



HAWAII'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July-December 2026

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JULY 2026

- ◆ **4 July 2026**
Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest 2026 (O'ahu) — Everyone is welcome to join this annual bon dance season event celebrating the diversity and heritage of Honolulu's Mō'ili'ili community. The festival is a vibrant cultural event honoring Japanese cultural roots and hosting one of the city's largest bon dances. Attendees can participate in various activities, such as decorating Japanese uchiwa fans, writing wishes to hang on bamboo trees, and learning about the Japanese Tanabata festival. MoiililiSummerFest.com
- ◆ **4 July 2026**
Parker Ranch Annual 4th of July Rodeo & Horse Races (island of Hawai'i) — This longtime tradition among several Hawai'i Island ranches promotes camaraderie and showcases the skills that made Hawaiian *paniolo* (cowboys) world famous. *Paniolo* compete in events including horse racing, ranch mugging, team roping, *po'o waiū* (a Hawai'i ranching technique), and other rodeo contests. Attendees enjoy crafts and food from local vendors alongside *keiki* (children) activities, including a petting zoo.. ParkerRanch.com
- ◆ **12 July 2026**
International 'Ukulele Festival of Hawai'i (O'ahu) — Formerly known as the 'Ukulele Picnic in Hawai'i, this event continues its legacy of sharing peace and joy through live music performances, artisan booths, and local food vendors. The free, family-friendly festival takes place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand UkulelePicnicinHawaii.org
- ◆ **17-18 July 2026**
Molokai Holokai Ho'olaule'a (Maui, Moloka'i) — Celebrating Hawaiian cultural values, community, and respect for land and sea, this event brings together two renowned ocean paddling competitions. The weekend begins on 17 July with the Maui to Molokai Challenge, including a harbor clean-up and welcome for paddlers at Kaunakakai Harbor on Moloka'i. Events continue on 18 July with the Holo Fun Run and Molokai Holokai Kamalo Run. Attendees can enjoy live music and food while cheering on paddlers throughout the weekend. MolokaiHolokai.com
- ◆ **17-26 July 2026**
41st 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 highlights the area's rich history and diverse multicultural traditions. Families can celebrate Kōloa, both past and present, while enjoying live music, sports tournaments, a festival parade, historic displays and walking tours, a craft fair, cooking and art workshops and demonstrations, and a variety of local comfort foods. KoloaPlantationDays.com

- ◆ **18 July 2026**
Midsummer Night's Gleam (O'ahu) — This family-friendly evening at Foster Botanical Garden in Downtown Honolulu features thousands of lights across multiple displays, including a popular light tunnel illuminated just before sunset on both nights of the festival. Attendees can also enjoy live performances and activities for all ages during the event, taking place on 18 July from 3 to 9 p.m. [Honolulu.gov/Parks](https://honolulu.gov/Parks)
- ◆ **24 July 2026**
Great Waikoloa Rubber Duckie Race (island of Hawai'i) — Adopt a rubber duckie to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawai'i this Independence Day, then watch as more than 10,000 bathtub duckies drift across the lake to victory at the Waikoloa Beach Resort's Kings' Shops. Prizes are awarded to the first 50 finishers as well as the last-place duckie. Additional race highlights include entertainment, free *keiki* (children) activities, merchant offers, and more. KingsShops.com
- ◆ **25 July 2026**
Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge (Kaua'i) — With its gentle waters and sandy bottom, Hanalei Bay offers an ideal venue for this summer event's fun and competitive open-water races, welcoming participants of various ages and skill levels from around the world. The World Open Water Swimming Association has recognized the Hanalei Bay Swim Challenge as one of the Top 100 American Open Water Swims.. HanaleiBaySwimChallenge.com
- ◆ **25 July 2026**
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 Maunakea and Maunaloa volcanoes. The 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs offer both half-marathon and 5K courses for participants to choose from. OhiaLehuaHalf.com
- ◆ **26 July 2026**
27th Molokai 2 O'ahu Paddleboard World Championships (Moloka'i, O'ahu) — One of the world's most prestigious paddleboard races, 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 towards the finish line from several points along O'ahu's coastline. Molokai2Oahu.com
- ◆ **31 July – 21 August 2026**
Youth Art Exhibition (Maui) — The Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will present works by more than 250 youth participating in its summer arts programming during this monthlong exhibition, showcasing student creativity and the importance of community visual arts education. HuiNoeau.com
- ◆ **July TBD**
Lāna'i Pineapple Festival — Although most of Lāna'i's pineapple production concluded in the late 1980s, the island continues to celebrate its rich history as Hawai'i's Pineapple Island each summer with the Lāna'i Pineapple Festival. Come hungry for enjoy pineapple-eating contests, pineapple-cooking competitions, and food booths showcasing a variety of tasty island eats. Lanai96763.com
- ◆ **July TBD**
Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic (Kaua'i) — This community-based competition at Prince Kūhiō Beach promotes the long-term benefits of water sports to among its boogie-board competitors. *Kūpuna* (elders) and professional bodyboarders mentor participants throughout the competition and coach the contest's amateur-level divisions. Kaikeha.org

