

HAWAI'I'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR January-June 2025

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JANUARY 2025

♦ January 2-5, 2025

The Sentry (Maui) — Formerly The Sentry Tournament of Champions, The Sentry opens the 2025 PGA Tour season on Maui's northwest coast at the Plantation Course at Kapalua. For the past 25 years, Maui has hosted The Sentry, which aims to continue using its platform to ensure awareness, fundraising and support for the West Maui community. The Sentry features an accomplished field of pro golfers, including PGA Tour winners from the 2023 calendar year and the top 50 of final FedExCup standings. The Sentry annually attracts more than 30 of the world's best golfers for tournament play. TheSentry.com

♦ January 4, 2025

Old Kapa'a Town 1st Saturday Ho'olaule'a Multi-Cultural Celebration (Kaua'i) — Held every first Saturday of the month, from 5 to 9 p.m., this event features food, cultural performances, crafts and nonprofit vendors. The monthly celebration happens in the Old Kapa'a Town area between Beachside Boutique on the north side of town and Paco's Tacos on the south side along Kūhiō Highway, as well as the east end of Kukui Street and west end of Kauwila Street. KauaiFestivals.com

♦ January 6-12, 2025

Sony Open in Hawai'i (Oʻahu) — The Sony Open in Hawai'i brings together 144 top golf professionals at Oʻahu'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.

ICCH.com

♦ January 12, 2025

Maui Pops Orchestra 2025 Concerts — Founded in 2004, the Maui Pops Orchestra is dedicated to presenting light classical and contemporary pop music for island residents and visitors. The orchestra's family-friendly concerts showcase a broad spectrum of music written by and for Hawai'i-based artists and entertainers. Its 2025 concerts will present multiple vocalists, including Capathis Jenkins and Ryan Shaw, Rachel Potter and Patrick Thomas and Raiatea Helm. MauiPops.org

- o Broadway Pops January 12
- o Winter Pops February 16

o Spring Pops — March 23

♦ January 16-18, 2025

Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualālai (island of Hawaiʻi) — Continuing its January tournament journey through the Hawaiian Islands, the PGA Tour heads to the island of Hawaiʻi's Hualālai Golf Course for the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualālai. The tournament's roster will include PGA Tour champions from the past five years and other tournament winners of the past two years. HualalaiResort.com

♦ January 17, 2025

Polynesian Football Hall of Fame 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 culture and play the game they love. PolynesianBowl.com

♦ January 17- February 21, 2025

Annual Juried Exhibition (Maui) — Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will host its annual Juried Exhibition, welcoming visitors to view current work by local artists in all media. The works exhibited in each year's unique show are judged by a panel of guest jurors looking for new perspectives from competing artists. https://doi.org/10.1001/juried-exhibition, welcoming visitors to view current work by local artists in all media. The works exhibited in each year's unique show are judged by a panel of guest jurors looking for new perspectives from competing artists. https://doi.org/10.1001/juried-exhibition, welcoming visitors to view current work by local artists in all media. The works exhibited in each year's unique show are judged by a panel of guest jurors looking for new perspectives from competing artists.

♦ January 18-20, 2025

TransPacific Volleyball Championships (Oʻahu) — Experience the excitement of this seventh annual edition of one of Hawaiʻi's premier indoor volleyball tournaments. Held at the Hawaiʻi 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

♦ January 19, 2025

Maui Oceanfront Marathon — The 17th annual edition of this running event brings Maui residents and visitors together for a fun-filled day of competitions. The day's contests include a half marathon starting from Mā'alaea Harbor, a MOM's 6-Miler beginning outside Ukumehame Beach Park and a 5K from Launiupoko Beach Park. HydraPak Speedcups will be handed out to all runners at their respective starting lines to carry and reuse throught the race. MauiOceanFrontMarathon.com

♦ January 24-25, 2025

Chinese New Year Celebration (O'ahu) — 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 celebrates 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 (Oʻahu) The North Shore welcomes the winter wave season with a thrilling lineup of elite surfing events, attracting top surfers from Hawaiʿi and around the world to take on the areaʾs legendary waves. The competitions showcase amazing wave cutting skills, celebrate Hawaiʿiʾs vibrant surf culture and offer spectators a front-row seat to all the action. Holding periods for events include:
 - o December 14, 2024 March 13, 2025, for the Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational
 - o January 4-16, 2025, for <u>Da Hui Backdoor Shootout</u>
 - o January 27 February 8, 2025, for the Lexus Pipe Pro

