



HAWAII'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July-December 2025

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JULY 2025

♦ July 1, 2025

Lānaʻi Pineapple Festival — 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 Hawaiʻi'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, 2025

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 longtime rodeo and town tradition promotes camaraderie and friendly competition among several Hawaiʻi Island ranches, showcasing skills that made *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) world famous. *Paniolo* compete in multiple events, including horse racing, ranch mugging, team roping, *poʻo waiū* (paniolo ranching technique) and other rodeo contests. Attendees enjoy crafts and food from local vendors alongside *keiki* (children) activities, including a petting zoo. ParkerRanch.com

♦ July 4, 2025

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 lakeside as it and 10,000 other bathtub duckies drift to victory at the Waikoloa Beach Resort's Kings' Shops. The first 50 finishers and last place duckie win prizes. Additional race highlights include entertainment, free *keiki* (kids) activities, merchant offers and more. UnitedCerebralPalsyHawaii.org

♦ July 5, 2025

Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest 2025 (Oʻahu) — All are welcome to join in this annual bon dance season event celebrating the diversity and heritage of Honolulu's Mōʻiliʻili community. The festival is a vibrant cultural event, honoring Japanese and Hawaiian cultural roots and hosting one of the city's largest bon dances. Attendees can participate in multiple activities such as learning about the Japanese Tanabata festival, decorating Japanese uchiwa fans and writing wishes to hang on bamboo trees. MoililiSummerFestHi.com

♦ **July 10-13, 2025**

Kapalua Wine & Food Festival (Maui) — This longtime culinary festival celebrates the delicious pairing of great food and great wine in a four-day extravaganza guiding guests in exploring trends in the gastronomic and oenophilist worlds, and bringing together winemakers, master sommeliers, chefs and industry insiders for themed tastings, seminars and gala evening dining and grazing events.

[KapaluaWineandFoodFestival.com](https://www.kapaluaWineandFoodFestival.com)

♦ **July 13, 2025**

Hawai'i 'Ukulele Festival (O'ahu) — In partnership with the Kala Foundation, the Hawai'i 'Ukulele Festival welcomes all to celebrate the power of music and promote cultural understanding. The annual outdoor live music event features well-known and emerging musicians, an arts and crafts village, a multiethnic food court and more. [HawaiiUkuleleFestival.com](https://www.HawaiiUkuleleFestival.com)

♦ **July 18-19, 2025**

Midsummer Night's Gleam (O'ahu) — This fun and family friendly evening at Downtown Honolulu's Foster Botanical Garden features thousands of lights in multiple light displays, including an ever-popular light tunnel lit just before sunset on both fest nights. Expect live performances and other activities for all ages at the fest, set for July 18 from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and July 19 from 3 to 9 p.m.

Honolulu.gov/Parks

♦ **July 18-19, 2025**

Molokai Holokai Ho'olaule'a (Maui, Moloka'i) — Celebrating Hawaiian cultural values, community, and respect for 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 July 18 with the Maui to Moloka'i Challenge, which includes a harbor clean-up and welcome for paddlers at Kaunakakai Harbor. The competition continues on July 19 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](https://www.MolokaiHolokai.com)

♦ **July 18-20, 2025**

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 water sports. *Kūpuna* (elders) and professional bodyboarders mentor participants through the competition and coach the contest's amateur-level divisions. [Kaikeha.org](https://www.Kaikeha.org)

♦ **July 18-27, 2025**

40th Annual Kōloa Plantation Days Festival (Kaua'i) — Held in its namesake South Kaua'i district where Hawai'i's first sugar plantation and mill were founded in 1835, this 10-day community celebration features lively, family-oriented events showcasing the area's rich history and diverse multicultural traditions. Bring the family to celebrate past and present Kōloa and enjoy live music, sports tournaments, a festival parade, historic displays and walking tours, a craft fair, cooking and art workshops and demos, and lots of multiethnic comfort food. [KoloaPlantationDays.com](https://www.KoloaPlantationDays.com)

♦ **July 19, 2025**

Summer by the Ocean Festival (O'ahu) — Celebrate O'ahu's vibrant summer season while making a difference at this festival, enjoying *'ono* (delicious) food and drinks; perusing local clothing, accessories, jewelry, handmade art, and crafts; and supporting a worthy cause. A portion of the event's proceeds directly benefit the nonprofit Wounded Warrior Ohana, providing support to O'ahu's veterans and their families. Join in on Waikiki main drag Kalākaua Avenue for an evening by the ocean filled with food, shopping and community spirit. [MillWoodOhanaProductions.com](https://www.MillWoodOhanaProductions.com)

