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SUMMER WHAT'S NEW IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

HAWAII — Immerse yourself in the spirit of the Hawaiian Islands this summer by exploring its breathtaking natural landscapes, vibrant communities, inspiring mix of cultures and unique-to-Hawaii activities and events. Whether making a first, second, or third visit, every day exploring Hawaii offers opportunities to learn about, experience and engage with the wonder of our amazing collection of islands.

For additional updates about each island, reference the media sites of our Island Bureaus: the [Kaua'i Visitors Bureau](#), [O'ahu Visitors Bureau](#), [Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau](#), and [Island of Hawai'i Visitors Bureau](#).

NEW HOTEL DEVELOPMENTS

Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort is welcoming summer with expanded programming spotlighting its Makai Ocean Front and Hema Ocean View Villas, residential-style accommodations designed for longer stays and multigenerational travel. Inspired by the island's ocean heritage and craftsmanship, and its agricultural and natural landscapes, the Mōkapu Beach view villas will expand their experiences this summer to include the Andaz Villas 'Ohana Retreat and Villas Wellness Retreat. Across the resort, guests can also join in a variety of summer activities on the Nohea Lawn and pool decks, including arts and craft sessions, splash games, sunset s'mores gatherings, remote control car races, and bingo. [Hyatt.com/Andaz](https://hyatt.com/Andaz)

Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach (O'ahu) recently unveiled its multimillion-dollar transformation across its 405-room property, introducing redesigned guestrooms, new dining concepts and refreshed gathering spaces. The renovation includes an open-air lobby overlooking a pool oasis and the debut of a reimagined penthouse retreat with a wraparound terrace boasting ocean, beach, city and mountain views. The hotel's three towers received the names Kalo (taro), Mo'i (a threadfin fish and delicacy of Hawaiian royalty) and Ola (health and vitality) from Hawaiian cultural practitioner Ku'uipo Kumukahi, reflecting the property's home *ahupua'a* (mountain-to-sea land division). [Marriott.com](https://marriott.com)

Hale Hōkūala Kaua'i is readying to welcome its first guests this fall as the first Hawaii property in Hilton's Curio Collection portfolio. Currently in its pre-sell phase, the 210-room resort is situated within the Hōkūala resort community on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, with views of the Hā'upu mountain range, nearby lagoons and the Ocean Course at Hōkūala. Designed to spotlight open-air living, the property will feature private lanai embracing a relaxing outdoor setting. Located a short drive from Līhu'e Airport, Hale Hōkūala's southwest location allows for easy road tripping to sites and towns throughout Kaua'i. [CurioCollection.com/HaleHokualaKauai](https://curiocollection.com/HaleHokualaKauai)

Hyatt Place Ho'opili and Hyatt House Ho'opili (O'ahu) recently opened in 'Ewa Beach on May 19, 2026. Together, the dual-branded, 240-room property offers a flexible mix of experiences, complemented by unmatched connectivity to the nearby Keone'ae / University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu rail station. Guests can choose from the intuitive, modern comforts of Hyatt Place, including 24/7 conveniences and complimentary hot breakfast, or the residential-style suites at Hyatt House, which feature full kitchens with multipurpose islands designed for longer stays. The shared campus also provides relaxing outdoor spaces with a pool and firepit, a 24-hour fitness center, and the H Bar lobby lounge. [Hyatt.com](https://hyatt.com)

Ka Laʻi Waikīkī Beach (Oʻahu) will complete its \$100-million property-wide renovation in July, debuting a reimagined guest experience shaped by London-based Bryan O’Sullivan Studio. The transformation introduces a residential feel across the 38-floor property overlooking Fort DeRussy Park, with views of Waikīkī Beach and Lēʻahi (Diamond Head State Monument). Ka Laʻi’s 462 redesigned guest rooms and suites feature full kitchens, washer-dryers and floor-to-ceiling windows, while the hotel boasts refreshed dining venues, an updated spa and wellness facility and expanded pool experience. The property is now managed by Hilton brand LXR Hotels and Resorts. [Hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com)

