* competition features award-winning *hālau hula* (hula groups) competing in solo and group performances. *Kāne* (male) and *wahine* (female) dancers from Hawai'i, Japan and Continental U. S. *hālau* compete in both *kahiko* (traditional) and *'auana* (modern) *hula* styles at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.
- **September 6** — Wailuku First Friday
- **September 13** — Aloha Friday — Free and open to the public, this event at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center welcomes all to enjoy an evening of Hawaiian music, *hula* and more.
- **September 19-October 28 (Hāna)** — details to be announced

- **September 21** — Richard Ho'opi'i Leo Ki'eki'e Falsetto Contest — Taking place at the Carlton Maui, Kapalua.
 - **October 5 (Lāna'i)** — Ho'olaule'a with hands on activities, local eats, crafters and live entertainment.
 - **October 26** — Four Seasons Resort Maui — Hula is the Heartbeat — A celebration of Hawaiian music and *hula* showcasing four of Maui's most prestigious *hālau* (hula schools).
 - **October 27** — Four Seasons Resort Maui — Sounds of the Sea — A free evening of Hawaiian Music.
- ◆ **September 7-28, 2024**
Aloha Festivals (O'ahu) — Preserving traditions of the Hawaiian culture, the Aloha Festivals is a showcase of Hawaiian music, dance, history and the culture's contributions to Hawai'i. With events scheduled throughout September, the Aloha Festivals includes pageantry, a floral parade and a *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) in Waikiki, music and *hula* performances and family-friendly activities. AlohaFestivals.com
- **September 7** — The Aloha Festivals Royal Court Investiture and Opening Ceremony, held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki, featuring Hawaiian *hula*, *oli* (chant) and pageantry and the introduction of the Aloha Festivals 2024 Royal Court.
 - **September 21** — The 70th annual Aloha Festivals Waikiki Ho'olaule'a, one of Hawai'i's largest annual block parties, featuring local-favorite food, music and entertainment right on Kalakaua Avenue, which is blocked off for the event.
 - **September 28** — The 76th annual Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, showcasing a colorful procession of horseback riders, *hula* dancers, marching bands and fresh-flower-bedecked floats on a route winding through Waikiki.
- ◆ **September 13-14, 2024**
Hawaii Line Dance Festival (Kaua'i) — The Hawaii Line Dance Festival invites dancers and non-dancers enjoy two days of nonstop line dancing. The festival includes a lineup of dance instructors from Hawai'i and the Continental U.S. and is a fundraising event for the Kaua'i Veterans Center and Museum. HawaiiLDF.com
- ◆ **September 20-22, 2024**
Kona Pride Festival (island of Hawai'i) — This three-day event hosted by Kona Pride Inc. — a nonprofit seeking to enhance the visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and allied communities — promotes LGBTQ awareness, equality and support with a variety of events and activities. KonaPride.com
- ◆ **September 20-22, 2024**
Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival (O'ahu) — The Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival, one of the longest-running queer film festivals in the U.S., celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. The festival utilizes the power of film to raise awareness of and engage, energize and instill a sense of pride and respect in Hawai'i's thriving LGBTQIA and *māhū* community. The annual festival is presented by the Honolulu Gay and Lesbian Cultural Foundation, a self-supporting 501(c)3 nonprofit, in honor of Hawai'i LGBTQIA pioneer Adam Baran. HGLCF.org

