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## HAWAII'S WORLD CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July – December 2009

*Please note that events are subject to change without notice. For the most complete and updated Hawai'i calendar, please visit [Calendar.GoHawaii.com](http://Calendar.GoHawaii.com).*

### JULY 2009

◆ **July 4, 2009**

**Parker Ranch Rodeo (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – A celebration of Independence Day, this annual ranch rodeo includes children's activities, food, and traditional rodeo events. For more information, visit [ParkerRanch.com](http://ParkerRanch.com).

◆ **July 11, 2009**

**Kilauea Cultural Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – Learn Hawaiian crafts from the masters and make a lei, feather *kāhili*, play *pala'ie* (a loop and ball game), weave a coconut basket, play musical implements and Hawaiian games, and taste traditional foods. Attendees also have a chance to learn from skilled practitioners who demonstrate their arts of fishing, throwing net, building a canoe, and much more. For more information, visit [Hawaii.Volcanoes.National-Park.org](http://Hawaii.Volcanoes.National-Park.org).

◆ **July 11, 2009**

**Korean Festival (O'ahu)** – Held at Kapi'olani Park, this festival offers residents and visitors an inside look on the Korean culture from kim chee to Korean fan and drum dances. Enjoy *taekwondo* martial arts performances, along with food, art, and entertainment. For more information, visit [KoreanFestivalHawaii.com](http://KoreanFestivalHawaii.com).

◆ **July 18-19, 2009**

**Hale'iwa Arts Festival Summer ArtFest (O'ahu)** – View and purchase the original works and limited editions of 145 juried artists. Both traditional and contemporary art, using oil, acrylic, ceramic, photography, sculpture, watercolor, jewelry, and glass, are all a part of this amazing festival. Musicians, cultural history tours, arts demonstrations and displays, storytellers, singers, and dancers are also present. Parking, admission, and all activities are free. For more information, visit [HaleiwaArtsFestival.org](http://HaleiwaArtsFestival.org).

◆ **July 18-26, 2009**

**Kōloa Plantation Days (Kaua'i)** – Held in the area where Hawai'i's first sugar plantation was founded in 1835, Kōloa Plantation Days comprises a lively, family-oriented slate of events that showcase the area's social history, natural history, and diverse cultural traditions. Enjoy sport activities and entertainment available at the Po'ipū and Kōloa area resorts. For more information, visit [KoloaPlantationDays.com](http://KoloaPlantationDays.com).

◆ **July 19, 2009**

**'Ukulele Festival (O'ahu)** – This concert at the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand is by far the largest of its kind in the world, attracting an audience of thousands. The free two-hour concert that showcases the finest 'ukulele players, along with national celebrities, Hawai'i's top entertainers, and an 'ukulele orchestra of more than 800 students, mostly children. The festival also offers food booths and informational displays. For more information, visit [RoySakuma.net](http://RoySakuma.net).

◆ **July 19, 2009**

**Tinman Triathlon (O'ahu)** – Inspired by the Ironman Triathlon in Kona on Hawai'i's Big Island, the Tinman Triathlon challenges and inspires all participants. This very popular annual event along O'ahu's scenic south shore includes a 750-

meter swim, 40K bike ride, and a 10K run around Diamond Head. For more information, visit [TinmanHawaii.com](http://TinmanHawaii.com).

◆ **July 20-24, 2009**

**Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – Holding its 50<sup>th</sup> annual tournament, The Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament consists of five days of fishing off the beautiful Kona Coast and several social and cultural events throughout the week. Over 30 teams from around the world are expected to compete for the coveted Governor's Trophy. For more information, visit [HIBTFishing.com](http://HIBTFishing.com).

◆ **July 29 – August 1, 2009**

**Kaua'i Music Festival** – Learn songwriting from some of the best writers in America at this four-day celebration of the arts. Consult one-on-one with award-winning composers, Grammy-winning producers, and top A&R and industry people who can really make a difference for attendees. For more information, visit [KauaiMusicFestival.com](http://KauaiMusicFestival.com).

◆ **July 30 – August 2, 2009**

**Honolulu Family Festival (O'ahu)** – This four-day festival held at Magic Island features rides by E.K Fernandez Shows, live entertainment, acrobats, specialty acts, games, food booths, and much more. It is sure to be an event for the whole family to enjoy. For more information, visit [HonoluluFamilyFestival.com](http://HonoluluFamilyFestival.com).

