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AUGUST 19-27: In Honor of the Duke

Held through various spots around Waikiki, Duke's OceanFest has become a nine-day open-ocean competition, which includes men's, women's and keiki surf contests; 1-mile swim; stand-up surf; surf polo; canoe regatta; and the Hawaiian Airlines Legends Surf Classic. Athletes also compete in beach volleyball and soccer. The festival opens with the traditional blowing of a conch shell, followed by lei-draping ceremony at the iconic Duke Kahanamoku statue. dukesoceanfest.com

7 Great Things Not to Miss

1 HULA HIPS > JULY

15-16 Be sure to attend the 40th annual Prince Lot Hula Festival at 'Iolani Palace. moanalua.gardensfoundation.org

2 'UKULELE FESTIVAL

> JULY 16 Now more than just a free concert, this festival attracts people from across the globe to see, hear and appreciate the diminutive instrument. ukulelefestivalhawaii.org

3 CONCERT SERIES >

JULY 29 The sound of music will be heard in Waimea Valley. waimeavalley.net



4 SLACK KEY GUITAR >

AUGUST 20 The twangy sound from this Hawaiian instrument will fill the air at the Kapi'olani Bandstand. slackkeyfestival.com

5 WAIKIKI ARTFEST >

AUGUST 26-27 More than 75 artists will showcase their masterpieces at Kapi'olani Park. hotcrafts.net

6 BLOCK PARTY >

SEPTEMBER 23 The annual Waikiki Ho'olaulea is Hawaii's largest block party. alohafestivals.com

7 FLORAL PARADE >

SEPTEMBER 30 Colorful horseback riders make their way down Kalākaua Avenue. alohafestivals.com



TOP STOPS

From SPAM musubi to souvlaki, the food at these festivals will be as varied as the cultures they represent.

AUGUST 18-20

MADE IN HAWAII FESTIVAL

For three days, island residents and visitors alike can attend the 23rd annual Made in Hawaii Festival, a showcase of over 400 exhibitors and cooking demonstrators. Admission is \$6; children age 6 years and younger are free. madeinhawaiifestival.com

AUGUST 26-27

OPA!

The Greek community celebrates its heritage with dance, entertainment and food at McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park. Enjoy such traditional fare as spanakopita, gyro sandwiches, moussaka, souvlaki, a variety of Greek salads, loukoumades (Greek malasadas) and an assortment of Greek pastries. greekfestivalhawaii.com

SEPTEMBER 9

RICE FEST

September is officially designated National Rice Month by the USA Rice Federation, so come celebrate a day full of family-fun activities at Ward Village. The focus will, of course, be on rice, from eating to cooking to learning about its history. The day will be filled with cook-offs and chef cooking demonstrations. ricefest.com

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FLAVORS

Local Treats to Taste on O'ahu



Fried rice with SPAM

SPAM-O-LICIOUS

As much as **SPAM** may be mocked on the mainland, the canned meat is a serious mainstay among island residents who have jokingly at times referred to it as Hawaiian steak. Wrapped in nori, stir-fried with noodles, plated with eggs, SPAM knows no culinary boundaries when it comes to the local palate. And since Hawai'i has the highest per capita consumption of SPAM in the United States, it's not surprising that chefs and restaurants have embraced the product as a staple ingredient in many of their dishes. Popular diners, such as **Side Street Inn**, **Like Like Drive Inn** and **Zippy's**, serve delicious fried rice. Prepared exactly how it sounds, fried rice is usually cooked in a wok with ingredients that consist of soy sauce, sugar and oyster sauce. Mix in some scrambled eggs, green onions and—of course—SPAM, and you have yourself a meal all in one. SPAM musubi is another ubiquitous favorite. A slice of SPAM is fried then placed on a block of hot rice and wrapped in *nori* (Japanese for seaweed wrapper). The snack is so popular that it's readily found at any grab-and-go grocery store or even gas station around the island.

Sweet Indulgences

If you still have room after eating all those SPAM musubis and fried rice, be sure to sample one—or two—of our must-try, mouthwatering sweet treats.

