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Home of Hawai'i Island's 'Best Lū'au' for three consecutive years

King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel hosts authentic Polynesian Lū'au at historic site three times a week

Kona, Hawai'i: The Courtyard® Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel is proud to host the "Best Lū'au on Hawai'i Island" as voted by locals for three consecutive years in *West Hawaii Today's* Best Of issue. Offered three times a week on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Lū'au provides an unforgettable, authentic Polynesian experience at the historic site that was once King Kamehameha The Great's residence.

Presented by Hawai'i's premier Polynesian production company, Island Breeze, the Lū'au incorporates the hotel's namesake into the show with a Royal Court procession followed by graceful hula performances, Fijian and Maori dances of war, an impressive Samoan fire knife dance, an Imu ceremony, and more than 22 different local dishes to indulge in.

The historic setting, surrounded by the captivating Hualalai Mountains, and overlooking pristine Kailua Bay, heightens the experience with a sense of place that cannot be replicated anywhere else. The Lū'au takes place alongside the Ahu'ena Heiau, a sacred temple restored by King Kamehameha in 1812-13 that is now on the register of National History Landmarks as one of Hawai'i's most significant historic sites.

The evening commences with a lei greeting and locally-inspired tropical cocktails at the open bar. Guests can participate in Polynesian activities including lei making, coconut palm frond weaving, and coconut husking, or they can opt to remember their experience by getting a temporary Polynesian tattoo.

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The official proceedings commence when the Court Conch Herald and Court Chanter announce the procession and arrival of the Royal Court, a portrayal of the ceremonial arrival of King Kamehameha I and his chiefs and rulers.

The Imu ceremony immediately takes place highlighting the traditional method for cooking wild boar in an underground oven, or Imu. The process involves hot coals, stones, and layers of leaves and cloth to steam the food. The ceremony involves the removal of the leaves and cloth to reveal the cooked pork.

Lū'au guests enjoy Kālúa Pork fresh from the Imu pit alongside other local favorites such as Poi, a thick paste made from taro root, Lau Lau, made from the leaves of taro root, Poke, the Hawaiian version of Japanese sashimi (raw fish) and delectable desserts such as Haupia Pudding, a coconut milk-based treat.

The spectacular Island Breeze Polynesian Revue takes guests on a journey through Hawai'i's history with graceful hula expressing the stories of Hawai'i and what the Islands' represent – a land of beauty and spirituality. The Hula performance is punctuated by spine tingling Fijian and Maori dances of war and a jaw dropping Samoan fire knife dance combining precision with acrobatic stunts.

Guests are invited to arrive early to enjoy Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel's in-house collection of exquisite 18th century artifacts, portraits of Hawaiian royalty, artwork by famed Hawai'i artist Herb Kane, ancient hula instruments and depictions of Hawai'i's traditional ways of life.

Island Breeze Lū'au Pricing

General Seating

Adults – \$91.57
Children ages 5 to 12 – \$46.80
Children under age 4 – FREE

Kama'aina rates for adults – \$73.25 per person
Kama'aina children ages 5 to 12 – \$37.43 per child
Children under age 4 – FREE

Preferred Seating

Adults – \$106.57
Children ages 5 to 12 – \$56.80
Children under age 4 – \$10

Kama'aina rates for adults – \$88.87 per person
Kama'aina Children ages 5 to 12 – \$47.85 per child
Children under age 4 – \$10.42 per child

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For Lū'au Reservations

Hotel: (808) 329-2911, ext. 6 for reservations
Dial direct to the Lū'au Desk: (808) 326-4969
Visit: konabeachhotel.com

About Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel welcomes guests to Hawai'i Island with immaculate accommodations and superb amenities. Located on the historical site where King Kamehameha I, the famed King of the Hawaiian Islands once lived, the full-service hotel boasts a blend of cultural sophistication and modern convenience. The property is just steps from the white-sand beaches of Kailua-Kona and offers many onsite beach activities. The shopping and attractions of Kailua-Kona are moments away. Airy, spacious rooms and suites feature plush bedding, free Wi-Fi and private lanais (balconies), while the hotel's vibrant restaurants blend the flavors of Hawai'i with casual, oceanfront dining. Celebrate a wedding on the beach, or take advantage of the hotel's spacious indoor and outdoor venues for hosting a Hawai'i Island meeting.

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