

## Apr's Spam-tacular Oahu Celebrations

If there is one quirky food event that is not to be missed in Oahu it is Waikiki Spam Jam, this year being staged 29 Apr.

The canned meat, which first made its impact on the Hawaiian Islands during World War II, is now a staple.

In fact, more SPAM is consumed per person in Hawaii than in any other state in the US, with almost seven million cans of SPAM eaten every year in Hawaii. The festival highlight is the Kalakaua Avenue block party, which is on 1600-2200 on the 29th, with the avenue hosting three entertainment stages and numerous stalls selling SPAM creations, Island crafts, and more.

### ...SPAM Creations

Clients will also find participating restaurants serving unique SPAM



dishes for Restaurant Week, which is on 30 Apr-14 May.

2023 highlights including Appetito Craft Pizza and Wine Bar's Green Eggs and SPAM Pizza, Banzai Burger's Hawaiian Burger with SPAM, the Candied SPAM Hula Pie and Korean SPAM Street Tacos at Duke's Waikiki, and Maui Brewing Company's SPAM Bao Buns.

For the more daring, we recommend Stripsteak Waikiki, which is offering a SPAM Can Mai Tai Cocktail. Further details, and the programme of events, can be found [HERE](#).

### Lei Day Celebration



Hawaii will stage the 95th Annual Lei Day Celebration 01 May at Kapi'olani Park 0900-1730.

Offering an insight into Hawaii's culture and history, Kiwis who attend will experience Hawaiian entertainment, demonstrations, and exhibits, with a highlight being the lei contest exhibit. For more information on Lei Day Celebrations, and a historical write-up of the history of Lei Day in Hawai'i, click [HERE](#).

### Food & Wine Festival



The dates for the Thirteenth Annual Hawaii Food & Wine Festival have been released, and it will be on in Maui's Kaanapali 23-25 Oct; on the Island of Hawaii 20-21 Oct and Oahu 02-05 Nov.

Further details, including the schedule of events, are still to come. Keep up to date [HERE](#).

### Surfing Championships



Hawaii may be famed as home to some of the world's gnarliest surf championships, think the Vans Triple Crown, but it is also home to the Adaptive Surfing Championships. On 08-13 May and hosted by AccesSurf, the competition will attract 100 surfers with disabilities from 17 countries. The competition kicks off with a Welcome Ceremony at the Duke Kahanamoku Statue on the eighth, honouring the Native Hawaiian who introduced surfing to the world, with surfers to then hit the waves at the Queens Surf Break in Waikiki from the ninth. For those who want to check out the championships, further details can be found [HERE](#).

### Garden To Table



Oahu's popular Turtle Bay Resort is also home to Kuilima Farm. Located on the mountain side of the resort, the farm provides fresh produce for the property, and farm tours are available. Highlights include the chance to learn about the Hawaiian ahupua'a land division system and farming, exploring the native Hawaiian garden at the centre of the farm, the chance to plant native Hawaiian plants, and sample farm fresh tropical fruits. Tours are from USD35, adults and USD25, child, see [HERE](#).

### Malama Reminder

Agents are reminded to encourage clients travelling to Hawaii to malama, or care for, the islands.

One such way to do this for those in Oahu is to reduce your carbon footprint and consider using the bus system, TheBus, or using shuttle services to attractions where available, with Hawaii Tourism pointing out that both the Polynesian Cultural Center and Kualoa Ranch offer shuttle services for a minimal fee. It also recommends those concerning renting a car to opt for electric vehicle or hybrid, if possible. For more ideas, download the Malama Guide [HERE](#).

### Honolulu Pride



World Pride is returning to Hawai'i 21 Oct, coinciding with LGBTQ+ History Month, National Coming Out Day, and Spirit Day.

Clients visiting Honolulu during this time can join in on the four weeks of festivities, says Hawaiia Tourism, which include nightlife entertainment, from Polynesian luau, live music, food and cocktails at Hula's Bar and Lei Stand, and Tiki's Grill and Bar (local produce with its casual American and Pacific-Rim menu). Recommended day time activities include guided snorkelling tours at Hanauma Bay which is known for its LGBTQ+ friendly atmosphere, or a visit to the Bishop Museum to learn about Hawaiian history and culture with a host of LGBTQ+ events and exhibitions. Recommended hotels include the LGBTQ+ friendly and TAG-approved Castle Waikiki Grand Hotel, or the Shoreline Hotel Waikiki located near Waikiki beach. See more [HERE](#).

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