Hawai'i's unique blend of cultures and ethnicities has embraced one true factor: a fusion of flavors that's unlike anything in this world. While the Portuguese introduced **malasadas** (a fried donut covered in sugar), it was the Chinese who had us taste dried pickled plum known as **li hing mui**.

Meanwhile, Native Hawaiians taught us how to make the best **kūlolo** (a taro dessert) and **haupia** (coconut pudding). Despite the differences in geographical origin, as long as something tastes good, we're always willing to sample.



Various li hing mui

local drug or grocery store on the island, **li hing mui** has a balanced flavor combination of sweet and sour. We suggest buying the local snack in dried powder form and taking it home as gifts to share or prepare tarty margaritas.



Fresh malasadas

- It comes in sugar or cinnamon spice, but most definitely everything nice, as locals flock to **Leonard's Bakery** for its fresh batch of malasadas. 933 Kapa-hulu Ave., 808.737.5591, leonardshawaii.com

- It's known as a dried plum that's sucked or nibbled until the soft meat around the pit is completely gone. Found mostly at any

- Made with baked or steamed grated taro then mixed with brown sugar and creamy coconut milk, **kūlolo** is a real treat that's traditionally served at the end of a Hawaiian meal. Get a taste of kūlolo at **Highway Inn**, which receives fresh batches from Kaua'i every Thursday. 680 Ala Moana Blvd., #105, 808.954.4955, myhighwayinn.com

- Using such quality local ingredients as lilikoi and guava, **Honolulu Cookie Company** has been serving up its signature pineapple-shaped shortbread cookies for nearly 20 years. honolulu-cookie.com



HCC's new guava flavor



Beat the Heat

Introduced by Japanese immigrant workers in the 1920s, shave ice continues to be a popular local dessert. Favorite places to enjoy this treat include Matsumoto Shave Ice in Hale'iwa (66-087 Kamehameha Hwy, #605) or Island Vintage Shave Ice (2233 Kalākaua Ave., 808.922.5662).

TRAVEL TIP!

Check the current conditions with your lifeguard.



Surf's up in Waikiki



RECREATION

Water-ful Wonders

A trip to Hawai'i wouldn't be quite complete without some time spent in or around our island waters. The deep blue will call to you as the shorelines are perfectly powdered with soft grains of sand. Not to mention the weather is nearly always "summery," giving you the ideal day to swim with underwater creatures. Whether it's catching some waves along Waikiki Beach, snorkeling with the marine life at Hanauma Bay or pointing out a shark to your *keiki* (kids) at the Waikiki Aquarium, O'ahu has the best water activities to revel and get soaked in. Check out our top-five, water-themed activities to splish splash and have fun with during the summer.

SURF AND TURF

The surfing greats of Duke Kahanamoku and Kelly Slater have made O'ahu their home turf for catching waves for a reason: it's a playground to some of the best wave breaks in the world. Try out a surfing lesson in Waikiki.

WATER WORLD

Get to know our friends of the sea by visiting the historic Waikiki Aquarium. This second-oldest aquarium in the United States welcomes more than 330,000 visitors each year. 2777 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.9741, waikikiaquarium.org

PADDLE ON

Try your turn on the paddleboard and get ready for a workout. Calm waters of the south or east shores are recommended.

JUST KEEP SWIMMING

O'ahu's clear blue waters make for an optimal excursion with our marine wildlife. Hanauma Bay is an ideal place for spotting our native fish.

DOLPHIN TALES

Learn how to flap your feet—or fins—like a dolphin at Sea Life Park. *Sea Life Park*, 41-202 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., 808.259.2500, sealifeparkhawaii.com

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Gift of Aloha

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Apparel/Accessories

ANTEPRIMA WIREBAG—Vibrant colors, textures and fresh elements are part of the signature look for these one-of-a-kind wire bags and accessories. Sophisticated yet simple, Anteprema bags are perfect for a day at the beach or a night on the town. anteprema.com. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.924.0808

GLOBAL VILLAGE—Owned and operated by a native Hawaiian family, this Kailua boutique is a one-stop shop for a girl's night out. What started as a bead kiosk in Windward Mall has evolved into an island fashion icon. globalvillagehawaii.com. 539 Kailua Rd., 808.262.8183.