FEBRUARY 2025

♦ February 1, 2025

32nd **Annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival (island of Hawai'i)** — This popular event in the ranch town of Waimea features a variety of activities and attractions, including cultural demonstrations, food from local chefs, craft vendors, a traditional tea ceremony and live entertainment. Highlights include events at Parker Ranch Center and the vibrant, cherry blossom-filled Church Row Park. Facebook.com/People/Waimea-Cherry-Blossom-Heritage-Festival

♦ February 2, 2025

23rd Annual Art of Aloha (Maui) — Maui's largest annual art show celebrates another year of local art at Lahaina Galleries in the Shops at Wailea, welcoming eight acclaimed artists from around the world. Visitors to this year's exhibition will enjoy art from Robert Lyn Nelson, Ronaldo Macedo, Dario Campanile, Steve Turnbull, Carrie Graber, Donna Young, Caroline Zimmerman, Alex Bernstein, Sienna Nelson and JP Marsman. LahainaGalleries.com

♦ February 7-19, 2025

Kaua'i Quilt Show & Boutique — Happening at the Kaua'i Society of Artists Gallery in the Kukui Grove Center, the show will spotlight more than 70 local-crafted quilts, many of them available for purchase. A special Meet the Quilters Reception on February 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., opens the multiday event and offers attendees opportunities to meet and talk to quilt creators. Admission to the Kaua'i Quilt Show and Boutique is free and proceeds from event sales support a Kaua'i nonprofit of each quilt buyer's choice. The show's schedule also includes quilting workshops for attendees. The Kaua'i Quilt Show will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. KauaiFestivals.com

♦ February 8, 2025

Wiliwili Festival (island of Hawaiʻi) — The annual family-friendly festival at the Waikōloa Dry Forest Preserve is a free event open to the public, celebrating the native *wiliwili* tree and other species. Visitors can enjoy exhibits, hands-on activities, a native plant giveaway and expert advice on plant propagation, growth and care. Hawaii Forest and Trail will lead hourly guided tours, showcasing the preserve's unique ecosystem and their work collecting millions of native seeds through weekly giveback tours. Self-guided tours, hiking and exploration of the preserve are also available. Food and beverages will be offered for purchase. WaikoloaDryForest.org

♦ February 15-17, 2025

Dancers Unlimited O'ahu Homecoming Tour — 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. <u>DUNYC-Hi.com</u>

♦ February 15-16, 2025

Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo (island of Hawai'i) — This two-day rain or shine rodeo highlights the *paniolo* (cowboy) skills of local cowboys, cowgirls, *keiki* (children) and visiting contestants in traditional rodeo events. Held annually during the Presidents' Day weekend, the rodeo attracts residents and visitors with a full slate of popular events, including cattle roping, double mugging and bull riding, along with other thrilling competitions. HawaiiRodeoStampede.com

♦ February 15-23, 2025

Waimea Town Celebration (Kaua'i) — Kaua'i's longest-running festival celebrates its 48th anniversary with nine days of music concerts, cultural events, competitions and tasty cuisine culminating with a two-day *ho'olaule'a* (celebration). Visitors and residents are welcome to experience the popular celebration in historic Waimea town. WaimeaTownCelebration.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. HawaiiContemporary.org

♦ February 27 - March 1, 2025

Kona Steel Guitar Festival (island of Hawai'i) — The third annual Kona Steel Guitar Festival will be held at the Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa in Keauhou. Free and open to the public, the event brings together master steel guitarists for a celebration of $k\bar{\iota}$ $h\bar{\varrho}$ 'alu (Hawaiian slack-key) guitar music and is also an opportunity for Kona-area steel guitarists to join other players from across Hawai'i and the U.S. to share their talents. The festival will go on hiatus following this upcoming 2025 edition. KonaSteelGuitarFestival.com

MARCH 2025

♦ March 2, 2025

King's Runner 10K (Oʻahu) — 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 Oʻahu — 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 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 2, 2025