♦ **July 19-20, 2025**

48th 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 *hālau hula* (hula groups). One of Hawai'i's most revered cultural events, the festival, held at Thomas Square in Honolulu this year, offers residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty, skill and spirit of the Hawaiian tradition of *hula*. MGFHawaii.org

♦ **July 24-26, 2025**

Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival (Statewide) — Organized by the Kalihi-Pālama Culture and Arts Society, this annual competition celebrates Hawaiian culture and *hula* in a cultural exchange enhancing the experience for residents and visitors. Approaching its 50th year, the event is hosted on O'ahu at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, drawing *hālau hula* (hula groups) from across Hawai'i and Japan and showcasing the talents of young dancers in *hula kahiko* (traditional hula) and *hula 'auana* (modern hula). KeikiHula.org

♦ **July 26, 2025**

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 26, 2025**

Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge (Kaua'i) — With its gentle waters and sandy bottom, Hanalei Bay each summer offers an ideal venue for this event's fun and competitive open-water races, which are open to multiple ages and skill levels and attract swimmers from around the world. The World Open Water Swimming Association has called the Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge one of the Top 100 American Open Water Swims. HanaleiBaySwimChallenge.com

♦ **July 27, 2025**

26th Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Moloka'i, O'ahu) — One of the most prestigious paddleboard races in the world, this championship event 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

♦ **TBD 2025**

Paniolo Heritage Rodeo (Kaua'i) — Held during the annual Kōloa Plantation Days festival, this longtime Kaua'i rodeo is a fun, cultural experience spotlighting the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) lifestyle. Rodeo fans gather over the event's three days to cheer on competitors in races and fast-action riding and roping sports, and to enjoy 'ono (delicious) local eats, educational exhibits and *paniolo* storytelling. KauaiRodeo.com

AUGUST 2025

♦ **August 1-3, 2025**

The Virtual V.6 Edition of the Moloka'i 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Virtual) — Paddleboarders unable to participate in person in this year's July championship race (detailed above) are invited to compete in the Virtual V.6 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 1-22, 2025**

Youth Art Exhibition (Maui) — The Hui No'ēau Visual Arts Center will present the works of more than 250 youth participating in its summer arts programming at this monthlong exhibition, a showcase for the students' creativity and community visual arts education. HuiNoeau.com

♦ **August 2, 2025**

21st Annual Korean Festival (O'ahu) — All are invited to celebrate the Korean culture in Hawai'i at this annual 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. KoreanFestHawaii.com

♦ **August 2-3, 2025**

Heiva I Kaua'i (Kaua'i) — Celebrating its 23rd anniversary, this 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 15-17, 2025**

Made In Hawai'i 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 in Hawai'i. Festival attendees also enjoy cooking demonstrations, live music and dance performances. MadeInHawaiiFestival.com

♦ **August 16-17, 2025**

Ho'oku'ikahi Establishment Day, Hawaiian Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Pū'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site will celebrate its 53rd anniversary alongside its annual Establishment Day Hawaiian cultural festival, Ho'oku'ikahi Pu'ukoholā — in *'ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) meaning “to unify at Pu'ukoholā.” Festivities will include a *ho'okupu* (gift giving) ceremony, workshops and demonstrations showcasing traditional Hawaiian arts and crafts, and more. NPS.gov/PuHe

♦ **August 16-24, 2025**

2025 Duke's OceanFest (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, 2025**

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 cultural 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 28 - September 1, 2025**

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. QLCanoeRace.com

♦ **August 30 - September 1, 2025**

Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) — 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

♦ **August 31, 2025**

Kaua'i Marathon and Half-Marathon — 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

SEPTEMBER 2025

♦ **September 2, 2025**

80th Anniversary of the End of World War II (O'ahu) — On September 2, the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will unveil a brand-new interactive exhibit experience. Pathway To Peace will take visitors through an immersive journey exploring the pivotal events surrounding the USS Missouri's historic involvement in World War II and the experiences of her sailors. To honor sailors who served on the Mighty Mo, the exhibit will also spotlight crew stories through personal artifacts, belongings and archival film footage. USSMissouri.org

♦ **September 5 - October 27, 2025**

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, Lānaʻi and Molokaʻi. More details will be announced on the events below.