- ◆ **September 21-22, 2024**
48th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow (O'ahu) — Each year, members from multiple Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native communities gather on the Bishop Museum's Great Lawn to share and perpetuate their cultures, educate attendees and spread positivity and inclusivity. Event host Bishop Museum also offers native dance performances and exhibits at the powwow showcasing the diversity of native art. GoHawaii.com
- ◆ **September 22-28, 2024**
Kaua'i Mokihana Festival (Kaua'i) — The Mālie Foundation's Kaua'i Mokihana Festival, themed "Nā Mele Ho'okani: Instruments and Implements" this year, annually focuses on traditions of Hawaiian culture, including *hula* and music competitions. The weeklong festival features workshops, performances and a craft fair, and offers multiple events islandwide with a mission of perpetuating, promoting and preserving Hawaiian culture. MalieFoundation.org
- ◆ **September 24, 2024**
Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run (island of Hawai'i) — This fun run offers a challenging course for everyone from *keiki* (children) to *keupuna* (elders) as it winds about the unpaved trails of the island of Hawai'i town of Pāhala. Participating runners race through 1,900 acres of coffee fields and macadamia nut groves at the Ka'ū Coffee Mill and can choose courses ranging from a 50K and a half marathon, to 10K and 5K distances. KauCoffeeTrailRuns.com
- ◆ **September 29, 2024**
Aloha Fun Ride (O'ahu) — the Aloha Fun Ride event follows the renowned Honolulu Century Ride and is designed to welcome a wider audience to O'ahu's largest cycling event, perfect for youth and families. The routes head around Diamond Head offering stunning ocean views. For a five mile ride, turnaround at Fort Ruger Park or continue down Kāhala Ave. to Wai'ālae Beach Park before heading back for a eight mile ride. HBL.org
- ◆ **September 29, 2024**
Na Wahine O Ke Kai (O'ahu) — With support from the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, Salt + Air and Nexstar Media Group, this long-distance outrigger canoe competition gathers 1,000-plus paddlers from around the world to cross the rugged Ka'iwi Channel that separates Moloka'i and O'ahu. The Na Wahine O Ke Kai perpetuates the skill of outrigger canoe paddling, one of Hawai'i's and Polynesia's most important and historic cultural traditions. The competition and its broadcast spotlight the race's athletes and the perpetuation of this Hawaiian cultural tradition for future generations. The public is invited to celebrate at the race's finish line with live music and an awards presentation at Duke Kahanamoku Beach fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. NaWahineOKeKai.com
- ◆ **Date TBD 2024**
Battle of the Food Trucks (Kaua'i) — Bring your appetite and cast your vote as local food trucks battle to be named Kaua'i's Best Food Truck. Each competitor will be given several local ingredients to create a savory dish and a sweet dish for attendees to crown the best. Battle of the Food Trucks supports not just local food trucks, but farmers, producers and a larger mission of building food sustainability in the Islands. The event also spotlights Kaua'i-made and -grown products and features live local entertainment. BestKauaiFoodTrucks.com

◆ **Date TBD 2024**

16th Annual Pailolo Challenge (Maui, Moloka'i) — The Pailolo Challenge is a body-challenging 26-mile downwind canoe race from D.T. Fleming Beach Park on Maui to Kaunakakai Pier on Moloka'i. The race annually attracts Hawai'i and international athletes for an adventurous crossing of the rough, windswept Pailolo Channel separating Maui and Moloka'i. Pailolo.com

OCTOBER 2024

◆ **October 1, 2024**

EPIC Wāhine (island of Hawai'i) — EPIC Wāhine (Empowering Pacific Indigenous Creatives) is a celebration of art, culture and the rich history of Kona. It supports local businesses and artisans, and empowers Pacific and indigenous creative women in our communities. Throughout *'Okakopa* (October), participants can engage in meaningful exchanges anchored in *aloha* throughout 10+ planned events. Event highlights include *Lā Pena* (Paint Day), culturally enriching activities, an EPIC Wāhine Tattoo pop-up and an art gallery. Lydia8.org/EPIC-Wahine

◆ **October 2-13, 2024**

44th Annual Hawai'i International Film Festival (Statewide) — Presented by Halekulani hotel, this year's festival, presents a full schedule of the best and most interesting works of Hawai'i's filmmaking community, a world-class slate of international films, and multiple film industry events on Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i and the island of Hawai'i. In-theater screenings will be announced in the months ahead. HIFFE.org

◆ **October 3-6, 2024**

3rd Annual Aloha Shirt Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Held at the Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa, the Aloha Shirt Festival is Kona's own version of Fashion Week, focusing on the local garment industry and celebrating Hawai'i's iconic contribution to fashion, the *aloha* shirt. The fest features the newest fashions from local designers, including men's and women's wear, *aloha* wear, and wearable arts and crafts. The event even includes a vintage Aloha Wear exhibit, local designer booths, runway fashion shows, wearable floral industry arts, music and *bula* and local food vendors. AlohaShirtFestival.com

◆ **October 4-26, 2024**

Hawai'i Craftsmen Exhibit (O'ahu) — Held annually since 1967, this exhibition showcases traditional and contemporary innovation and expertise through works in ceramics, wood, textile, glass, metal, mixed media and more from across Hawai'i. Awards of recognition will be given to artists throughout the showcase. HawaiiCraftsmen.org

◆ **October 5-6, 2024**

Hawai'i Book and Music Festival (O'ahu) — This free community festival happens at the campus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in celebration of Hawai'i authors and authors writing about Hawai'i. Attendees can explore many activities, including storytelling, dance, improv and drama and a variety of children's programming. HawaiiBookAndMusicFestival.com