Maui Ocean Center 14th Annual Maui 5K — Participants in this event can opt to run a 5K through the Māʻalaea Harbor area near the Maui Ocean Center or walk an alternate milelong loop. A virtual run-or-walk is also offered for those who can't attend in person. Proceeds from the event go directly to funding for local schools. Runners and walkers can indicate the school they wish to support on their registration form. Online registration closes February 26, 2025. Maui5K.org

♦ March 7-9, 2025

Honolulu Festival (Oʻahu) — Celebrating its 29th anniversary, the Honolulu Festival is one of Hawaiʻi's premier cultural events. The three-day festival shares the rich, vibrant cultures of Hawaiʻi 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 8, 2025

30th Annual Kona Brewers Festival (island of Hawaiʻi) — The Kona Brewers Festival is an annual fundraising event celebrating the awesomeness of great craft beer, delicious cuisine, live music and the unique culture of Kailua-Kona. Established in 1996, the event has become a community

tradition attracting visitors and residents. Proceeds from the festival support local nonprofits focused on the environment, youth, sustainability and culture. <u>KonaBrewersFestival.com</u>

♦ 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 21-29, 2025

Prince Kūhiō Day Celebrations (Statewide) — Held annually on March 26 to honor Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, known as "Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana" (The People's Prince), these statewide events celebrate his enduring legacy and contributions to Hawaiian culture and politics. On Maui, the hō'olaule'a (celebration) features storytelling, music, and dance that engage both residents and visitors. Moloka'i's celebration commemorates Kūhiō's birthday through cultural activities that uplift Hawaiian traditions. Kaua'i's Downtown Līhu'e Alliance hosts a series of vibrant community events throughout the year, including Kūhiō Day, showcasing local talent and cultural heritage. On O'ahu, the Prince Kūhiō Parade & Celebration in West O'ahu includes cultural performances and a community parade honoring the ali'i (Hawaiian Royalty). DIJL.Hawaii.gov/Kuhio

APRIL 2025

♦ April 5, 2025

HapaSymphony Featuring Taimane (Oʻahu) — With over 50 million video views and 400,000 social media followers, Hawaiʻi Island *'ukulele* virtuoso, songwriter and producer Taimane — the 2019 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Hawaiʻi Music Awards Favorite Entertainer of the Year — will join the Hawaiʻi 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 6, 2025

Lavaman Waikoloa Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) — The annual Lavaman Waikoloa Triathlon is comprised of a 10K run, 40K bike ride and 1.5K swim. Competitors swim in the waters of 'Anaeho'omalu Bay, bike through lava fields on the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and run throughout the Waikoloa resort area to a beach finish line. The Lavaman is open to individuals and relay teams of all abilities and ends with an awards party and beach barbeque alongside 'Anaeho'omalu Bay. In 2025, Lavaman will continue offering a duathlon option and aquabike option as well, with a 1.5K swim and 40K bike ride. Lavaman Triathalon.com

♦ April 10-13, 2025

The Honolulu Open (Oʻahu) — The Honolulu Open (THO) is a premier pickleball tournament and event organized by the aio Foundation, set to take place at the Hawaiʻi Convention Center. With the aim of positioning Hawaiʻi as a key global pickleball destination, THO will showcase professional exhibitions, a competitive tournament, instructional clinics, a vendor expo, and team challenges. Officially sanctioned by USA Pickleball, this event seeks to cultivate a novel tourism product, drawing discerning visitors, while also encouraging community involvement and the exchange of cultures. HonoluluOpen.com

♦ April 10-12, 2025

Annual Big Island Chocolate Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Check out this festival for everything from chocolate cooking demonstrations, tastings and chocolate pairings to a grand chocolate-themed dinner gala. The festival is presented by the Kona Cacao Association with a mission of promoting Hawai'i Island's cacao industry. All festival events happen at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. BigIslandChocolateFestival.com

♦ April 13, 2025

The Hapalua (Oʻahu) — 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 Lēʻahi (Diamond Head State Monument) before ending at a Kapiʻolani Park finish line. As Hawaiʻi'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 13, 2025

2nd Annual Kaua'i 'Ukulele Festival (Kaua'i) — World-class music festival that unites music enthusiasts globally to commemorate the transformative influence of music. This festival is situated in the heart of Lihu'e with ample complimentary parking available. The festival's roster showcases a diverse array of skilled local musicians, ranging from established to up-and-coming talents. This event offers a diverse program of performances, engaging workshops, and enriching cultural activities, providing both residents and visitors with valuable opportunities for learning, active participation, and a deeper appreciation of the 'ukulele. HawaiiUkuleleFestival.com

