



O'AHU'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2025 Music, Entertainment, Culture and Cuisine Enrich Visitor Experience

O'AHU – Immerse yourself in the island's vibrant culture and rich diversity through its year-round festivals and events. These gatherings celebrate O'ahu's unique multicultural heritage, deep-rooted traditions, and customs that make the island truly special. From cultural festivals showcasing Hawai'i's diverse communities and their origins to lively concert series and culinary events featuring top local chefs, O'ahu offers something for everyone to enjoy. Please note that events are subject to change without notice. Visit GoHawaii.com/Oahu/Events throughout the year for updates.

JANUARY 2025

- ◆ **January-December, 2025**
Cirque du Soleil 'Auana at OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel (O'ahu) — Experience the magic of 'Auana, Cirque du Soleil's first resident show in Hawai'i, exclusively at the OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel. This Hawai'i-inspired production blends breathtaking acrobatics, hula, and captivating music to bring Hawaiian stories and legends to life.
CirquedusSoleil.com
- ◆ **January 6-12, 2025**
Sony Open in Hawai'i (O'ahu) — The Sony Open in Hawai'i brings together 144 top golf professionals at O'ahu's Waialae Country Club. One of Hawai'i's largest charity golf events, the tournament debuted in 1999, donating \$256,000 to 43 charities. Its impact has grown since then, raising \$1.2 million annually for local nonprofits. In total, the tournament has raised \$25 million for 350-plus local nonprofit organizations. Honored by the State of Hawai'i as a Green Business award winner, the Sony Open is committed to energy efficiency and sustainable practices.
SonyOpenInHawaii.com
- ◆ **January 11, 2025**
New Year's 'Ohana Festival (O'ahu) — The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's New Year's 'Ohana Festival is one of the state's largest annual festivals celebrating Japanese New Year's traditions. The festival welcomes residents and visitors to celebrate the upcoming Year of the Snake with Shinto New Year blessings, food, crafts, cultural entertainment and more. In addition, the 73rd Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony will be held in the center's Generations Ballroom.
JCCH.com
- ◆ **January 17, 2025**
Polynesian Football Hall of Fame and Polynesian Bowl (O'ahu) — The Polynesian Bowl is held annually during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame's Enshrinement Week, regularly gathering some of the world's top high school football players to celebrate Polynesian culture and play the game they love. PolynesianBowl.com
- ◆ **January 18-20, 2025**
TransPacific Volleyball Championships (O'ahu) — Experience the excitement of this seventh annual edition of one of Hawai'i's premier indoor volleyball tournaments. Held at the Hawai'i Convention Center, it brings more than 380 teams from across the globe, highlights top-tier volleyball action and celebrates Hawaiian culture through opening ceremonies, music and cultural exhibitions. TransPacificVolleyball.com

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- ◆ **January 24-25, 2025**
Chinese New Year Celebration (O‘ahu) — As part of the 75th Narcissus Festival, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i will again present its annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza in Downtown Honolulu’s Chinatown district. The family-friendly, two-day event celebrated the start of the Year of the Snake and will include food and craft booths, live entertainment, special cultural performances, lion and dragon dances and more.
ChineseChamber.com

- ◆ **January - March 2025 (O‘ahu)** — The North Shore welcomes the winter wave season with a thrilling lineup of elite surfing, bodyboarding and body surfing events, attracting top athletes from Hawai‘i and around the world to take on the area’s legendary waves. The competitions showcase amazing wave cutting skills, celebrate Hawai‘i’s vibrant surf culture and offer spectators a front-row seat to all the action. Holding periods for events include:
 - January 4-16, 2025, for [Da Hui Backdoor Shootout](#)
 - January 27 – February 8, 2025, for the [Lexus Pipe Pro](#)
 - February 25 - March 10, 2025, for [Pipe Bodyboard Championship](#)
 - March 21 - April 3, 2025, for [Pipe Bodysurfing Classic](#)

