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Hawaii Food & Wine Fest A Must Do

The countdown is on to the seventh annual Hawaii Food and Wine Festival which takes place over three weekends on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii 20 Oct-05 Nov—and is a highly recommended experience for clients in Hawaii over the festival period.



This year's line-up features 120 'world-class' chefs, 50 winemakers and a dozen mixologists who bring their passion for food and wine together for showcases from wine tastings and cooking demonstrations through to one-of-a-kind excursions and exclusive dining opportunities. The festival highlights the state's local farmers,





Open Air Trolley

An open air trolley travelling around Waikiki has made it easier for clients to visit Bishop Museum. For USD7 for a round trip, stops include Ala Moana Hotel, Ilikai Hotel Flagpole, DFS Galleria, Sheraton Aloha Landing and Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel. See bishopmuseum.org/shuttle/

fishermen, and ranchers and offers a way for visitors to connect with the land, the culture and the people, say organisers.

Initially co-founded by Hawaiian celebrity chefs Roy Yamaguchi and Alan Wong, the festival has continued to grow and expand—with this year's line-up including culinary personalities such as Michelle Bernstein, Nobu Matsuhisa and Graham Elliot.

Tickets are available on-line to most of the events with the festival on Maui 20-22 Oct; on Hawaii Island 28 Oct and then moving to Oahu for five days of wining and dining 01-05 Nov.

For the schedule and festival details, see hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

Foodland's Celebrations

Hawaii's largest grocery retailer Foodland Supermarket is celebrating the first birthday of its flagship store at Ala Moana Centre with storewide promotions and a special Labour Day luau, through to 04 Sep. The store has grab and go stations, sit and sip stations, a hot and cold food bar, sandwich and grill stations as well as donut and ice cream stations. The new line-up of food includes three new poke varieties, Chinese bao buns, fried saimin, vanilla macadamia nut coffee, Andagi by Robot and more. See foodlandalamoana.com/one/

Maui Marathon

The longest running event in the state of Hawaii will take place 15 Oct on Maui where thousands of competitors converge on the island to run in the full, half, 10km and 5k, events.

Runners and walkers (the race is open to both) start at the Whalers Village and cross the finish line at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel. For more, see mauimarathon.com

Stage And Screen

The Island of Hawaii's iconic Kahilu Theatre is a multi purpose performing arts venue, community meeting place and a hub for presenting world class performers, advises Hawaii Tourism. The theatre season runs from Sep to Jun and included in its lineup this season is 2017 Grammy winner Kalani Pea on 21 Oct, pianist Stephen Hough on Oct 26 as well as the screening of classic films, ballet performances and classical concerts. The 490-seat theatre is about an hours drive from Kona and one hour 15 minutes from Hilo. For the full list of performances, see kahilutheatre.org



Kani Ka Pila Grille

The Kani Ka Pila Grille at the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort is changing its hours of operation. The breakfast service has been cancelled, and the lunch and poolside casual menu will be 1100-1500, a happy hour cocktails menu is now offered 1500-1700, and a dinner and poolside casual menu 1700-2200. For clients looking for authentic Hawaiian acts, there will be live music on site at the Grille Sun-Tue 1830-2130 and Wed-Sat 1630-1730, then again 1830-2130.



No Clubs Required

Visitors to the Princeville Makai Golf Club don't need to pick up a golf club as the club has introduced a daily 18-hole Sunset Golf Cart Tour. Setting off at 1645 the six-stop itinerary traverses smooth paths for sunset views at designated locations including Queen's Bath, The Kilauea Lighthouse, Puff the Magic Dragon and Anini Reef. Priced from USD50 per cart (maximum two per cart), beverages can be purchased before heading off, but for groups of 20 or more, a beverage cart can be arranged to accompany the convoy. Visit makaigolf.com/sunsetgolfcarttour