♦ April 18-19, 2025

33rd Annual Celebration of the Arts (Maui) — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts is one of Hawai'i's premier arts and cultural festivals, as well as a celebration of Hawaiian culture and the spirit of *aloha*. Its upcoming 33rd annual edition will welcome more than 125 of the state's top cultural practitioners, artisans, educators, speakers, fashion designers, photographers and entertainers to celebrate, share and perpetuate Hawaiian culture. <u>KapaluaCelebrationoftheArts.com</u>

♦ April 20, 2025

Kaua'i Brewers Festival — Craft beer fans will want to take in this fest's local-beer tasting, food offerings, live music and yard-game tournaments, including Portuguese horseshoe, cornhole and beer pong. The festival will feature more than 30 different local-made beers and food from 10 Kaua'i restaurants. www.instagram.com/KauaiBrewersFestival

♦ April 20-26, 2025

Merrie Monarch Festival (island of Hawaiʻi) — Celebrating its 62nd year in 2025, the world's premier hula festival will again present the best *hālau hula* (hula schools) from Hawaiʻi and the continental U.S. — and even a few international *hālau* — honoring Hawaiʻi monarch King Kalākaua and his contributions to the revitalization of hula. Held at Hilo town's Edith Kanakaʻole Stadium, the weeklong celebration is highlighted by the prestigious, three-night Merrie Monarch Hula Competition, which is broadcast live on Hawaiʻi television and live-streamed globally. MerrieMonarch.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. <u>BigWest.org</u>

♦ April 26, 2025

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

♦ April 26, 2025

29th **East Maui Taro Festival** — Spotlighting all the uses of the Hawaiian food staple *kalo* (taro), the East Maui Taro Festival also offers attendees an opportunity to immerse themselves in knowledge of Hawaiian culture and area agriculture through live demonstrations, interactive activities and tasty Hawaii eats, as well as local crafts, art and products. Admission to the family friendly festival is free. <u>TaroFestival.org</u>

♦ April 27, 2025

Maui Marathon & Half Marathon — Presented by The Westin Maui Resort and Spa, the Maui Marathon returns to Kā'anapali in 2025, with all events starting and finishing at the resort area, in front of the Outrigger Kā'anapali Beach Resort. The full marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K courses will all head out and back from Kā'anapali on Honoapi'ilani Highway (Route 30). Full marathon runners will have a flatter and faster course with ocean views along much of it. <u>MauiMarathon.com</u>

♦ April 27, 2025

Hale'iwa Metric Century and Aloha Fun Ride (O'ahu) — Experience an epic 100K (or shorter) bicycle ride along O'ahu's North Shore, starting and ending at Kaiaka Bay Beach Park. This event, organized by the Hawai'i Bicycling League, guides riders past scenic coastlines, famous surf spots, and offers aid stations and mechanical support. HBL.org/HMC

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*. <u>HonoluluParks.com</u>

♦ May 3, 2025

Filipino Fiesta and Flores de Mayo (Oʻahu) — Celebrate Filipino culture and heritage in Hawaiʻi at the Flores de Mayo & Filipino Fiesta at the Filipino Community Center. This year spotlights Malunggay (Moringa), a sustainable plant integral to Filipino gardens and cuisine, known for its ease of growth and nutritional value. Vendors will share the history, health benefits, and culinary applications of Malunggay throughout the event. Additionally, the fiesta partners with Aloha Harvest to redistribute surplus food to the local community. FilipinoFiestaHL.com

♦ May 4, 2025

Cinco de Mayo Festival (Oʻahu) — Experience the Cinco de Mayo Festival 2025 at Ka Makana Ali'i in Kapolei. Presented by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, this event offers a vibrant celebration of culture and community. Enjoy live mariachi music, ballet folklorico, and a DJ, along with diverse food and craft vendors highlighting Hispanic

and local traditions. A *keiki* (children) zone provides activities , and a VIP experience by Sinaloa is available. The festivities continue with an after-party at Taqueria El Ranchero. www.HCCHawaii.org

♦ 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. 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 16-25, 2025