◆ **October 11-20, 2024**

Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Honoka'a Heritage Center is hosting its inaugural Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival, a weeklong event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the closing of Hāmākua Sugar Company and celebrating the Hāmākua Coast's sugar history and rich cultural and agricultural legacy. Details on the week's festivities are forthcoming but keep October 12 open on your calendar for the festival parade. HonokaaHeritageCenter.org

- ◆ **October 11-28, 2024**
Hawai'i's Woodshow, Nā Lā'au o Hawai'i (O'ahu) — The 32nd annual Hawai'i's Woodshow, held at the Hawai'i Opera Plaza in Honolulu, highlights sustainable forestry and local craftsmanship. The event and its Innovation + Imagination Student Challenge aim to educate residents and visitors about Hawai'i's heritage in sustainable forestry and woodworking with interactive educational displays and by fostering economic opportunities for local artisans. HawaiiForestInstitute.org

- ◆ **October 12, 2024**
Waikiki Fall Festival (O'ahu) — Celebrate the fall season at this night event spotlighting unique local apparel and accessories, handmade jewelry and crafts and delicious local food and drinks. Explore the products of more than 140 vendors at the free, open-to-the-public event hosted by Millwood Ohana Productions in partnership with Mega-load Burgers and benefitting Elks Major Project. MillWoodOhanaProductions.com

- ◆ **October 13, 2024**
Moloka'i Hoe 2024 (O'ahu) — The O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) is thrilled to bring back the Moloka'i Hoe long-distance outrigger canoe race this year following a four-year hiatus due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Maui wildfires. Join the celebration at the finish line of this prestigious race from Moloka'i to O'ahu, which will include live music and an awards presentation on Duke Kahanamoku Beach, fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. MolokaiHoe.com

- ◆ **October 13, 2024**
27th Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival "Kona Style" (island of Hawai'i) — Slack-key guitar music originated in the Islands in the 19th century with the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) and continues to be a beloved music genre and style of guitar musicianship. Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of slack-key guitar, known locally by its *ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) name *kei hō'alu*, which refers to the "loosened" or "slack" tuning of guitar strings. The festival also features Hawai'i crafters, local food vendors and festival merchandise. SlackKeyFestival.com

- ◆ **October 19, 2024**
Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival (O'ahu) — Hawai'i's largest LGBTQIA community event is a daylong celebration highlighted by the Honolulu Pride Parade — winding through Waikiki from Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park to Kapi'olani Park — and the Honolulu Pride Festival, which promises live music, craft and merchandise vendors, a resource fair and more. HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com

- ◆ **October 20, 2024**
Kaua'i Chocolate & Coffee Festival (Kaua'i) — This annual culinary festival, held in the island's historic westside town of Hanapēpē, celebrates all things Kaua'i-grown chocolate and coffee, with lots of opportunities for sampling. Festival attendees can also enjoy educational displays, workshops, entertainment and exhibitor booths with a variety of chocolate and coffee products. The fest also features live entertainment, a silent auction, children's activities and more. KauaiChocolateandCoffeeFestival.com

- ◆ **October 25-27, 2024**
Po'ipū Food and Wine Festival (Kaua'i) — All are invited to celebrate this year's sixth-annual edition of this culinary festival spotlighting Kaua'i-procured ingredients and island chefs. The fest's In the Kitchen series will offer cooking classes focused on food education and cooking skills. And the popular Po'ipū Night Market block party will feature small-plate dishes and wine pairings alongside food demonstrations. PoipuFoodandWineFestival.com

- ◆ **October 26, 2024**
VinFast IRONMAN World Women's Championship (island of Hawai'i) — One of the most prestigious challenges in the multi-race sport of triathlon, this world championship 140.6-mile journey invites the world's top female triathletes to the Kona Coast to compete for the sport's top honor. With a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile marathon to contend with — plus tough ocean waves and a blisteringly hot lava desert as challenges — triathletes face a course and competition unlike any other in the world. If you're visiting Kailua-Kona when it happens, you can catch it all in person. IronMan.com

- ◆ **October 26, 2024**
Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds (island of Hawai'i) — The Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds is a celebration and showcase of native Hawaiian birds that also encourages awareness and preservation of Hawai'i's natural world. Presented by the Hawai'i Wildlife Center and Conservation Council for Hawai'i, this year's festival will be a full-day event focused on community, culture and conservation efforts protecting our state's native *manu* (birds) and include a *ho'i'ike* (show), expert guest speakers and a bird fair. Proceeds raised from the festival support native bird hospital care and conservation efforts. BirdFestHawaii.org

