

Hawaii Island Local Events Line-up

The Island of Hawaii has a line-up of celebrations on everything from locally made chocolate and coffee though to events honouring paniolos, also known as Hawaiian cowboys.

The 10th annual Big Island Chocolate Festival is on 28-29 Apr at Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. It will include culinary demonstrations, cacao growing and processing seminars by industry experts and of course, plenty of chocolate tasting opportunities. A highlight for this year is the new VIP-PLUS pre-gala sunset and pupu pairing and festive evening gala, which includes culinary booths, a chocolate fountain, entertainment and unlimited wine and beer. See [HERE](#). The Ka'u Coffee Festival, held each spring, celebrates the district's reputation as a



world-class coffee-growing region, honouring the farmers, roasters and gatherers. Dates for the 2023 event will be announced soon, see [HERE](#)

... & Cowboys?

The Hamakua Harvest Farm Fest, on the first Sun of Honoka'a Western Week, in the northern spring. While a set date is still to come, what has been confirmed is a line up of events including farming-related educational displays and workshops, live music, great food and farm-fresh produce from local growers. The event is just one aspect of Honoka'a Western Week, which also includes a Hawaiian paniolo (cowboy) parade, block party, saloon-girl contest and other activities celebrating Hawai'i Island's paniolo culture and history. See more [HERE](#).

Maui Marathon

For active athletes bound for Maui next month, the Maui Marathon is on 23 Apr, and registrations are still open. Keen runners, and walkers, have four races to choose from, including a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon, and a Marathon. The 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon events all start and end in front of the Kaanapali Parkway, while the Marathon event starts at the old Sugar Mill in Kahului, journeying to Kaanapali Parkway, in front of Kaanapali Beach Hotel. Sign up [HERE](#).

Made From Scratch

The Ala Moana Center has welcomed a new eatery, Himalayan Kitchen. It specialises in cuisine that blends Nepali, Indian, and Tibetan, with everything made from scratch. It's open Mon-Sun 1100-2100, see [HERE](#).

Kona Appointment

The Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa on Hawai'i Island's has appointed a new director of sales and marketing, Geoff Pearson (pictured). He has 28 years of experience in hotel sales and marketing, it adds.



Free Hula Show



Agents are reminded that the Kuhio Beach Hula Show has returned, offering free hula shows through to Dec. The only all-Hawaiian, free hula show in Waikiki, it takes place every Tue and Sat, on 1830-1930 in the northern summer and 1600-1800 in the northern winter. Photos are encouraged, and visitors are invited to come up and say aloha after the show. Check times and dates [HERE](#).

Roadtrip Reminder

Hawaii Tourism has a wide range of downloadable maps available [HERE](#), for agents and clients planning road trips around the island of Oahu.

Kauai Night Market



Offering clients something different to do for dinner is the Princeville Night Market, held in Kauai on the second Sun of each month. Located at the Princeville Shopping Center, it boasts a range of local artisans including wood workers, artists and quilters, live music at three different tents, and a number of food trucks. The family friendly market runs 1600-2000 rain or shine, and entry is free. See [HERE](#).

Maui War Exhibit



Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum's newest interactive exhibit is now open. Titled *Land, Sea, Air: Maui in Wartime*, the exhibit shares the story of the pilot training that took place at Pu'unene field during the second world war, and Hawaii's contribution to securing the peace.

Visitors will find personal displays, and stories narrated by the survivors themselves. The museum is open daily 0900-1700, see more details [HERE](#).

New To Ala Moana

Ala Moana Center is adding five new stores and restaurants over the coming months.

Opening in Mar and Apr is Dodgers Clubhouse, the official stop for Los Angeles Dodgers headwear, apparel, and accessories, and jeanswear store Levi's. Also opening is fashion store Psycho Bunny, eyewear store Ray-Ban and eatery Sbarro The Original New York Pizza. See details [HERE](#).

Maui Webinar On Thu



Hawaii Tourism Oceania is hosting a trade webinar 30 Mar, offering agents a chance to upskill on Maui, Hawaii's second largest island. The webinar starts 1200, with presenters covering the iconic Ka'anapali Beach Hotel and Maui Ocean Center, plus there's prizes up for grabs. Register [HERE](#).

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