KOI HONOLULU—This boutique helps shoppers make a big statement with

dazzling celebrity favorites including jewelry and apparel by Chan Luu, Tylie Malibu, Lauren Moshi, Siwy, Faith Connexion and Kippy (to name a few). Find your next edgy outfit among their tasteful displays and be sure to keep an eye out for the paparazzi. <https://www.facebook.com/koihonolulu/timeline>. Royal Hawaiian Center, 2201 Kalakaua Ave., 808.923.6888.

LESPOrtsAC—This vibrant brand offers a variety of arm candy such as mini bags, handbags, totes, backpacks and travel bags. The retailer here offers Hawaii exclusive designs. lesportsac.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.973.6306; Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Rd., 808.973.6300; Royal Hawaiian Center, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., 808.971.2920; Waikale Premium Outlets, 94-790 Lumiaina St.,

808.686.9788; 2424 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 104, 808.971.2007; 2250 Kalakaua Ave. #105, 808.971.2919.

REYN'S—Home of the world-famous Reyn Spooner aloha shirts, Reyn's has been the local place to shop for the best quality aloha wear since 1959. reyns.com. Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., 808.949.5929; Kahala Mall, 4211 Waialae Ave., 808.737.8313; Sheraton Waikiki, 808.275.4491; 808.524.1885; 91-5431 Kapolei Pkwy., Suite 1119, 808.550.3910.

SGH SUNGLASS HUT—This Miami-based sunwear brand was one of the first sunglass boutiques to come to Hawaii and can now be found globally with over 2,000 stores. They offer the latest high fashion, classic and sport sunglasses to fit every face shape and personal style. sunglasshut.com. 2113 Kalakaua Ave.,

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Activities



Back to School

From hula to 'ukulele classes, Royal Hawaiian Center has a multitude of authentic Hawaiian activities to share. Set within the heart of Waikiki—with a multitude of shopping and restaurants from which to choose—Royal Hawaiian Center welcomes its visitors with complimentary cultural lessons. To attend an 'ukulele lesson, pick up a ticket at the Helumoa Hale Guest Services where they are available the day of the lesson. 2201 Kalākaua Ave., 808.922.2299, royalhawaiiancenter.com

Air

BLUE HAWAIIAN HELICOPTERS—Aerial tours are a handy way to see the less accessible natural areas in Hawaii, including waterfall-laced valleys, active volcanoes, tropical rainforests and shorelines. bluehawaiian.com. 800.745.2583; Oahu, 99 Kaulele Pl.; Kauai, 3501 Rice St.; Big Island, Hilo International Airport; Maui, 1 Kahului Airport Rd. #105.

PARADISE HELICOPTERS—Chartered helicopter tours are available for Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Island. Oahu highlights include coastal areas and shoreline, Diamond Head and Sacred Falls. During winter, humpback whales frolic below. paradisecopters.com. 808.969.7392.

Boat Tours/Cruises

ATLANTIS SUBMARINES WAIKIKI—Submarines enable you to dive in comfort,

so you can chuck the scuba gear and watch the underwater spectacle: marine life, coral reefs, sunken shipwrecks and airplanes. There is complimentary transportation from select Waikiki locations. atlantisadventures.com. Hilton Pier, Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Rd., 800.381.0237.

MAITA'I CATAMARAN—Mai tais and sunset cruises go hand in hand. When you add Waikiki, Diamond Head and a 44-foot, twin-hulled catamaran named Maita'i, it's a party. The 47-seat catamaran has center stage on Waikiki Beach, between Halekulani and Sheraton Waikiki hotels. Snorkel, swim and sunset tours let you soak up the views of Diamond Head and the Honolulu skyline. www.leahi.com/. On the beach fronting the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, 2255 Kalakaua Ave., 808.922.5665.