FEBRUARY 2025

- ◆ **February 6-March 9, 2025**
- ◆ **Beethoven Festival (O‘ahu)** — The Hawai‘i Symphony Orchestra presents Beethoven's complete nine symphonies for the first time in Hawai‘i, spanning five concerts at the historic Hawai‘i Theatre. This unprecedented festival offers audiences a comprehensive journey through Beethoven's symphonic masterpieces, performed by the Hawai‘i Symphony Orchestra under the direction of esteemed conductors. MyHSO.org
 - **Eroica:** February 6, 2025, at 7:30 PM — Featuring Symphony No. 1 and Symphony No. 3.
 - **Immortal Beloved:** February 9, 2025, at 4:00 PM — Showcasing Symphony No. 2 and Symphony No. 7.
 - **Pastorale:** February 16, 2025, at 4:00 PM — Presenting Symphony No. 4 and Symphony No. 6.
 - **Fate:** March 6, 2025, at 7:30 PM — Featuring Symphony No. 8 and Symphony No. 5.
 - **Ode to Joy:** March 9, 2025, at 4:00 PM — Concluding with Symphony No. 9.

- ◆ **February 15-17, 2025**
Dancers Unlimited O‘ahu Homecoming Tour (O‘ahu) — Centered around a concept of MoveMEANT Destination, this tour offers a Native Hawaiian cultural immersion program for visitors and locals, featuring dancers, artists, the Hawaiian concept of *ahupua‘a* (mountain to sea land division), and how cultural practices contribute to the care and perpetuation of the land. DUNYC-Hi.com

- ◆ **February 15 - May 4, 2025**
Hawai‘i Triennial 2025 (O‘ahu, Maui, island of Hawai‘i) — Hawai‘i Triennial 2025 (HT25) will be the fourth edition of one of Hawai‘i’s largest periodic exhibitions of contemporary art, involving dozens of artists, key venues and organizational partners. For 2025, the exhibition will expand beyond O‘ahu to Maui and Hawai‘i Island. The art festival’s theme is ALOHA NŌ, which is a call to *know* and an invitation to form new understandings of love as acts of care, resistance, solidarity and transformation. Around this time, the Wahi Pana partnership will also launch, further enhancing the festival’s exploration of place, identity, and cultural storytelling. HawaiiContemporary.org

◆ **February 17, 2025**

The Great Aloha Run (O‘ahu) — Celebrating its 41st year, the Great Aloha Run is an 8.15-mile foot race from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. This Presidents' Day tradition welcomes participants of all ages and abilities, including divisions for elite athletes, wheelchair and hand-cycle competitors, military personnel, and recreational walkers. The event features entertainment along the course and a festive atmosphere at the finish line. Proceeds benefit numerous Hawai‘i charities, supporting health and human service organizations across the state. GreatAlohaRun.com

◆ **February 21 – Dec 6, 2025**

Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives (O‘ahu) — Explore Hawai‘i's rich missionary history through a variety of engaging events and programs at the Hawaiian Mission Houses. MissionHouses.org

- February 21 — Archives Uncorked: A unique evening showcasing rare archival treasures.
- March — Archives & Inquiry: A virtual series exploring archival research (via Microsoft Teams).
- April 26 — Annual Meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society: Open to members, featuring organizational updates and discussions.
- May — Mele Program: Celebrating Hawaiian music with performances and cultural insights.
- June 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 — O‘ahu Cemetery Pupu Theatre: Historical reenactments paired with pupu (appetizers).
- July — Makawao Cemetery Theatre: Bringing history to life on Maui.
- July 18 — Archives Uncorked: A second evening delving into the archives.
- August — Archives & Inquiry: A continuation of the virtual series (via Microsoft Teams).
- September — Huaka‘i Annual Fundraising Gala: A premier event supporting the Mission Houses’ initiatives.
- September 27 — ‘Ohana (Family) Day Open House: A free day of family-friendly activities.
- October — Mele Program: Featuring more of Hawai‘i’s musical heritage.
- October 17 — Archives Uncorked: The final installment of this archival series.
- November — Archives & Inquiry: The final virtual session (via Microsoft Teams).
- November 29 — Holiday Craft Fair: A festive market featuring handmade gifts and crafts.
- December 6 — Honolulu City Lights Family Evening: Enjoy holiday lights and family fun on the Mission Houses' historic grounds.

MARCH 2025

◆ **March 2, 2025**

King’s Runner 10K (O‘ahu) — The King’s Runner 10K is a flat and fast course beginning and ending at Thomas Square in Honolulu. Originally a tune-up race for the Hapalua half marathon in April, also on O‘ahu — the event has grown into a mass participation 10K of its own. The race has no time limit and welcomes both runners and walkers. Start time is 6:45 a.m. and parking is available at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center parking lot across from Thomas Square. Awards are presented at 8:20 a.m. to the top three male and female finishers. KingsRunner10K.com

◆ **March 7-9, 2025**

Honolulu Festival (O‘ahu) — Celebrating its 29th anniversary, 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 Waikīkī’s beaches. HonoluluFestival.com

◆ **March 14-16, 2025**

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 the weekend, it is held annually at the Hawai‘i Convention Center.