[FestivalsOfAloha.com](https://www.festivalsaloha.com)

- **September 5** — Wailuku First Friday
- **September 12** — Aloha Friday — Free and open to the public, this event at the Queen Kaʻahumanu Shopping Center welcomes all to enjoy an evening of Hawaiian music, *hula* and more.
- **September 13** — Kū Mai Ka Hula — Maui's only adult *hula* competition features award-winning *bālau hula* (hula groups) competing in solo and group performances. *Kāne* (male) and *wahine* (female) *balau hula* from Hawaiʻi, Japan and the continental U.S. compete in both *kahiko* (traditional) and *ʻauana* (modern) *hula* styles at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.
- **September 20** — Richard Hoʻopiʻi Leo Kiʻekiʻe Falsetto Contest at the Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua.
- **September 27 (Lānaʻi)** — Hoʻolauleʻa with hands on activities, local eats, crafters and live entertainment.
- **October 11 (Molokaʻi)** — Molokaʻi Hoʻolauleʻa at the Molokai Community Health Center with local eats and goods, entertainment, an auto show, and *ʻuala* (sweet potato), *kalo* (taro), *ʻulu* (breadfruit) and *poke* contests.
- **October 17-27 (Hāna)** — *Details to come.*
- **October 24-26** — Event at Four Seasons Resort Maui — details to be announced.

♦ **September 6, 2025**

Waikiki Street Jam (Oʻahu) — Join in for a night of local apparel and accessories, handmade jewelry and crafts, and local street food, fruit and drink vendors, all supporting local makers and showcasing Oʻahu's creative spirit. The event also brings together Hawaiʻi musicians and dancers for performances. In partnership with Honolulu Juice Factory, a portion of the event's proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Hawaii. [MillWoodOhanaProductions.com](https://www.millwoodohana.com)

♦ **September 6, 2025**

49th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow (Oʻahu) — Representatives of multiple Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native communities will gather at Ala Moana Beach Park's Magic Island to share and perpetuate their cultures, educate attendees and spread positivity and inclusivity. [HTCHawaii.org](https://www.htchawaii.org)

♦ **September 6-27, 2025**

Aloha Festivals (Oʻahu) — Aloha Festivals is a showcase of Hawaiian music, dance, history and the culture's contributions to the Hawaiʻi community. Aloha Festivals events are scheduled throughout September and include royal pageantry, a floral parade and *hoʻolauleʻa* (celebration) in Waikīkī, music and *hula* performances, and family-friendly activities. [AlohaFestivals.com](https://www.alohafestivals.com)

- **September 6** — The Aloha Festivals Royal Court Investiture and Opening Ceremony, held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, A Luxury Collection Resort in Waikīkī, features *hula*, *oli* (chant) and the introduction of the Aloha Festivals 2025 Royal Court.
- **September 20** — The 71st annual Aloha Festivals Waikīkī Hoʻolauleʻa is one of Hawaiʻi's largest annual block parties, featuring local-favorite food, music and entertainment on Kalakaua Avenue, which is blocked off for the event.
- **September 27** — The 77th annual Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, presented by ʻAlohilani Resort Waikīkī Beach, showcases a colorful procession of horseback riders, *hula* dancers, marching bands and fresh-flower-bedecked floats on a route winding through Waikīkī.

◆ **September 12-13, 2025**

Hawaii Line Dance Festival (Kaua'i) — The Hawaii Line Dance Festival welcomes dancers and non-dancers to 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 12-14, 2025**

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 13, 2025**

Honolulu Community Gardens 50th Anniversary Celebration (O'ahu) — The City and County of Honolulu is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Honolulu Community Garden Program this year at Foster Botanical Garden in Downtown Honolulu. The event is free and open to the public and will include community garden information, educational activities, product vendors, food trucks and entertainment. Parking will be available on streets surrounding Foster Botanical Garden and other locations. www.Honolulu.gov/Parks

◆ **September 20, 2025**

Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run (island of Hawai'i) — This fun run offers a challenging course for all ages from *keiki* (children) to *kūpuna* (elders) as it winds 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 from courses ranging from a 50K and a half marathon, to 10K and 5K distances. KauCoffeeTrailRuns.com

