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FALL WHAT'S NEW IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

HAWAIʻI — Immerse yourself in the spirit of the Hawaiian Islands this fall by exploring its breathtaking natural landscapes, vibrant communities, inspiring mix of cultures and unique-to-Hawaiʻi activities and events. Whether making your first, second or third visit, every day exploring Hawaiʻi offers opportunities to learn about, experience and engage with the wonder of our inspiring island home.

For additional updates about each island, reference the media sites of our Island Visitor Bureaus: the Kauaʻi Visitors Bureau, Oʻahu Visitors Bureau, Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau, and Island of Hawaiʻi Visitors Bureau.

KAUAʻI | HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

Kauaʻi is welcoming visitors, with most accommodations, restaurants, shops, tours, and activities operating as usual following Hurricane Lowell. Travelers can enjoy the island's natural beauty and distinctive experiences while supporting local restaurants, shops, and activity providers. Visitors are encouraged to travel with patience and aloha, as some businesses may still have limited staffing or services. Visit openkauai.org for a directory of businesses and experiences welcoming visitors.

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Bishop Museum (Oʻahu) is staying open past sunset for its monthly "Museum After Hours" evenings on October 9 and December 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. All are invited to explore the 15-acre campus at night and tour its Hawaiian Hall, Science Adventure Center, and current exhibits in the Castle Memorial Building and J.M. Long Gallery. In November, "Museum After Hours" will take a pause to welcome the "50 Years of Aloha ʻĀina Concert and Festival: Laʻa, Maʻa, Paʻa!" on November 13, an evening of music, celebration and the release of a new album of *mele* (song) marking five decades of the Aloha ʻĀina Protect Kahoʻolawe movement. BishopMuseum.org

Deck. (Oʻahu) is spotlighting movement in its fall calendar with the "Island Flow Collective," a monthly series on the open-air restaurant and bar's Lēʻahi Room and Lānai atop the Queen Kapiʻolani Hotel Waikīkī Beach. Each month features a different movement class, from yoga and mat Pilates to Zumba, with a view of Lēʻahi (aka Diamond Head State Monument). October will also bring back Deck's dog costume party, inviting residents and their canines to celebrate Halloween on the *lānai*. Guests can pair either event with brunch or return later in the day for sunset or evening relaxation with twinkling lights and a fire pit. DeckWaikiki.com

Diamond Bakery (Oʻahu) will celebrate 105 years in Hawaiʻi on October 12 with a community event at its Kalihi factory and store. Founded in 1921 by three Japanese immigrants, the company has grown from simple roots as a Honolulu cracker maker into one of Hawaiʻi's largest cracker and cookie manufacturer, crafting resident favorites such as Hawaiian soda crackers, graham crackers, local-kine animal crackers and cookie bites. The anniversary celebration will include factory tours, partner vendors and other activities, offering visitors a behind-the-scenes look at one of the state's most enduring homegrown businesses that now produces more than a million crackers and cookies each day. DiamondBakery.com

Explore Maui Nature (Maui Nui), a sister company of Unique Maui Tours, offers three bird tour experiences showcasing the island's varied birdlife and habitats. Private Bird Tours and Shared Bird Tours venture into Haleakalā National Park's high-elevation native forests in search of *ʻiʻiwi, ʻapapane, ʻamakihi, ʻalauahio* and *nēnē*, with possible visits to coastal wetlands. Private outings can be tailored to participant interests and pace, while shared tours offer a small-group experience. The tour company's Bird Lovers Road to Hāna tour combines East Maui's rainforests, waterfalls and coastline with opportunities to spot seabirds such as black noddies, great frigatebirds and, depending on seasonal conditions, tropicbirds and shearwaters. ExploreMauiNature.com

Flight of Aloha (Maui Nui) will debut at Whalers Village in Kāʻanapali this fall, bringing an immersive flying ride experience to the island in a partnership with the Hawaiʻi Wildlife Discovery Center. Designed and created in Hawaiʻi, the attraction combines motion, panoramic imagery, wind, scent and other effects to simulate the experience of soaring across the Hawaiian Islands while exploring its landscapes, wildlife, history and culture through visual storytelling. The opening of Flight of Aloha also marks the company's return to Maui and they also have a location in Kona on the island of Hawaiʻi. FlightOfAloha.com

Grand Waikikian Honolulu, A Hilton Grand Vacations Club (Oʻahu) recently launched a Made in Hawaiʻi Pop-Up Market, happening every other Friday in its resort lobby. The rotating market brings together Hawaiʻi-based artisans, makers and small businesses offering locally made food, gifts and other products. Featured vendors include North Shore Bees, known for its locally harvested honey; Sweet Brown Hawaii, a handcrafted caramel company; and Noriko's Famous Party Mix, crafted with ingredients sourced from other Hawaiʻi vendors. The market offers a one-stop location to find and purchase island-made goods and meet local makers. HiltonGrandVacations.com

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa (Maui Nui) is planning a full slate of fall and holiday events this year, from football weekends to Christmas Day. ʻUmalu restaurant and bar will host Game Day Breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays during football season. October brings the resort's 16th annual Haunted House, with proceeds benefitting Maui Charity Walk, followed by Thanksgiving dining specials at Japengo restaurant, Son'z Steakhouse and ʻUmalu. December adds Elf on the Shelf® family activities and Friday festive mixology classes, while Christmas Eve and Day will feature holiday menus, an oceanfront brunch buffet at Japengo and the return of the Halona Kai Holiday Village with dinner, music, activities and a visit from Santa Claus. Hyatt.com