◆ **July TBD**

Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival (Statewide) — Organized by the Kalihi-Pālama Culture and Arts Society, this annual competition celebrates Hawaiian culture and *hula* through cultural exchange and community connection for both residents and visitors alike. Hosted on O'ahu at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, the event brings together *hālanu hula* (hula groups) from across Hawai'i and Japan while showcasing young dancers in *hula kahiko* (traditional hula) and *hula 'auana* (modern hula). KeikiHula.org

AUGUST 2026

◆ **1-2 August 2026**

Heiva I Kaua'i — Celebrating its 24th year, this two-day cultural festival at Kapā'a Beach Park features Tahitian dance and drumming competitions with both solo and group performances, alongside traditional and contemporary Tahitian-style drumming. Families can also enjoy an array of vendors selling art, woodwork, Pacific Island jewelry, and delicious local food. The event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an \$8 daily admission. HeivaiKauai.com

◆ **7-29 August 2026**

Hawai'i's Woodshow, Na Lā'au o Hawai'i (O'ahu) — Held at the Hawai'i Opera Plaza in Honolulu, the annual Hawai'i's Woodshow exhibition highlights sustainable forestry and local craftsmanship. Alongside the Innovation + Imagination Student Challenge, the event educates residents and visitors about Hawai'i's woodworking traditions through interactive educational displays while supporting local artisans and sustainable forestry practices. Woodshow.HawaiiForest.org

◆ **14-24 August 2026**

Duke Kahanamoku OceanFest (O'ahu) — This 11-day ocean sports festival honors the legendary waterman Duke Kahanamoku through events held in the offshore waters and along the shores of Waikiki. The festival schedule 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 commemorating his birthday. The celebration also serves a fundraiser for the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation's college scholarship and athletic grants programs. DukeKahanamokuOceanFest.com

◆ **15-16 August 2026**

Ho'oku'ikahi Establishment Day, Hawaiian Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site celebrates its 54th anniversary alongside its annual Establishment Day Hawaiian cultural festival, Ho'oku'ikahi Pu'ukoholā, meaning "to unify at Pu'ukoholā" in *ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language). Festivities will include a *ho'oku'ipu* (gift giving) ceremony, workshops, and demonstrations showcasing traditional Hawaiian arts and crafts, and more. NPS.gov/PuHe

◆ **20-23 August 2026**

Made in Hawai'i Festival (O'ahu) — Popular with both visitors and residents, this annual shopping event at the Hawai'i Convention Center features more than 400 exhibitors showcasing Hawai'i-made food products, books, gifts, apparel, jewelry, arts and crafts, produce, and other locally grown and created goods. Attendees can also enjoy cooking demonstrations, live music, and dance performances. MadeInHawaiiFestival.com

- ◆ **29-30 August 2026**
50th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow (O'ahu) — Representatives of multiple Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native communities will gather to share and perpetuate their cultures while educating attendees and fostering positivity and inclusivity. This family-friendly event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Magic Island in the Ala Moana Beach Park.. HTCHawaii.org
- ◆ **August TBD**
22nd Annual Korean Festival (O'ahu) — All are invited to celebrate Korean culture in Hawai'i at this community festival organized by the Korean American Foundation Hawaii, the 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 showcases Korean culture through food, dance, art, music, and entertainment. KoreanFestHawaii.com