◆ **September 21-27, 2025**

Kaua'i Mokihana Festival (Kaua'i) — The Mālie Foundation's Kaua'i Mokihana Festival annually focuses on Hawaiian cultural traditions, including *hula* and music competitions. The weeklong festival features workshops, performances and a craft fair, and offers multiple events island wide with a mission of perpetuating, promoting and preserving Hawaiian culture. MalieFoundation.org

◆ **September 28, 2025**

Aloha Fun Ride (O'ahu) — The Aloha Fun Ride event follows the renowned Honolulu Century Ride and is designed to welcome a wider audience — especially youth and families — to O'ahu's largest cycling event. Its routes head around Lē'ahi (aka Diamond Head State Monument) offering stunning ocean and city views. For a 5-mile ride, cyclists can turn around at Fort Ruger Park or continue down Kāhala Avenue to Wai'ālae Beach Park before heading back to create an 8-mile ride. HBL.org

♦ **September 28, 2025**

Na Wahine O Ke Kai (O'ahu) — With support from the O'ahu 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 Kaiwi Channel separating Moloka'i and O'ahu. The competition and its broadcast spotlight the race's athletes and its perpetuation of the Hawaiian cultural tradition of long-distance outrigger paddling 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 on O'ahu. NaWahineOKeKai.com

OCTOBER 2025

♦ **October 3 - November 1, 2025**

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 other media from across Hawai'i. Awards of recognition are given to artists throughout the showcase. HawaiiCraftsmen.org

♦ **October 4, 2025**

Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Honoka'a Heritage Center will be hosting its inaugural Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival, a weeklong event commemorating the closing of Hāmākua Sugar Company in 1994 and celebrating the Hāmākua Coast's sugar history and rich cultural and agricultural legacy. Details on the week's festivities will be announced later this year but keep October 4 open on your calendar for the festival's Honoka'a town parade. HonokaaHeritageCenter.org

♦ **October 4, 2025**

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 bird *hō'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 11, 2025**

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 in the world. If you're visiting Kailua-Kona when it happens, you can catch it all in person. IronMan.com

♦ **October 12, 2025**

Moloka'i Hoe 2025 (O'ahu) — The O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association is thrilled to welcome back the Moloka'i Hoe long-distance outrigger canoe race this year. 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 16-30, 2025**

45th Annual Hawai'i International Film Festival (Statewide) — Presented by Halekulani hotel, this annual film festival presents a full screening schedule of works from 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. A schedule of in-theater screenings will be announced in the months ahead. HIFE.org

◆ **October 17 - November 2, 2025**

15th Annual Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival (island of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui) — Annually featuring a large slate 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 Hawai'i multicultural cuisine and locally grown-and-raised ingredients. Dishes presented at each event highlight the state's bounty of local produce, seafood and meats. HawaiiFoodandWineFestival.com

◆ **October 18, 2025**

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

◆ **TBD 2025**

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

◆ **TBD 2025**

4th 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 also 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

◆ **TBD 2025**

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 also enjoy educational displays, workshops, entertainment and exhibitor booths offering a variety of chocolate and coffee products. The fest also features live entertainment, a silent auction, children's activities and more. KauaiChocolateandCoffeeFestival.com

◆ **TBD 2025**

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

◆ **TBD 2025**

Hawai'i's Woodshow, Nā Lā'au o Hawai'i (O'ahu) — The 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. Woodshow.HawaiiForest.org

◆ **TBD 2025**

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 *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 2025

◆ **November 1, 2025**

Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i (Kaua'i) — The 37th annual Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i festival will again 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 1, 2025**

Kaua'i Veterans Day Celebration — 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 7-8, 2025**

Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival — The Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival showcases the creative food, crafts 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 7-16, 2025**

The 54th 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, roasters, cafes, culture and rich history surrounding the Kona district's world-famous coffee. Attendees checking out the fest's many 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 8, 2025**

O'ahu Festival — This lively event on Waikiki's main drag Kalākaua Avenue will feature over 130 local vendors offering delicious food, drinks, unique clothing, accessories, and handmade arts and crafts. Open to the public, the festival is a fun evening for residents and visitors to enjoy local shopping. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the local nonprofit Marshallese Education Day Committee in its mission of encouraging and supporting Marshallese youth in Hawai'i to pursue higher education. 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 serve our country and provide our freedom. USSMissouri.org