- ◆ **October 31 - November 3, 2024**
14th Annual Hawai'i Food and Wine Festival (island of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui) — Annually featuring a roster of renowned Hawai'i and international chefs, culinary personalities, and wine and spirit producers, this series of culinary events on three islands showcases the extraordinary diversity of multicultural cuisine and excellent locally grown-and-raised ingredients found in Hawai'i. Dishes presented at each event highlight the state's bounty of local produce, seafood and meats. HawaiiFoodandWineFestival.com

NOVEMBER 2024

- ◆ **November 1-2, 2024**
Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival (Maui) — The Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival showcases the creative food, craft and multitude of products made by the island's resident and producer communities. Presented by the Maui Chamber of Commerce and supported by the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the festival aims to boost awareness and sales of local-made products among island residents and visitors. MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com

- ◆ **November 1-10, 2024**
The 53rd Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — One of Hawai'i's longest-running food festivals, this 10-day java-enriched celebration honors the farmers, culture and rich history surrounding the Kona district's world-famous coffee. Attendees checking out the fest's multitude of events will enjoy coffee tastings, cupping competitions judging Kona's best coffee, farm and mill tours, coffee art exhibits, an evening lantern parade through historic Kailua-Kona, food events and more. KonaCoffeeFest.com

◆ **November 2, 2024**

Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i (Kaua'i) — The 36th annual Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i festival is set to happen at Kōke'e State Park, featuring *lei* making, Hawaiian cultural exhibits, *'ono* (tasty) local food favorites and a full day of performances by Hawai'i *hālau hula* (hula groups). Protocol ceremonies at the festival will honor Hawai'i monarch Queen Emma and celebrate her 1871 visit to the cool, mist-covered emerald mountain forests of Kōke'e. KauaiFestivals.com

◆ **November 2, 2024**

Kaua'i Veterans Day Celebration (Kaua'i) — Held in downtown Līhu'e, this community event honors and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. Attendees can expect live music performances, local food trucks, a local artisans fair, an awards program honoring our veterans and more. KauaiVeteransCenter.org

◆ **November 9, 2024**

Kalākaua Festival (O'ahu) — This event spotlights local apparel and accessories, handmade jewelry and crafts, delicious local street food, sweet fruit and refreshing drinks. The festival will include over 140 vendors showcasing the best of what Hawai'i has to offer, is free and open to the public and will benefit Make-A-Wish Hawaii. MillWoodOhanaProductions.com

◆ **November 9, 2024**

Old Koloa Sugar Mill Run (Kaua'i) — Presented by Wilcox Health, this annual collection of 5K, 10K and half-marathon runs, plus a non-competitive 5K walk, sets participants on courses winding within the sunny south shore Kaua'i district of Kōloa. The run is organized by the Rotary Club of Kaua'i as a scholarship fundraiser for local students attending the University of Hawai'i's Kaua'i Community College. OldKoloaSugarMillRun.org

◆ **November 9, 2024**

100% Pure Kona Coffee Half Marathon (island of Hawai'i) — Runners start at Coconut Grove Marketplace and race south down the Kailua-Kona coast to the sea-cliff diving area known by locals as “End of the World,” then back to the marketplace. Whether runners finish among the first or last competitors, a cup of Kona coffee awaits them all at the finish line of this annual race. PureKonaHalf.com

◆ **November 11, 2024**

Battleship Missouri Memorial's Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony (O'ahu) — The Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts this annual Veterans Day Ceremony honoring members of the U.S. military. The Pearl Harbor ceremony commemorates all past and present veterans who served and continue to serve our country with valor and heroism, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and honor all who have fought and continue to fight for our country and our freedom. USSMissouri.org

◆ **November 24, 2024**

32nd Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival “Kaua'i Style” (Kaua'i) — Slack-key guitar music originated in the Islands in the 19th century with *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) and continues to be a beloved music genre and style of guitar musicianship. Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of slack-key guitar, known locally by its *'olelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) name *kī hō'alu*, which refers to the “loosened” or “slack” tuning of guitar strings. The festival also features Hawai'i crafters, local food vendors and festival merchandise. SlackKeyFestival.com

- ◆ **November 25-27, 2024**
41st Annual Maui Jim Maui Invitational (Maui) — This college hoops invitational is widely hailed by many sports writers and fans as one of the best early-season college basketball tournaments in the U.S. It regularly attracts some of the nation's top-ranked NCAA teams, with matchups bringing reliably jubilant crowds to the historic Lahaina Civic Center. MauiInvitational.com
- ◆ **November 28, 2024**
5K Turkey Trot and 9-Hole Turkey Shoot (Kaua'i) — Get a healthy, family friendly start to your Thanksgiving holiday while supporting a great beneficiary, Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i. The 5K "turkey trot" course is ideal, whether you're looking for a sunrise stroll or tranquil early morning run with ocean views. And yes, as the name of the event implies, there is also a 9-hole "turkey shoot" golf tourney at the Ocean Course of Hōkūala Kaua'i resort. KauaiTurkeyTrot.org