SEPTEMBER 2026

- ◆ **3-7 September 2026**
Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race (island of Hawai'i) — Founded in 1972, the competition welcomes paddlers from around the globe to compete in the world's largest long-distance outrigger canoe race. Additional 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
- ◆ **4-25 September 2026**
Hawai'i Craftsmen Exhibit (O'ahu) — Held annually since 1967, this exhibition at the Downtown Arts Center 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 recognizing outstanding artists are presented throughout the exhibition. HawaiiCraftsmen.org
- ◆ **4 September – 25 October 2026**
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 across Maui, Lana'i, and Moloka'i. View the full schedule of events online: FestivalsOfAloha.com.
- ◆ **5-26 September 2026**
Aloha Festivals (O'ahu) — Aloha Festivals is a celebration of Hawaiian music, dance, history, and the culture's contributions to the Hawai'i community. Events are scheduled throughout September and include royal pageantry, a floral parade and *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) in Waikiki, music and *hula* performances, and family activities. View the full event schedule online: AlohaFestivals.com.
- ◆ **5-6 September 2026**
Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) — This annual event celebrates the long history Okinawan culture in Hawai'i and its many contributions to the cultural fabric of the islands. Now in its 44th 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 Okinawan entertainment. OkinawanFestival.com

- ◆ **6 September 2026**
Kaua'i Marathon & Half-Marathon — This visually stunning 26.2-mile marathon and 13-mile half-marathon offers runners scenic views of Kaua'i's ocean waters, white sand beaches, and rainforests. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities supporting the community. TheKauaiMarathon.com

- ◆ **11-12 September 2026**
Hawaii Line Dance Festival (Kaua'i) — The Hawaii Line Dance Festival welcomes dancers and non-dancers to enjoy two days of nonstop line dancing. Held at the Kaua'i Veterans Center and Museum, the festival also serves as a fundraiser for the organization and features a lineup of dance instructors from Hawai'i and the continental U.S. HawaiiLDF.com

- ◆ **17-22 September 2026**
Pacific Fashion Week (O'ahu) — Pacific Fashion Week (PFW) is a first-of-its-kind, week-long celebration of Pacific design, culture, and creativity held in Honolulu. More than a runway showcase, PFW brings together designers, storytellers, and industry leaders from across the Pacific and its diasporas to elevate fashion as both cultural expression and economic force. Programming throughout the week includes runway presentations, atelier tours, a symposium, and community engagement events, all grounded in intentional cultural storytelling and sustainability. PacificFashionWeek.com

- ◆ **18-20 September 2026**
Kona Pride Festival (island of Hawai'i) — This three-day event promotes LGBTQIA+ awareness, equality and support with a variety of events and activities. The festival is hosted by Kona Pride Inc., a nonprofit seeking to enhance the visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic/ally individuals (LGBTQIA+) and allied communities. KonaPride.com

- ◆ **20 September 2026**
Ka'u Coffee Trail Run (island of Hawai'i) — This fun run offers a challenging course for all ages as it winds the unpaved trails of the town of Pāhala. Participants run through 1,900 acres of coffee fields and macadamia nut groves at the Ka'u Coffee Mill and can choose from distances ranging from a 5K and 10K races to a half marathon and 50K. KauCoffeeTrailRuns.com

- ◆ **20-26 September 2026**
Kaua'i Mokihana Festival — The Mālie Foundation's Kaua'i Mokihana Festival celebrates Hawaiian cultural traditions through *bula* and music competitions, workshops, performances, and a craft fair. The weeklong festival includes events held across the island with a mission of perpetuating, promoting, and preserving Hawaiian culture. MalieFoundation84.org

