

Best For Snorkelling And Diving



Pic: HTA, Tor Johnson

Hawaii Tourism Oceania has put together its top spots for visitors keen to experience the underwater delights Hawaii has to offer.

The historic Kealahou Bay on Hawaii Island is shielded by cliffs, with waters calm and rich in marine life; and the southwest side of the island is shielded by Maunaloa, making the waters there calm and clear. Bays include Honaunau Bay (Two-steps), so-named because there's a spot on the shoreline where the volcanic rock has been worn away into a convenient two-step entry point for snorkellers and divers.

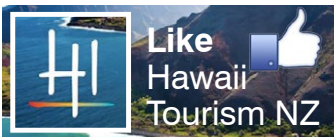
Oahu's most popular snorkelling spot is Hanauma Bay, on the southeast-

ern tip, which is accessible and family-friendly (although the park is closed on Tues).

Just off the south coast of Maui is the small island of Molokini, which has colourful reefs and was named a State Marine Life and Bird Conservation District. Molokini is only accessible by boat tour from nearby Maalaea Harbor, Kihei and Lahaina.

Hulopoe Bay on Lanai's southern coast was once named America's best beach and offers excellent snorkelling near its tidal pools, or visitors can hike a bit further east to find Lanai's iconic Puu Pehe, or Sweetheart Rock.

At the end of the road on North Kauai, there's Kee Beach, which features a protected lagoon perfect for snorkelling in the summer (but winter brings rough and dangerous conditions)—and offshore reefs provide a great setting for advanced scuba divers.



Hawaii Yoga Festival Comes To Puna

Both yoga fanatics and newbies can practise their best pose along Hawaii Island's Yoga Coast, a stretch of conservation coastline in the district of Puna, at the Hawaii Yoga Festival 09-16 Nov. The annual festival aims to make 'empowered learning, spiritual transformation, and immersion in nature and Hawaiian culture' accessible to everyone. Visitors will have the chance to engage in asana practice, dance, kirtan, meditation, wellness treatments, Hawaiian ceremonies at sacred locations, talks from Hawaiian spiritual kahunas, and more. See hawaiiyogafestival.com

Hapuna Food Event

The Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel on Hawaii Island will host a special Grilled and Chilled event on 24 Oct, says the property.

Television chef Nikki Martin and hotel chefs Peter Abarcar and Vincent Logan will compete in a friendly grilling and mixology competition, putting together meals and cocktails at their respective grill stations—and guests will decide whose grilling and cocktail is best. The event costs USD80pp including three grill stations and cocktails. See hapunabeachprincehotel.com

Ocean Film Festival

Next year's annual Waimea Ocean Film Festival (01-09 Jan) will feature nine days of award-winning films, breakfast talks, Q&A filmmaker sessions, artistic exhibits, and receptions, all designed to give attendees a greater understanding of the ocean and Hawaiian culture. The festival is on 01-04 Jan at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and The Fairmont Orchid, and 05-09 Jan at Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Kaupulehu. See waimeaoceanfilm.org

Artists Of Hawaii '15

The Honolulu Museum of Art has confirmed the artists whose work will be included in the Artists of Hawaii 2015.

Submissions were whittled down into seven artists and one print-making collective of four Hawaiians, covering a range of subjects and media for the exhibition on show 02 Jul-25 Oct.

There are a mixture of known artists in Hawaii and also some relative newcomers on the scene for the biennial exhibition, in its 61st year. Names include painter Aki-ra Iha, photographer Elisa Chang, and the .5ppi collective from Oahu. See honoluluuseum.org

New Farmers Market

Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki has launched a twice-weekly farmers market featuring 20 local vendors including Hawaii Pineapple, Aikane Coffee, Hawaiian Fresh Farms, Ono Seafood Products, and Honolulu Gourmet. It's on the corner of Kalakaua Ave and Liliuokalani Ave, and operates Sun and Mon 1500-1900. See pacificbeachhotel.com

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