KawaiiKon.com

◆ **March 26, 2025**

Prince Kūhiō Parade Celebration (O‘ahu) — Held annually in Waikīkī, the Prince Kūhiō Parade celebrates the life and legacy of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole, known as the "Prince of the People." The parade features colorful floats, hula performances, marching bands, and cultural displays, highlighting the achievements and contributions of Prince Kūhiō to the Hawaiian community. The event honors his work as a statesman and advocate for Native Hawaiian rights, including his instrumental role in establishing the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

PrinceKuhioFestival.com

APRIL 2025

◆ **April 1-30, 2025**

Kanu Hawaii Volunteer Month (O‘ahu) — Throughout April, residents and visitors across Hawai‘i are encouraged to participate in Volunteer Month, a statewide initiative dedicated to fostering community engagement and service. Coordinated by Kanu Hawai‘i, the campaign aims to mobilize over 20,000 volunteers in more than 600 events spanning all seven islands. Activities include environmental cleanups, educational workshops, cultural preservation projects, and various service opportunities designed to strengthen community bonds and promote a culture of giving.

KanuHawaii.org/volunteer-month-hawaii/

◆ **April 5, 2025**

HapaSymphony Featuring Taimane (O‘ahu) — With over 50 million video views and 400,000 social media followers, Hawai‘i Island *‘ukulele* virtuoso, songwriter and producer Taimane — the 2019 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Hawai‘i Music Awards Favorite Entertainer of the Year — will join the Hawai‘i Symphony Orchestra for a HapaSymphony performance in April. Blending her original compositions with unique mashups of Led Zeppelin and Beethoven, Bizet and Andrew Lloyd Webber, Taimane is a dynamic live performer. MyHSO.org

◆ **April 1-13, 2025**

Hawaii Pacific Health ESPN Honolulu Open — Hawai‘i’s premier pickleball event returns to the Hawai‘i Convention Center, the state’s largest indoor pickleball venue, with over 33 courts. The event features pro exhibitions, a competitive ProAm tournament with prize money, a product expo, and corporate team challenges. Drawing players and enthusiasts from Hawai‘i and beyond, the tournament has become a marquee destination event for the sport. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hui Mahi‘ai ‘Āina, supporting their community initiatives. PickleballBrackets.com

◆ **April 13, 2025**

The Hapalua (O‘ahu) — This 13.1-mile race begins and ends in Waikīkī with runners enjoying scenic views as they take a loop course through Honolulu and up and around the slopes of Lē‘ahi (Diamond Head State Monument) before ending at a Kapi‘olani Park finish line. As Hawai‘i’s largest-participation half marathon, the Hapalua is open to runners and walkers, has no qualifications to enter and has no time limit. TheHapalua.com

◆ **April 24-26, 2025**

The 2025 OUTRIGGER Big West Men’s Volleyball Championship (O‘ahu) — This three-day championship tournament will feature all six NCAA Big West conference squads competing on the campus of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. BigWest.org

◆ **April 26, 2025**

Waikīkī SPAM JAM® (O‘ahu) — The annual Waikīkī SPAM JAM® celebrates Hawai‘i’s love for SPAM®, with local restaurants offering creative dishes alongside special merchandise and products from Hawai‘i crafters. The event benefits the Hawai‘i Foodbank — the state’s largest nonprofit feeding those in need — the Waikīkī Community Center and the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai‘i. SPAMJamHawaii.com

◆ **April 27, 2025**

Hale‘iwa Metric Century and Aloha Fun Ride (O‘ahu) — Cyclists of all skill levels are invited to participate in this scenic ride along O‘ahu’s iconic North Shore. The Hale‘iwa Metric Century offers a 100-kilometer course, while the Aloha Fun Ride provides a shorter, family-friendly option. Participants will enjoy stunning ocean views, peaceful country roads, and aid stations along the route. Organized by the Hawai‘i Bicycling League, this annual event promotes cycling and community wellness. HBL.org