- ◆ **27 September 2026**
Aloha Fun Ride (O'ahu) — This ride follows the Honolulu Century Ride and is designed to welcome a wider audience, especially youth and families, to O'ahu's largest cycling event. Routes wind around Lē'ahi (Diamond Head), offering stunning ocean and city views along the way. Cyclists can choose a 5-mile route turning around at Fort Ruger Park or continue down Kāhala Avenue to Wai'ālae Beach Park for an 8-mile ride.. HBL.org

◆ **27 September 2026**

Na Wahine O Ke Kai (O'ahu) — Gathering more than 1,000 women paddlers from around the world, this long-distance outrigger canoe competition crosses the rugged Kaiwi Channel between Moloka'i and O'ahu. Coverage of the race highlights the continued perpetuation of the Hawaiian tradition of long-distance outrigger paddling for future generations. The public can also gather at the race's finish line at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort to enjoy live music and an awards presentation. NaWahineOKeKai.com

OCTOBER 2026

◆ **10 October 2026**

VinFast IRONMAN World Women's Championship (island of Hawai'i) — One of the most prestigious challenges in the sport of triathlon, this 140.6-mile world championship brings the world's top female triathletes to the Kona Coast to compete for the sport's top honor. Athletes face a demanding course that includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile marathon alongside rough ocean waves and the intense heat of the lava fields. Visitors to Kailua-Kona during race week can experience the competition and surrounding events throughout the community. IronMan.com

◆ **11 October 2026**

Moloka'i Hoe (O'ahu) — Join in the celebration of the O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's prestigious long-distance outrigger canoe race from Moloka'i to O'ahu. Finish-line events include live music and an awards presentation on Duke Kahanamoku Beach in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. MolokaiHoe.com

◆ **15-25 October 2026**

46th Annual Hawai'i International Film Festival (Statewide) — Presented by Halekulani, this annual film festival showcases works from Hawai'i's filmmaking community, alongside a world-class lineup of international films, and industry events across Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i and the island of Hawai'i. A schedule of in-theater screenings will be announced in the coming months. HIFF.org

◆ **16 October – 8 November 2026**

Annual Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival (island of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui) — Featuring renowned chefs, culinary personalities, and wine and spirit producers from Hawai'i and around the world, this series of culinary events across three islands showcases the extraordinary diversity of Hawai'i multicultural cuisine and locally grown-and-raised ingredients. Dishes presented throughout the festival highlight the state's bounty of local produce, seafood and meats.. HawaiiFoodandWineFestival.com

- Island of Hawai'i – 16-17 October 2026
- Maui – 23-25 October 2026
- O'ahu – 5-8 November 2026

◆ **16-18 October 2026**

Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival (O'ahu) — Hawai'i's largest LGBTQIA+ community event is a daylong celebration highlighted by the Honolulu Pride Parade which winds through Waikiki from Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park to Kapi'olani Park, along with the Honolulu Pride Festival featuring live music, craft and merchandise vendors, a resource fair, and more. HawaiiLGBTLegacyFoundation.com

- ◆ **18 October 2026**
Kaua'i Chocolate & Coffee Festival — Held in the island's historic west side town of Hanapēpē, this annual culinary festival celebrates all things Kaua'i-grown chocolate and coffee with plenty of opportunities for sampling. Attendees can also enjoy educational displays, workshops, exhibitor booths, live entertainment, a silent auction, and children's activities throughout the event. KauaiChocolateandCoffeeFestival.com
- ◆ **18 October 2026**
Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival “Kona Style” (island of Hawai'i) — Hawaiian slack-key guitar, known in *ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) as *kī ho'alu*, originated in Hawai'i in the 19th century with the *paniolo* (cowboys) and remains a beloved musical tradition and style of guitar musicianship. Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of *kī ho'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
- ◆ **24 October 2026**
Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds — The Hawai'i Island Festival of Birds celebrates native Hawaiian birds while encouraging awareness and preservation of Hawai'i's natural environment. Presented by the Hawai'i Wildlife Center and Conservation Council for Hawai'i, the full-day festival focuses on community, culture and conservation efforts protecting our state's native *manu* (birds). Events 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
- ◆ **26 October – 2 November 2026**
WSL Sunset Pro Surf Competition (O'ahu) — The World Surf League (WSL) brings the world's top professional surfers to O'ahu's North Shore for this annual competition event held on the winter waves of Paumalū, also known as Sunset Beach. Spectators can gather along the shoreline to witness elite surfers compete on one of the sport's most challenging surf breaks and witness the crowning of the WSL's 2026 world champion. WorldSurfLeague.com
- ◆ **27 October – 23 December 2026**
Hawai'i Craftsmen Exhibit (Maui) — Held annually since 1967, this exhibition showcases traditional craftsmanship and contemporary innovation through works in ceramics, wood, textile, glass, metal, mixed media and other media forms from across Hawai'i. Awards recognizing outstanding artists are presented throughout the showcase.
- ◆ **October TBD**
Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Hosting its inaugural Hāmākua Sugar Days Festival, the Honoka'a Heritage Center's weeklong event commemorates the closing of Hāmākua Sugar Company in 1994 while celebrating the Hāmākua Coast's sugar history and its rich cultural and agricultural legacy. Details on the week's festivities will be announced later this year. HonokaaHeritageCenter.org