NAVATEK CRUISES—The Navatek I sails along Waikiki Beach and the Kahala Coastline during sunset. This longtime

favorite cruise includes a buffet dinner with Hawaiian and contemporary music, song and dance. atlantissubmarines.com. Aloha Tower Marketplace, 1 Aloha Tower Dr., Pier 6, 800.381.0237.

OCEAN JOY CRUISES—The Kai 'Oli' 'Oli is a power catamaran yacht that cruises the Waianae coast looking for dolphins, whales, flying fish and sea turtles, which make guest appearances for lucky cruisers. Cruises include private charters and lunch buffet. Roundtrip transportation from Waikiki can also be arranged. oceanjoycruises.com. Ko Olina Marina, 92-100 Waipahu Pl. 808.677.1277.

Golf

HAWAII PRINCE GOLF CLUB—The rain-carved Waianae Mountains surround this 27-hole, 270-acre golf course in leeward Oahu. Peppered with 90 white-sand bunkers and 10 lakes, it also features an all-grass driving range,





Navigate



Waimea Bay

There's a reason why The Beach Boys sang about this special place in their classic hit song "Surfin' U.S.A." And it makes sense that the television series "Lost" was filmed here. Located on the North Shore, Waimea Bay is a jewel of a shoreline with turquoise waters, spectacular sunsets, monster waves (only for the pros during the winter season) and a huge rock for thrillseekers to jump off, which we advise against.

Activities/Tours

ENOA TOURS—This company offers unique, personalized tours of Oahu catering to what guests want to do and their activity level preference. Find shopping tours, narrated circle island tours, hiking and snorkeling trips and more. enoa.com. 3015 Koapaka St., 808.593.7676.

POLYNESIAN ADVENTURE TOURS—Get your camera ready and tour Oahu with the help of Gray Line Hawaii Polynesian Adventure Tours. Hop on and hop off at historical landmarks and take pictures from the bus with unobstructed views of the city. www.polyadhawaii.com. 2880 Kiliha Street, 808.833.3000.

WAIKIKI TROLLEY—Offering four routes throughout Honolulu and Oahu, the Waikiki Trolley offers transportation to the island's major shopping hubs, as well as sightseeing tours. Once you buy a pass you get unlimited boarding and

re-boarding privileges. waikikitrolley.com. 3015 Kalakaua Ave., 808.593.2822.

Neighborhoods

DOWNTOWN HONOLULU—The financial and business center of the Pacific. By day the busy streets are packed with area workers, where skyscrapers and offices sit adjacent to historic buildings. Located in the center of town is the Hawaii State Capital Building, Aliiolani Hale and the highly-photographed statue of King Kamehameha and Iolani Palace.

KAIMUKI—Named a "culinary mecca" by Fodor's Travel Guides for its good selection of restaurants, Kaimuki is one of the oldest residential neighborhoods on the island. The main thoroughfare, Wailae Avenue, and the surrounding streets are home to funky coffee shops, boutiques, international cuisine and long-time family businesses. It's just a few miles north of Waikiki. www.kaimukihawaii.com.

NORTH SHORE—Known as Oahu's "country," communities here lead a laid-back lifestyle, making Honolulu's hustle and bustle look like New York City by comparison. gonorthshore.org. 66-434 B. Kamehameha Hwy, North Shore Chamber of Commerce, 808.637.4558.

Public Transportation

THEBUS—An easy, cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly way to get around the island is via TheBus. Many routes depart frequently from Waikiki and stop at Oahu's major attractions. Fares are the following—adults 17 and over: \$2.50 each way; seniors 65+ and people with disability: \$1 each way; youths ages 6-17, \$1.25 each way. Each trip allows for one transfer. Visitors may also want to consider buying the four-day pass at \$25 at ABC Stores and 7-Eleven stores. TheBus.org. For route and schedule information, call 808.848.5555.



VISIT O'AHU'S HIGHLY acclaimed architectural masterpieces by taking a leisurely stroll through Honolulu's Chinatown and Downtown district.