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel (island of Hawaiʻi) enters a new era this summer with the completion of its \$180-million renovation timed to celebrate the pioneering South Kohala resort’s 60th anniversary. The extensive transformation introduces fully renovated guestrooms and suites, refreshed dining venues, and reimagined public spaces and adds a new adults-only infinity pool, fitness center, and two refurbished golf courses. The redesign also preserves the hotel’s signature mid-20th-century modern architecture while introducing updated amenities and new contemporary design elements throughout the property. Also debuting is the new 22,000-square-foot Spa at Mauna Kea wellness facility, offering treatments rooted in Hawaiian tradition and natural elements. [MaunaKeaResort.com](https://www.maunakea.com)

Pagoda Hotel (Oʻahu) in Honolulu has unveiled a top-to-bottom reformation under the new ownership of Rycroft Holdings and management by Highgate. The 199-room property’s renovations include revitalized corridors and a curated lobby experience, featuring a local art wall and a new retail concept. Central to the transformation is a major restoration of the hotel’s signature Japanese-inspired gardens and koi ponds, which are now home to over 200 new koi. Additionally, the hotel announced future on-site dining and retail additions, including a Paris Baguette bakery and café, a CU Hawaiʻi convenience store, and local favorite Rainbow Drive-In, which will take over the property’s iconic floating restaurant. [PagodaHotel.com](https://www.pagodahotel.com)

The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach (Oʻahu) is offering a new collection of summer experiences aiming to give guests an expanded view of the island through food, outdoor exploration, culture. and wellness. Activities range from a hands-on The Craft of Poke class with Executive Chef Reid Matsumura, to *laubala* (pandanus leaf) weaving and ti leaf workshops led by local cultural practitioners. Off property, guests can also pair a guided Mānoa waterfall and rainforest hike with a botanically inspired spa treatment. An evening ocean-view *luʻau* includes live music, *bula* and a multicourse dinner. And a multiday brain spa retreat offers a break to reset and recharge. [RitzCarltonWaikikiBeach/ipooldside.com](https://www.ritzcarlton.com/hawaii/waikiki-beach)

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa (Oʻahu) will open its new ‘Ohana Entertainment Center this summer, adding an indoor game-room experience just off its lobby. The gathering space will feature boutique bowling lanes, immersive virtual reality experiences, a lineup of arcade favorites and ticket-and-prize gaming, offering a family-friendly alternative to outdoor Waikīkī experiences. Developed with Family Entertainment Group, an experiential entertainment creator, the center will also be open for hosting birthday parties, social gatherings and team-building events, designed around shared fun, connection, and friendly competition. [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa (island of Hawaiʻi) will begin summer 2026 with newly refreshed accommodations along the island’s Kohala Coast. The resort recently completed renovations on all 297 of its guestrooms and suites, with interiors inspired by coastal hues, organic textures, custom shoji screens, and island-inspired artwork. Its reimagined Nā Hale suites offer added space and comfort for families, longer stays, and multigenerational travel. [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

Wailea Beach Resort (Maui Nui) will welcome summer with a slate of seasonal experiences for guests of all ages, from 21 June through 7 August, Nalu Night Slides take over Tuesday and Sunday evenings, bringing after-dark pool time, waterslide access, music, glow elements, and bites from the Mo' Bettah food truck. Other summer highlights at the resort include live music, seasonal fruit tastings, and sunset torch lighting at all-ages 'Ohi Pool. Guests can also enjoy rotating family activities at the Nalu Pool, such as temporary tattoos and ice cream sundae bars. On the Fourth of July weekend, Wailea Beach Resort will add *keiki* (children) culinary activities, mermaid meet-and-greets, poolside games, and a special Te Au Moana Lū'au to its mix of activities. Marriott.com

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