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◆ **5-14 November 2026**

WSL Hale'iwa Pro Surf Competition (O'ahu) — The World Surf League's (WSL) second major contest of the North Shore's winter surf season brings many of the world's top surfers to the waves of Ali'i Beach Park. Located on the edge of Hale'iwa town, the competition also places attendees within walking distance of local eateries, shave ice shops, and retailers throughout the area. WorldSurfLeague.com

◆ **6-7 November 2026**

Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival — Presented by the Maui Chamber of Commerce and supported by the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival showcases locally made food, crafts and products created across Maui County. The festival aims to boost awareness and support for local makers and businesses among residents and visitors alike. MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com

◆ **6-15 November 2026**

55th Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — One of Hawai'i's longest-running food festivals, this 10-day celebration honors the farmers, roasters, cafes, culture and history surrounding the Kona district's world-famous coffee. Attendees can 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

◆ **7 November 2026**

Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i (Kaua'i) — The 38th annual Eō E Emalani I Alaka'i festival returns to Kōke'e State Park with *lei* making, Hawaiian cultural exhibits, *'ono* (tasty) local food favorites, and a full day of performances by *hālau hula* (hula groups). Protocol ceremonies during the festival honor Hawai'i monarch Queen Emma and commemorate her 1871 visit to the cool, mist-covered mountain forests of Kōke'e. KauaiFestivals.com

◆ **8 November 2026**

Annual Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Festival "Kaua'i Style" — Hawaiian slack-key guitar, known in *ōlelo Hawai'i* (Hawaiian language) as *kei hō'alu*, originated in Hawai'i in the 19th century with the *paniolo* (cowboys) and remains a beloved musical tradition and style of guitar musicianship. Founded in 1982, this festival celebrates and perpetuates the cultural importance of *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

◆ **11 November 2026**

Battleship Missouri Memorial's Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony (O'ahu) — This annual Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by the Battleship Missouri Memorial honors members of the U.S. military. Held at Pearl Harbor, this ceremony recognizes veterans past and present who served with valor, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The public is invited to attend and pay tribute to all who have served USSMissouri.org

- ◆ **14 November 2026**
100% Pure Kona Coffee Half Marathon (island of Hawai'i) — Runners start at Coconut Grove Marketplace and race south along the Kailua-Kona coast to the sea-cliff diving area known locally as End of the World before returning to the marketplace. Whether finishing among the first or the last competitors, all runners are welcomed at the finish line with a cup of Kona coffee.
PureKonaHalf.com
- ◆ **23-25 November 2026**
Annual Maui Invitational — Considered by college basketball coaches, players, and fans as one of the best early-season college basketball tournaments in the U.S., the Maui Invitational regularly attracts some of the nation's top-ranked NCAA teams. The tournament brings fans to the Lahaina Civic Center for highly anticipated matchups between some of college basketball's top programs..
MauiInvitational.com
- ◆ **26 November 2026**
5K Turkey Trot & 9-Hole Turkey Shoot (Kaua'i) — Support the Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i while getting a healthy, family-friendly start to the Thanksgiving holiday. Whether participants prefer a sunrise stroll or an early morning run with ocean views, the 5K turkey trot course offers a scenic course along Kaua'i's coastline. The event also includes a nine-hole "Turkey Shoot" golf tournament at the Ocean Course at Hōkūala. KauaiTurkeyTrot.org
- ◆ **November TBD**
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

