

Hang Ten: Big Waves Are Coming



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For the North Shore of Oahu, winter means big wave season, when the shore's legendary waves host some of the best surfers in the world for events like the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing.

Considered the 'Super Bowl' of surfing, the event is held Nov-Dec at Waimea Bay, Haleiwa Beach and Ehukai Beach (Banzai Pipeline), with clients able to watch the action from the beach.

The months between Nov-Feb are the best times to watch big wave surfing, when waves can swell up to 30ft or more—making them dangerous



Play Premiere

A one-man play is being held at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth on the life of one of Hawaii's most loved, Duke Kahanamoku. The world premiere of the play, Duke, showcases Kahanamoku's achievements as an athlete, surfer, sheriff and actor. Performances will be held on 14, 24 and 31 Oct, and 07 and 14 Nov, from 1630. See htyweb.org

even for experienced surfers, so visitors are urged to take note of warning signs.

Clients should also note that during big wave season and especially on competition days, traffic to the North Shore can be heavy, so they should plan accordingly.

... Eddie Would Go

If clients are lucky, they might even get to witness 'The Eddie', which has only been held a handful of times since its inception in 1984. Officially called the Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau, it's considered the ultimate Hawaii big wave surfing event. It doesn't have a set date but rather a holding period Dec-Feb, and occurs only if waves hit a face height of 40ft or more.

Ocean Aware Waikiki

Awareness is raised on protecting the Pacific Ocean and its marine life by Hilton Hawaiian Waikiki Beach Resort. The resort is holding an Ocean Marine Life Briefing to allow guests to learn about the history of Waikiki Beach and the importance of looking after it. The sessions take place every Wed at 1215. See hiltonhawaiianvillage.com

Chocolate Festival

An upcoming chocolate festival raises awareness about Hawaii's growing cacao industry. The fifth annual Hawaii Chocolate Festival allows attendees to learn the steps that go into making the sweet treat from start to finish. It will be held from 16-18 Oct at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Honolulu. See hawaiiichocolatefestival.com

Annual Triathlon

Lanai, Hawaii ends autumn with its community-sponsored seventh annual triathlon.

The event on 07 Nov includes a 0.8km swim in the beautiful marine preserve of Hulopoe Bay, followed by a mountain bike-ride and a 4.8km run. The triathlon may be tackled individually or as a team, and is suitable for both casual and experienced triathletes.

More information can be found at trilana.com



Free Ukulele Tours

Free guided tours of the Kamaka Hawaii factory will be held to celebrate the ukulele manufacturer's upcoming 100-year anniversary. The ukulele store was founded in 1916 by Sam Kaialilii, and his legacy has been continued by three generations. The tours are held at 1030 every Tue-Fri at the Kamaka factory on Oahu. They last around 45-60 minutes.

See kamakahawaii.com



Experience Pearl Harbor With E Noa Tours

A tour of Pearl Harbor gives tourists the opportunity to view the historic site by air, land and sea.

The tour, offered by E Noa Tours, first teaches visitors of the events occurring in the lead up to the bombing of the harbour. A boat ride is then taken to the USS Arizona Memorial. It concludes with a 45-minute helicopter ride over Pearl Harbor. See enoatours.com

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