MAY 2025

◆ **May 1, 2025**

Lei Day Celebration (O‘ahu) — 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 Waikīkī, honoring *lei* and the traditions surrounding it with festivities, including pageants and competitions for *lei* queen and the crafting of colorful, fragrant flower *lei*. HonoluluParks.com

◆ **May 3, 2025**

Flores de Mayo & Filipino Fiesta (O‘ahu) — Held at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, the Filipino Fiesta is the largest celebration of Filipino heritage on O‘ahu. The event features a full day of authentic Filipino cuisine, continuous entertainment, cultural exhibits, and family-friendly activities. Highlights include the traditional Santacruzian procession, a Filipiniana Market, a Cultural Village, and the popular Balut Eating Contest. This year’s theme, “Celebrating Wellness and Heritage through Malunggay,” focuses on the cultural significance of moringa, with special activities and vendor offerings centered around the plant. Filcom.org/2025-filipino-fiesta

◆ **May 15-19, 2025**

Hawai‘i Adaptive Surfing Championships (O‘ahu) — Event organizer AccesSurf’s mission is to provide inclusive opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy the freedom and benefits of water sports. The first stop for the annual surf competitions is O‘ahu. With numerous adaptive surfers from around the world expected to participate, this upcoming championship event promises a showcase of remarkable talent and determined spirit within the surfing community. AccesSurf.org

◆ **May 18, 2025**

Honolulu Triathlon (O‘ahu) — The Honolulu Triathlon is an Olympic-distance triathlon, beginning and ending at Ala Moana Beach Park. It includes a 1,500m shoreline swim, 40K bicycle course and 10K run ending at the park’s Magic Island recreational area. HonoluluTriathlon.com

◆ **May 30- June 1, 2025**

Asia Pacific Dance Festival (O‘ahu) — Highlighting the rich traditions of Hawai‘i, Asia, and the Pacific, the Asia Pacific Dance Festival is one of the region’s premier dance events. The festival celebrates the artistry and diversity of dance through captivating performances, engaging workshops, educational classes, and cultural ceremonies. Attendees can experience the unique talents of dancers

and choreographers from across the Asia-Pacific region.
Manoa.Hawaii.edu/outreach/asiapacificdance

JUNE 2025

◆ June 11-14, 2025

King Kamehameha Day Celebrations — Celebrated across the state of Hawai‘i on June 11, the Kamehameha Day holiday honors Kamehameha I, the island of Hawai‘i chief who united the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1810. Festivities happen on Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i and the island of Hawai‘i and include *lei* draping ceremonies, parades, *pā‘ū* (skirted) horseback riders representing the Hawaiian royal court, food and family-friendly activities for residents and visitors.
Hawaii.gov/Kamehameha

- King Kamehameha Statue Lei Draping, Ali‘iōlani Hale, June 13, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- 108th King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade, ‘Iolani Palace to Kapi‘olani Park, June 14, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- King Kamehameha Celebration Ho‘olaule‘a, Queen Kapi‘olani Park, June 14, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

◆ June 13-15, 2025

42nd Pan-Pacific Festival (O‘ahu) — The Pan-Pacific Festival offers the community an opportunity to share and experience traditional Japanese culture. Over the years, the festival’s scope has expanded to include other cultures from Hawai‘i’s rich history, spotlighting an array of cultural arts, crafts and performances. PanPacificFestival.org

◆ June 14, 2025

HapaSymphony Featuring Keola Beamer (O‘ahu) — Slack-key guitar virtuoso Keola Beamer will join the Hawai‘i Symphony Orchestra for the grand finale of its 2025 HapaSymphony series. A Hawai‘i music legend, Beamer blends the timeless traditions of slack-key guitar with modern energy and will be performing his classic signature songs and exciting new compositions with the added vibrancy of a full orchestra. MyHSO.org/HapaSymphony

◆ June 27-29, 2025

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 LBGTQIA 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 LBGTQIA pioneer Adam Baran. HGLCF.org

JULY 2025

◆ July TBA

Mō‘ili‘ili Summer Fest (O‘ahu) — Family and friends can join in this annual bon dance season event to celebrate the diversity and heritage of Honolulu’s Mō‘ili‘ili 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 TBA

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 ‘ukulele 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 24-26, 2025**