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- ◆ **December 6, 2024**
Lights on Rice Parade (Kaua'i) — The Lights on Rice Parade is held annually on the first Friday of December to kick off the holiday season. The parade begins at Vidinha Stadium, heads down Ho'olako and Rice streets and ends on 'Eiwa Street at the Historic County Building. Attendees should arrive early to secure seating for the best views of the parade and lighting of the holiday lights illuminating the County Building. LightsOnRice.org
- ◆ **December 7, 2024**
Honolulu City Lights Opening Night (O'ahu) — Experience the spirit of the holiday season with the City and County of Honolulu's official Christmas tree and holiday displays. Opening night includes a tree lighting ceremony, a parade, local food offerings and more. The festive lights are hosted at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale and are displayed to the public for free throughout the month. Guests can enjoy creative holiday trees and wreaths, large festive displays, and, most famously, mammoth effigies Shaka Santa and Tūtū Mele — Hawai'i-style takes on Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. HonoluluCityLights.org
- ◆ **December 7, 2024**
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (O'ahu) — Each year on December 7, Pearl Harbor attack survivors, U.S. military veterans and visitors from around the world gather at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during Imperial Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The theme of the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration is "Valor, Sacrifice and Peace." PacificHistoricParks.org
- ◆ **December 7, 2024**
Waimea Twilight Christmas Parade (island of Hawai'i) — Celebrating its 64th year this December, this popular parade through Waimea town features a brigade of holiday-light-loaded trucks and floats carrying area residents — ranging from *keiki* (children) to *keipuna* (elders) — representing local churches, schools, community organizations, ranches and businesses. Bonus? *Keiki* can expect to see Santa Claus among the parade participants! WaimeaTown.org

- ◆ **December 7, 2024**
Music and Light Festival at Hōlualoa Village (island of Hawai'i) — Each December, Hōlualoa Village in South Kona rolls out its holiday red carpet, inviting all to ring in the season island-of-Hawai'i-style. Hōlualoa Village will light up the night with the annual lighting of its town Christmas tree, an appearance from Santa Claus, lots of live music, gallery gatherings, art openings, food and drink and more. HoluualoaVillage.com/Festival
- ◆ **December 8, 2024**
Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu) — The fourth largest marathon in the U.S. begins its 26.2-mile route at Ala Moana Beach Park before sunrise, sending runners through metro-Honolulu and Waikīkī, then along O'ahu's south shore to Hawai'i Kai before turning back and finishing in Waikīkī at Kapi'olani Park. Participants enjoy a large sampling of city views throughout, including passes that run along beaches and over the slopes of Lē'ahi (Diamond Head State Monument). HonoluluMarathon.org
- ◆ **December 20, 2024**
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic (O'ahu) — The Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic is an eight-team, 12-game bracket tournament annually featuring an invitational lineup of some of the nation's top collegiate men's basketball teams. The tournament is held at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Stan Sheriff Center. DiamondHeadClassic.com
- ◆ **December 21, 2024**
Waimea Light Parade (Kaua'i) — From decorative floats to glo-stick marching, this annual community parade is always full of holiday cheer. Its route travels down Waimea town's Main Street and ends at Hofgaard Park with a holiday Christmas concert in the center of town for all to enjoy. Both the parade and concert are free and open to the public. WaimeaLightParade.com
- ◆ **Date TBD 2024**
New Year's Eve Celebration at Po'ipū Beach Park (Kaua'i) — Ring in and celebrate the new year alongside one of the world's most beautiful beaches at this annual family-friendly event. The evening includes an outdoor movie screening, 'ono (delicious) eats from beachside food trucks and, of course, a sky-lighting fireworks show over the beach. PoipuBeach.org
- ◆ **Date TBD 2024**
Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu) — The annual Hawai'i Bowl is known for its traditionally high-scoring games, thrilling offenses and close matchups. The post-season college football matchups are held at the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus. The contest invites an NCAA Division 1 college team from the Mountain West Conference and either a team from the American Athletic Conference or Conference USA for bowl play. The annual bowl game supports multiple nonprofit organizations through its Hawai'i Bowl Foundation, with more than \$1 million awarded to local charities since the foundation's inception. HawaiiBowl.com

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