Maui Classical Music Festival — The annual Maui Classical Music Festival is inviting musicians from around the world for its 43rd season, aiming to showcase music performances everyone will enjoy. The upcoming edition of the festival is dedicated to the memory of co-founding festival music director Yizhak Schotten who passed away in September. MauiClassicalMusicFestival.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 31, 2025

IRONMAN 70.3 Hawai'i Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) — This Olympic-distance race is comprised of a 1.2-mile swim starting at beautiful Pauoa Bay, a 56-mile bike ride on the rolling hills and barren lava fields of the Kohala Coast and a 13.1-mile run through the scenic grounds of Mauna Lani Golf Course. Ironman.com

JUNE 2025

♦ June 1-8, 2025

Ka'ū Coffee Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Though coffee had been farmed in the island of Hawai'i's Ka'ū district for generations dating back to the 1800s, the area's beans and roasters only began earning notice on the global specialty-coffee scene in the early 2000s, winning numerous international awards. Held in June, the Ka'ū Coffee Festival celebrates the district's now firm standing as a world-class coffee-growing region and honors the farmers, roasters, gatherers and rich agricultural landscape that have all played a role in its renown. KauCoffeeFestival.com

♦ June 6-8, 2025

Hawai'i Kuauli Pacific & Asia Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — This three-day festival at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Resort spotlights the island of Hawai'i and its significance as a cultural melting pot. Everyone is invited to attend and experience 'ono (delicious) food, fashion, cultural expressions, hula, a fireknife competition and cultural workshops. HIKuauli.com

♦ June 7, 2025

Kaua'i Pride Parade & Festival — Kaua'i Pride Parade is a family-friendly event promoting and celebrating peace, acceptance and unity for everyone. Join the parade route from Vidinha Stadium to the lawn of the historic Kaua'i County Building, then gather with the community for a festival featuring entertainment, music, dance and more. KauaiPrideParade.com

♦ June 11-21, 2025

King Kamehameha Day Celebrations (Statewide) — 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 statue *lei* draping ceremonies, parades, $p\bar{a}'\bar{u}$ (skirted) horseback riders representing Hawaiian royalty, food and family-friendly activities for residents and visitors. Hawaii.gov/Kamehameha

♦ June 13-15, 2025

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. Pan-PacificFestival.org

♦ June 14, 2025

HapaSymphony Featuring Keola Beamer (Oʻahu) — Slack-key guitar virtuoso Keola Beamer will join the Hawaiʻi Symphony Orchestra for the grand finale of its 2025 HapaSymphony series. A Hawaiʻi 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 14, 2025

Kaua'i Kings Parade and Ho'olaule'a (Kaua'i) — The Kaua'i Kings Parade and Ho'olaule'a celebrates Hawaiian heritage with a vibrant parade and a festive gathering. The parade route proceeds to the Historic County Building Lawn, where the Ho'olaule'a features Hawaiian artisans, crafters, food vendors, and entertainment. It's an opportunity to experience and appreciate Hawaiian culture. KauaiFestivals.com

♦ June 17-18, 2025

Mele Hula Festival (Oʻahu) — The Sheraton Waikīkī hosts the Mele Hula Festival, offering a chance to experience cultural demonstrations by esteemed Hawaiʻi practitioners of mele (song or chant) and hula. Over two days, attendees can witness performances that share ancestral stories, chants, and traditions. This event, led by local cultural figures in Waikīkī, provides an opportunity for all to learn about and appreciate the vibrant heritage of Hawaiʻi. GoHawaii.com

♦ June 27-28, 2025

Soto Zen Bon Festival (Kauaʻi) — The Soto Zen Bon Festival showcases Hawaiʻi's Bon Dance culture, educating visitors and residents alike. Held at the temple grounds, the festival centers around the bon odori, Japanese folk dancing accompanied by lively music and taiko drums. It's a joyful gathering, celebrating the return of ancestral spirits with feasting and dancing. <u>KauaiSotoZen.org</u>

♦ 2025 (Date TBA)

Maui Film Festival — The Maui film community annually honors the cinema industry's talents at this annual film-celebrating event. MauiFilmFestival.com

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Special Note to Media:

Hawai'i Tourism United States (HTUSA), managed by the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB), recognizes the use of the 'okina ['] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the (modern) Hawaiian

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language; and the $kahak\bar{o}$ [\bar{a}] or macron (e.g., in place names of Hawai'i, such as Lāna'i). However, HTUSA respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.