Annual 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 TBA**

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*. MGFHawaii.org

◆ **July TBA**

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

AUGUST 2025

◆ **August 8, 2025**

Moonlight Mele (O‘ahu) — Bishop Museum is excited to welcome Moonlight Mele concerts back to its Great Lawn. Moonlight Mele invites *kama‘āina* (local residents) and *malihini* (visitors) to enjoy an evening of ‘*ono* (tasty) Hawaiian food and live entertainment from some of Hawai‘i’s most talented musicians. BishopMuseum.org

◆ **August 15-17, 2025**

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

◆ **August TBA**

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 TBA**
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 TBA**
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 TBA**
Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival (O‘ahu) — All the events in this nine-day ocean sports festival happen in the offshore waters and sands of Waikiki’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 Waikiki 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 TBA**
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. WaikikiAquarium.org/interact/annual-events/annual-hawaiian-slack-key-festival/
- ◆ **August 30-31, 2025**
43rd Annual 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 43rd 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

SEPTEMBER 2025

- ◆ **September 2, 2025**
80th Anniversary of the End of World War II Commemoration (O‘ahu) — The Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor will host a ceremony at 9:02 a.m. (HST) to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. The event honors the historic signing of the Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945, which brought the war to a close. The ceremony will include reflections on the significance of the occasion and the unveiling of a new interactive exhibit, "Pathway to Peace: USS Missouri's World War II Experience," offering visitors an immersive journey through the ship's pivotal role in the war and the experiences of her crew. USSMissouri.org
- ◆ **September TBA**

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 2025 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 TBA**

Honolulu Surf Film Festival (O‘ahu) — Presented by the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA), the Honolulu Surf Film Festival showcases a captivating selection of surf-themed films, celebrating the artistry and culture of surfing. Screenings at the Doris Duke Theatre highlight contemporary and classic films from around the world, immersing audiences in stories that reflect the passion and spirit of the surfing community. HonoluluMuseum.org

◆ **September TBA**

49th 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. HTCHhawaii.org

◆ **September 27-28, 2025**

Honolulu Centry Ride and 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 Lē‘ahi (Diamond Head) offering stunning ocean views. For a five-mile ride, turnaround at Fort Ruger Park or continue down Kāhala Ave. to Wai‘alae Beach Park before heading back for a eight-mile ride. HBL.org

◆ **September 28, 2025**

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

OCTOBER 2025

◆ **October TBA**

45th Annual Hawai‘i International Film Festival (Statewide) — Presented by Halekulani, 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. HIFF.org

◆ **October TBA**

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 TBA**

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 TBA**

Hawai‘i’s Woodshow, Nà 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, 2025**

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 12, 2025**

Moloka‘i Hoe (O‘ahu) — The O‘ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) is thrilled to bring back the Moloka‘i Hoe long-distance outrigger canoe race. 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 17-19, 2025**

Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival (O‘ahu) — Hawai‘i’s largest LGBTQIA+ community event is a 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 30- November 2, 2025**

15th 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

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- ◆ **November TBA**
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 11, 2025**
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
- ◆ **Late November TBA**
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
- ◆ **Late November TBA**
Kapolei City Lights Opening Night Block Part & Parade (O‘ahu) — Experience the spirit of the holiday season with the City and County of Honolulu’s official Christmas tree and holiday displays in Kapolei. Guests can enjoy an amazing lineup of local entertainment and events on the stage near the mauka-end of Kapolei Hale. Along with the block party, opening night festivities will feature the vivacious Holiday Parade, with some 70 participating organizations showcasing decorated vehicles, floats, parade walkers, and loads of holiday spirit. Honolulu.gov/cms-dpr-menu/site-dpr-sitearticles/45058-kapolei-city-lights.html

DECEMBER 2025

- ◆ **December TBA**
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, 2025**
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 14, 2025**

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 TBA**

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

◆ **December- March (Holding Period)**

The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational (O‘ahu) — The Eddie Big Wave Invitational – often referred to as the _____ celebrates the current lineage of big wave surfers, as well as the ones that came before. “The Eddie” competition requires consistent **40-foot or higher** surf and it is invite-only for the competitor surfers. The legend of Eddie Aikau is an important part of Hawaiian Culture. Eddie Aikau was a championship athlete, a waterman, and a family man who truly cared for others. He was the first lifeguard of North Shore at Waimea Bay and saved over 500 people throughout his career. This event keeps his legacy alive. TheEddieAikau.com

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