DECEMBER 2026

- ◆ **December - March (Holding Period)**
The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational (O'ahu) — Better known locally as "The Eddie," this surf competition celebrates the current generation of big wave surfers and the many who came before them. Organizers require consistent 40-foot or higher surf heights for the event to run, which in some years means no contest, and participation is by invitation only. Named in honor of legendary Hawai'i surfer, waterman, and North Shore lifeguard Eddie Aikau, the event continues his legacy and love of the ocean. TheEddieAikau.com
- ◆ **4 December 2026**
Lights on Rice Parade (Kaua'i) — Held annually on the first Friday of December, the Lights on Rice Parade kicks off the holiday season in Līhu'e. Beginning at Vidinha Stadium, the parade travels down Ho'olako and Rice Streets before ending at the Historic County Building on 'Eiwa Street. Attendees should arrive early to enjoy the parade and lighting of the holiday displays illuminating the county building. LightsOnRice.org

- ◆ **5 December 2026**
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. Hosted at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale the festive lights are 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

- ◆ **5 December 2026**
Music & Light Festival at Hōlualoa Village (island of Hawai'i) — Every December, Hōlualoa Village in South Kona rolls out its holiday red carpet, inviting all to ring in the season island-of-Hawai'i-style. The event features 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

- ◆ **5 December 2026**
Waimea Twilight Christmas Parade (island of Hawai'i) — Celebrating its 66th year this December, this popular parade through the town of Waimea features decorated trucks and floats representing local churches, schools, community organizations, ranches and businesses. Participants range from *keiki* (children) to *kūpuna* (elders) reflecting the strong community spirit of Waimea. *Keiki* along the parade route can also look forward to seeing Santa Claus among the parade's participants. WaimeaTown.org

- ◆ **7 December 2026**
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 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

- ◆ **8-20 December 2026**
Pipe Masters (O'ahu) — The legendary Pipe Masters competition returns to 'Ehukai Beach Park, home to the surf break known worldwide as Banzai Pipeline. The event brings many of the world's top professional surfers to O'ahu's North Shore to compete on one of surfing's most challenging and respected waves. Spectators gather along the shoreline to watch elite surfers take on Pipeline's powerful winter surf. WorldSurfLeague.com

- ◆ **13 December 2026**
Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu) — Beginning its 26.2-mile route at Ala Moana Beach Park before sunrise, the fourth-largest marathon in the U.S. takes runners through metro-Honolulu and Waikīkī, then along O'ahu's south shore to Hawai'i Kai before turning back and finishing at Kapi'olani Park in Waikīkī. Participants experience a wide range of city views throughout the course, including stretches along the shoreline and beneath the slopes of Lē'ahi (Diamond Head). HonoluluMarathon.org

- ◆ **19 December 2026**
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 through 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

◆ **31 December 2026**

New Year's Eve Celebration at Po'ipū Beach Park (Kaua'i) — Ring in the new year at Po'ipū Beach Park during this annual family-friendly celebration. The evening features an outdoor movie screening, 'ono (delicious) eats from beachside food trucks and a fireworks show over the beach. PoipuBeach.org

◆ **December TBD**

Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu) — The annual Hawai'i Bowl is known for high-scoring games, thrilling offenses, and close matchups. Held at the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus, the game features an NCAA Division 1 team from the Mountain West Conference against a team from either the American Athletic Conference or Conference USA. Through the Hawai'i Bowl Foundation, the annual bowl game supports multiple nonprofit organizations statewide, awarding more than \$1 million to local charities since the foundation's inception. HawaiiBowl.com

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Special note to media: Hawai'i Tourism United States (HTUSA) recognizes the use of the 'okina [ʻ] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the (modern) Hawaiian language; and the *kaḅakō* [ā] 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.