ʻIolani Palace (Oʻahu) will honor one of Hawaiʻi's most beloved monarchs on the occasion of her 192nd birthday with the return of its annual Queen Kapiʻolani Evening Tours on December 26 and 27. For two nights only, the palace will open its doors after sunset for docent-led tours through multiple spaces, including the Queen's bedroom, music room, blue room and throne room. The evening experience in the historic setting will also feature live performances by Chamber Music Hawaiʻi, Hawaiʻi Opera Theatre and others. Attendance will be limited and advance ticket purchases are recommended. IolaniPalace.org

OUTRIGGER Kona Resort and Spa (island of Hawaiʻi) will host the 29the annual Hawaii Slack Key Guitar Festival — Kona Style on October 18, bringing more than four hours of sweet *kī hōʻalu* sounds to its oceanfront setting overlooking Keauhou Bay. Presented by the Kī hōʻalu Foundation, the festival celebrates one of Hawaiʻi's most beloved musical traditions with performances and musical storytelling by both established and emerging players of *kī hōʻalu* — meaning "slack key" in *ōlelo Hawaiʻi* (Hawaiian language) — style guitar. The lineup for this year's festival will include Brother Noland, John Keawe, Ledward Kaʻapana, Stephen Inglis, Anthony Pfluke and Bobby Moderow, among others. FestivalNet.com

OUTRIGGER Kauaʻi Beach Resort and Spa (Kauaʻi) is hosting a weekly Kauaʻi Made Craft Fair every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., bringing together a rotating lineup of local artisans and makers. Shoppers can browse jewelry, home goods, photography, tasty treats and other island-made finds. Past participants have included Aloha Paws, Jocks Photography, Kiyomi's Sweet Treats, Kauaʻi Ocean Creations and Piazza Art. The afternoon also features the resort's E Komo Mai welcome performance from 4:30 to 5 p.m. The Kauaʻi Made Craft Fair offers a great place to discover and purchase Kauaʻi-made goods and support the island's creative community. Outrigger.com

OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki Beach Resort (Oʻahu) spotlights emerging Hawaiʻi musicians through the Henry Kapono Foundation's "On the Rise Series," happening monthly at the property's Kani Ka Pila Grille. The program offers new and developing artists an opportunity to perform live while gaining mentorship and hands-on experience in songwriting, marketing, stage presence and the business side of music. Upcoming performances are set for November 3 and December 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Outrigger.com

Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum (Oʻahu) is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year at Pearl Harbor, welcoming visitors to explore the World War II-era USS Bowfin and three galleries tracing the evolution of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force. Nicknamed the "Pearl Harbor Avenger," the Bowfin was launched on December 7, 1942, and completed nine war patrols before later becoming a public memorial in 1981. Expanded and redesigned in 2021, the museum also serves Hawaiʻi students through free educational programs and scholarships. Special events are happening throughout this anniversary year; check the museum's website for updates. Bowfin.org

Pacific Historic Parks (Oʻahu) will help mark the 85th anniversary of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor with commemorative events on December 6 and 7. Ceremonies will honor the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma alongside the annual Blackened Canteen observance, moments of remembrance and educational programming focused on the events and legacy of December 7, 1941. Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Harry S. Truman and Bess Truman, will deliver the ceremony's keynote address on December 7. The milestone 85th anniversary commemoration will also highlight ongoing efforts to preserve Pearl Harbor's historic sites and share their stories with future generations. PearlHarborEvents.com

Royal Hawaiian Center (Oʻahu) will welcome the premiere of "A Timeless Princess" on October 16 at its Royal Hawaiian Center Theater. Inspired by the legacy of Hawaiʻi's Princess Kaʻiulani, the original musical follows a present-day Marine who is transported to 1898, where love, destiny and the fate of the Kingdom of Hawaiʻi intersect. Written and produced by Denny Miyasato, the production blends original music, storytelling and live performance for a fictional tale rooted in Hawaiʻi history. Shows are set for Fridays through Sundays at 4:30 p.m. and Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. ATimelessPrincess.com

Sea Life Park (Oʻahu) will host a Halloween-themed Keiki Sunday on October 11, blending marine education, Hawaiʻi storytelling and community service in a full day of events. The morning will begin with a beach cleanup in partnership with nonprofit 808 Cleanups, followed by activities on the Sea Life Park grounds. Families are invited to learn more about the park's wildlife, which includes green sea turtles and seabirds, while taking in marine life *moʻolelo* (stories) connecting island culture with the ocean. The interactive event aims to be fun and educational, emphasizing care of Hawaiʻi's shoreline and the cultural significance of local marine life. SeaLifeParkHawaii.com

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa (Oʻahu) will debut "Sounds of the Ocean" on October 15, bringing the immersive experience to Hawaiʻi for a limited run through April 30, 2027. Created by Embodied Sounds, the all-ages attraction surrounds participants with floor-to-ceiling ocean imagery, projection art, actual whale and dolphin recordings, and an original ocean-inspired score. The multisensory attraction will donate 10% of each ticket sold to support the Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project and its work protecting Hawaiʻi's marine environment. MarriottWaikiki.com

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