

Food & Wine Festival Is Here

The talent line up has been announced for the 2017 Hawaii Food & Wine Festival, and tickets are still on sale.

The HFWF will feature 120 world class chefs, 50 wine makers and a dozen mixologists. The 12 events will be held in Maui, Hawai'i Island and Oahu from 20 Oct to 05 Nov, with an estimated 10,000 people attending. "Our job is to promote the state of Hawaii to the rest of the world through food," says co-founder Roy Yamaguchi.

Culinary personalities to look out for at this year's event include Michelle Bernstien, Josiah Citrin, Graham Elliot, Jose Garces, Tim Hollingsworth, Nobu Matsuhisa, Masaharu Morimoto, Niki Nakayama, Nancy Silverton and Ming Tsai. For the first time the event will also be hosting French wine Chateau Cos d'Estournel, Opus One and Caymus Vineyards.

The festival kicks off in Maui with the Roy's 20th Annual Golf Classic,

other highlighted events in the festival including Global Street Food, Hawaiian Airlines Presents Lucky 7, Return of Cuisines of the Sun, Spice Market, Wine seminars, Food Fights & Bloody Marys and more. The event ends in Oahu with a grand seven course dinner Saks Fifth Avenue Presents Halekulani Culinary Masters Gala.

To see the schedule or to buy tickets go to hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

Hawaii Visitor Spend

Visitors to the Hawaiian Islands spent USD1.39 billion in Aug, a year-on-year increase of 6.1%. This can be attributed to a 4.8% growth in visitor arrivals for the month as well as a growth in arrivals from air services 4.8% and cruise ships 39.8%. The figures show another positive result for Kiwi travel to Hawaii, says local Hawaii Tourism manager Darragh Walshe. For the month of Aug, visitor arrivals from New Zealand were up 3% to 7201, while year to date arrivals were up 7.2% (to 43,085) year-on-year. The four largest visitor markets were US West, US East, Japan and Canada.

East To Far West

The Honolulu Museum of Art will be showcasing Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa's 25 most influential films from this weekend as part of the museum's newest exhibition; *Abstract Expressionism—Looking East from the Far West*. The exhibition will also include butoh dances, and artwork from Asian American artists such as Ruth Asawa, Saburo Hasegawa and Isamu Noguchi. Clients can view 45 paintings, drawings and sculptures that helped advance Abstract Expressionism's aesthetic agenda. See honolulumuseum.org/art/exhibitions

Grand Hawaii Tour

Grand American Adventures, the sister company of TrekAmerica, has released an expanded range of tours for 2018 including a new Hawaii itinerary. The 10-day Hawaii Islands Adventure, priced from \$4969, explores Oahu, Hawaii Island and Maui. Highlights include Pearl Harbor, Maui's 23-mile downhill trail and two days at Volcanoes National park with a hike along Pu'u Kilaueta Crater Trail. Adventure World has details.

Global Street Food

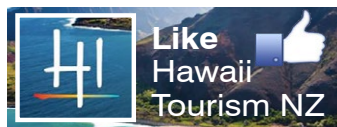
On Oct 21 the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa is holding a global street food event, with 13 world-class chefs cooking dishes from around the globe with wine, cocktails and beer. The event is part of the Hawaii Food & Wine Festival 2017. For pricing and details see hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

#HFWF17 Cuisines

The Hawaii Food & Wine Festival's Cuisines of the Sun showcase is on 28 Oct at Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. The event brings culinary talent from around the world to Hawaii to celebrate the food and wine of sunny climates, showcased in a six-course lavish dinner paired with wines. For pricing and more details see hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

New At Aulani

Ko Olin's Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa has unveiled its new uniforms, or costumes, made by Hawaii-based designer Tori Richard. The costumes feature three designs inspired by the land and sea, including plants, ocean waves, and marine animals. The costumes will debut in early Dec, starting off at the resorts food and beverage outlets before rolling out to the rest of the Oahu resort.



#HFWF Package Deals

Hawaiian resorts are offering exclusive deals to celebrate the upcoming Hawaii Food & Wine Festival. The Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa package includes two general admission tickets to Global Street Food Night on 21 Oct and a one-night stay at the Resort for USD599, excluding taxes and fees. Alternatively the Hyatt Regency Maui package offers two general admission tickets to Hawaiian Airlines Presents Lucky Seven on 22 Oct as well as a one night stay at the resort for USD 600.



Hilton Garden Inn

The Hilton Garden Inn Kauai Wailua Bay has undergone a transformation, with contemporary décor, and 216 remodelled guest rooms, suites and cottages with ocean, mountain or garden views. Located next to the Wailua River, where royalty once lived, the resort is adjacent to Hawaii's only known petroglyphs and ancient temples.

Property amenities include two swimming pools, jacuzzi, business centre and fitness centre as well as free parking, a snack shop, and protected lagoons for swimming and snorkelling. Also on offer is the Garden Grille, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Room rates start at USD289.

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