## AUGUST 2009

### ◆ August 1-2, 2009

**Heiva I Kauai Iaorana Tahiti (Kaua'i)** – This international Tahitian dance competition held at Kapa'a Beach Park features solo and group performances, in addition to traditional and contemporary Tahitian style drumming. Multi-cultural workshops and exhibitions, Tahitian dance, and singing are also featured. For more information, visit [TikiriPolynesianInstruments.com/heivaikauai/index.htm](http://TikiriPolynesianInstruments.com/heivaikauai/index.htm).

### ◆ August 21-23, 2009

**Made In Hawaii Festival (O'ahu)** – Popular among visitors and residents alike, more than 400 exhibitors offer everything that is made in Hawai'i, including art, clothing, food, home furnishings, jewelry, toys, fresh produce, plants, and Hawaiian handicrafts. Attendees enjoy free cooking demonstrations and live musical performances. The event is held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall and Arena. For more information, visit [MadeInHawaiiFestival.com](http://MadeInHawaiiFestival.com).

### ◆ August 28, 2009

**The Joy of Food and Wine (O'ahu)** – A food lovers and wine connoisseurs delight held at the luxurious Halekulani Hotel in Waikiki, this event features a collection of the world's finest wines paired with the exquisite French culinary creations of Chef Yves Garnier. For more information, visit [Halekulani.com](http://Halekulani.com).

### ◆ August 28, 2009

**The Joy of Sake (O'ahu)** – This is the largest sake-tasting event held on O'ahu featuring over 300 different types of sake from Japan and U.S. National sake. Local chefs also prepare sushi and other tantalizing dishes to complement the sake. For more information, visit [JoyofSake.com](http://JoyofSake.com).

◆ **August 29-30, 2009**

**Greek Festival (O'ahu)** – This annual attraction celebrating Greek food, live music, and culture is held at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park and is sponsored by the St. Constantine and St. Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. For more information, visit [GreekFestivalHawaii.com](http://GreekFestivalHawaii.com).

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

◆ **September 4-7, 2009**

**Hawaii Writers Conference (O'ahu)** – Formerly known as the Maui Writers Conference, this prestigious event is now held in Honolulu and brings together some of the best literary minds from around the world in the fields of fiction, nonfiction, and screenwriting, and also present exciting and insightful workshops on different styles of writing. For more information, visit [MauiWriters.com](http://MauiWriters.com).

◆ **September 5-6, 2009**

**Okinawan Festival (O'ahu)** – From its humble beginnings to the status of being one of Hawai'i's premier ethnic festivals, the Okinawan Festival continues to share the Okinawan culture with the public through intriguing exhibits and demonstrations, exciting cultural performances, and delicious traditional delicacies such as pig's feet soup and *andagi* (Okinawan doughnut). For more information, visit [OkinawanFestival.com](http://OkinawanFestival.com).

◆ **September 6, 2009**

**The Kaua'i Marathon** – This inaugural race promises to keep runners inspired as the course features sparkling blue waters, pristine white sand beaches, and lush rainforests of Kaua'i. Proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. For more information, visit [theKauaiMarathon.com](http://theKauaiMarathon.com).

◆ **September 18, 2009**

**Mealani's A Taste of the Hawaiian Range (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – Indulge your appetite as local chefs invent mouth-watering dishes that showcase Hawai'i's diverse agriculture. Chefs create dishes using locally grown, range-fed meats and complement it with fresh Big Island vegetables. For more information, visit [www.CTAHR.Hawaii.edu/Taste](http://www.CTAHR.Hawaii.edu/Taste).

◆ **September 18-20, 2009**

**Maui Marathon and Half-Marathon** – Recognized as one of the 10 most scenic marathons in the country this road race sends runners across Maui's mountains and seaside highways, and within 50 feet of the Pacific Ocean at times. For more information, visit [MauiMarathon.com](http://MauiMarathon.com).

◆ **September 20-26, 2009**

**Kaua'i Mokihana Festival** – Named in honor of the highly treasured, light violet Mokihana flower and green berry found only in Kaua'i's forests, the festival is a great opportunity to experience the rich Hawaiian heritage of the island through folk crafts, music, and dance. For more information, visit [Mokihana.Kauai.net](http://Mokihana.Kauai.net).