◆ **November 15, 2025**

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 19-26, 2025**

WSL Sunset Pro Surf Competition (O'ahu) — The World Surf League (WSL) brings the world's best professional surfers to O'ahu's world-famous North Shore for this annual competitive surfing event on the big winter waves of Paumalū (aka Sunset) Beach. Take a spot on the sand to witness elite surfers compete on one of the sport's most dynamic playing fields and watch the crowning of the WSL's 2025 world champion. WorldSurfLeague.com

◆ **November 24-26, 2025**

Annual Maui Jim Maui Invitational — 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 Lahaina Civic Center. MauiInvitational.com

◆ **November 27, 2025**

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, the 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 nine-hole "turkey shoot" golf tourney at the Ocean Course of Hōkūala Kaua'i resort. KauaiTurkeyTrot.org

◆ **November 29-December 7, 2025**

WSL Hale'iwa Pro Surf Competition (O'ahu) — The World Surf League's (WSL) second big contest of the North Shore's big wave season, the Hale'iwa Pro has the world's best surfers taking on the waves of Hale'iwa's Ali'i Beach Park. With the O'ahu beach park located right on the north edge of Hale'iwa, this pro surf competition also offers attendees quick and easy access to all of the surf town's great eateries and snack stops, shave ice havens, and retailers. [WorldSurfLeague.com](https://www.worldsurfleague.com)

◆ **TBD 2025**

33rd 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 *'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

DECEMBER 2025

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

The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational (O'ahu) — Better known locally simply as "The Eddie," this surf competition celebrates the world's current lineage of big wave surfers and the many who surfed before them. Its organizers require consistent 40-foot or higher surf heights for it to happen — which in some years means no contest — and surfer participation is by invite only. Named after famed Hawai'i surfer, waterman and North Shore lifeguard Eddie Aikau, the event honors his legacy and love of surfing. TheEddieAikau.com

◆ **December 6, 2025**

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 lights display. Opening night includes a tree lighting ceremony, an electric-light parade, local food offerings and more. But the festive lights are hosted at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale and open to the public for free throughout December. Attendees can check out holiday tree and wreath contest winners, light displays throughout the grounds and mammoth effigies Shaka Santa and Tūtū Mele — Hawai'i-style takes on Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. HonoluluCityLights.org

◆ **December 6, 2025**

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 again light up the night with the annual lighting of its town Christmas tree, an appearance from Santa Claus, and lots of live music, gallery gatherings, art openings, food and drink, and more. HolualoaVillage.com/Festival

◆ **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 the harbor. The theme of the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration is "Valor, Sacrifice and Peace." PacificHistoricParks.org

◆ **December 8-20, 2025**

Vans Pipe Masters (O'ahu) — Prepare for one of pro surfing's ultimate showdowns as the legendary Vans Pipe Masters competition returns to O'ahu's Ehukai Beach — more famously known in the sport as the Banzai Pipeline surf break. Find a safe spot on the shoreline and watch some of the world's most skilled surfers take on one of the planet's most powerful and dangerous waves at this professional surfing event showcasing breathtaking rides and pushing the boundaries of the sport.

◆ **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 (aka Diamond Head State Monument). HonoluluMarathon.org

◆ **December 20, 2025**

Waimea Light Parade (Kaua'i) — From decorative floats to glo-stick-wielding marching units, this annual community parade is always full of holiday cheer. Its route travels westside Waimea town's main street and ends at Hofgaard Park with a holiday Christmas concert. Both the parade and concert are free and open to the public. WaimeaLightParade.com

◆ **December 24, 2025**

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, inviting 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

◆ **TBD 2025**

Waimea Twilight Christmas Parade (island of Hawai'i) — Celebrating its 65th year this December, this popular parade through the island of Hawai'i's Waimea town features a brigade of holiday-light-loaded trucks and floats filled with area residents — ranging from *keiki* (children) to *kūpuna* (elders) — representing local churches, schools, community organizations, ranches and businesses. Bonus? *Keiki* along the parade route will see Santa Claus among the parade's participants. WaimeaTown.org

◆ **TBD 2025**

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 Līhu'e town's Historic County Building. Attendees should arrive early to secure seating for best views of the parade and lighting of the holiday lights illuminating the county building. LightsOnRice.org

◆ **TBD 2025**

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

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