◆ **September 27, 2009**

**He Halia Aloha No Ka Queen Lili'uokalani Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – *Hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the world come together to present memorable performances in celebration of the birthday of Hawai'i's beloved Queen Lili'uokalani, in the beautiful surroundings of her historical namesake Japanese-styled gardens in central Hilo. For more information, call 808-961-8706.

◆ **September 27, 2009**

**Na Wahine O Ke Kai (Moloka'i, O'ahu)** – Founded in 1979, this prestigious women's Moloka'i to O'ahu canoe race has flourished over the years and attracted paddlers from all over the world. Celebrate and honor their endurance, devotion

and sportsmanship, as more than 70 teams of women race to cross the challenging Kaiwi Channel. For more information, visit [NaWahineOKeKai.com](http://NaWahineOKeKai.com).

◆ **September 27, 2009**

**Honolulu Century Ride (O'ahu)** – Hawai'i's premier bicycling event features one of the most beautiful routes in the world. Riders cycle from Waikīkī and skirt by scenic Diamond Head and through Kāhala before heading up to O'ahu's eastern and windward shores and back. For more information, visit [HBL.org](http://HBL.org).

◆ **September TBD**

**Mānoa Jazz Festival (O'ahu)** – In the magnificent outdoor setting of the UH Mānoa's Andrews Amphitheatre, this festival promises a cool night of hot jazz with a world-class lineup of artists, including some of Hawai'i's best jazz musicians. For more information, visit [Outreach.Hawaii.edu/Community](http://Outreach.Hawaii.edu/Community).

**OCTOBER 2009**

◆ **October 3-4, 2009**

**Kauai Coconut Festival** – This annual event highlights the cultural, social, and historical importance of the coconut. There is something for everyone at the festival with entertainment, cultural displays, cooking demonstrations, and unique coconut foods. For more information, visit [KBAKauai.org](http://KBAKauai.org).

◆ **October 10, 2009**

**Ford Ironman World Championship (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – Witness 1,700 of the strongest triathletes compete in one of the biggest challenges that sports has to offer, the Ford Ironman World Championship in Kona. The endurance test includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run through tough ocean waves and challenging lava-covered terrain. This event truly defines the sport where “average” people get to compete alongside the best in the world. For more information, visit [IronMan.com](http://IronMan.com).

◆ **October 15-18, 2009**

**The Kapalua Classic (Maui)** – The LPGA tees it up on The Bay Course at Kapalua Resort for 72 holes of competition. The event features some of the best female players from around the world playing for \$1.5 million in prize money. For more information, visit [LPGA.Kapalua.com](http://LPGA.Kapalua.com).

◆ **October 25, 2009**

**Nissan Xterra World Championship (Maui)** – This extreme sport triathlon tests the endurance of qualified athletes from more than 20 countries through a Maui course noted for its rough terrain and climate. The course begins with a 1.5K swim, followed by a 30K bike ride around Heartbreak Hill, and ends with an 11K trail run to Wailea Beach. For more information, visit [XterraPlanet.com](http://XterraPlanet.com).

◆ **October TBD**

**Aloha Festivals (Statewide)** – Preserving the unique island traditions for the past 60 years, Aloha Festivals is Hawai'i's largest festival and the only statewide celebration in the United States. A cultural celebration of Hawai'i's music, dance and history, the festival features pageantry, parades, street parties, concerts, and family activities that span six islands. Some of the highlights of this year's event include the Waikiki Ho'olaule'a on the 19th and the floral parade on the 26th. For more information, visit [AlohaFestivals.com](http://AlohaFestivals.com).

◆ **October TBD, 2009**

**Louis Vuitton Hawai'i International Film Festival (O'ahu)** – With more than a dozen screening sites on six islands, Hawai'i's premier film festival presents feature films, documentaries, and short subjects as well as seminars, workshops, special award presentations, and receptions. For more information, visit [HIFF.org](http://HIFF.org).

## NOVEMBER 2009

◆ **November 1, 2009**

**Moku O Keawe International Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – This festival features *hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the world showing their interpretation of the hula along with workshops and various cultural classes at the Waikoloa Beach Resort. For more information, visit [MOKIF.com](http://MOKIF.com).

◆ **November 6-15, 2009**

**Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island)** – Hawai'i's oldest food festival features over 50 events in Kona including coffee plantation and mill tours, a Grand Parade, the Miracle Mile Race, golf tournament, art exhibits, and recipe contest. For more information, visit [KonaCoffeeFest.com](http://KonaCoffeeFest.com).

◆ **November 12-14, 2009**

**World Invitational Hula Festival (O'ahu)** – *Hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the Pacific Rim gather to celebrate the Hawaiian culture and language at the Waikiki Shell. Their performances in traditional and contemporary hula are judged by *kumu hula* (masters). For more information, visit [WorldHula.com](http://WorldHula.com).

◆ **November 13-15, 2009**

**International Waikiki Hula Conference (O'ahu)** – Hula dancers and fans from around the world gather at this three-day conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center to learn, share, and experience hula with many local hula masters. For more information, visit [WaikikiHulaConference.com](http://WaikikiHulaConference.com).

◆ **November 23-25, 2009**

**EA Sports Maui Invitational** – Hosted by Chaminade University of Honolulu, the EA Sports Maui Invitational is considered the best early-season college basketball tournament with the nation's top ranked programs competing in

front of a jam-packed crowd at the Lahaina Civic Center. For more information, visit [MauiInvitational.com](http://MauiInvitational.com).

◆ **November TBD**

**Vans Triple Crown of Surfing (O'ahu)** – The most successful professional surfing series in the world takes place on O'ahu's North Shore with three competitions each for men and women:

Men:

- ◆ \$125,000 Op Pro Hawai'i at Hale'iwa's Ali'i Beach
- ◆ \$125,000 O'Neil World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach
- ◆ \$280,000 Rip Curl Pipeline Masters at Banzai Pipeline

Women:

- ◆ \$30,000 Op Pro Hawai'i at Hale'iwa's Ali'i Beach
- ◆ \$67,500 Roxy Pro at Sunset Beach
- ◆ \$67,500 Billabong Pro Maui at Honolua Bay

For more information, visit [TripleCrownofSurfing.com](http://TripleCrownofSurfing.com).

**DECEMBER 2009**

◆ **December 5, 2009**

**Honolulu City Lights (O'ahu)** – The Christmas spirit comes alive in downtown Honolulu with the annual Honolulu City Lights celebration. Every year, Honolulu Hale and the Civic Center grounds are transformed into a spectacular Christmas display that features various themed Christmas trees and wreaths, gingerbread houses, and gigantic statues of Mr. and Mrs. Claus – Hawaiian style. The opening night kicks off the month long celebration with various food booths, *keiki* (child) rides, the annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, Electric Light Parade, and entertainment. For more information, visit [Honolulu.gov/csd/citylights/](http://Honolulu.gov/csd/citylights/).

◆ **December 13, 2009**

**Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu)** – One of the world's largest and most festive road races, the Honolulu Marathon's 26.2-mile scenic course includes spectacular views alongside world famous Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head.

For more information, visit [HonoluluMarathon.org](http://HonoluluMarathon.org).

◆ **December 22, 23 & 25, 2009**

**Diamond Head Classic (O'ahu)** – The inaugural Diamond Head Classic, an eight-team, 12-game bracketed collegiate basketball tournament, takes court at the University of Hawai'i's Stan Sheriff Center. The tournament is a partnership between the University of Hawaii and ESPN. For more information, visit [DiamondHeadClassic.com](http://DiamondHeadClassic.com).

◆ **December 24, 2009**

**Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu)** – One of college football's most exciting bowl games played at Aloha Stadium just before Christmas. The game continues to be the first non-all-star post-season game in Hawai'i since December 2000 when the Oahu Bowl and the Aloha Bowl were played in Honolulu. For more information, visit [SheratonHawaiiBowl.com](http://SheratonHawaiiBowl.com).

◆ **December 31, 2009**

**New Year's Eve Fireworks Celebration (O'ahu)** – Aloha Tower Marketplace lights up the New Year with waterfront dining, shopping, multiple stages of free live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display over Honolulu Harbor. Visitors can participate in free giveaways, face painting, balloon animals, and more. For more information, visit [AlohaTower.com](http://AlohaTower.com).

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