



**HE LOA KA HELE ‘ANA ‘O NĀ KŪPUNA
THE PATH OF OUR ANCESTORS IS GREAT**

Long before Waikīkī became a bastion of tropical escapism, it was home to a community of extraordinary grace and artistry. ‘Aha‘Aina is the surprising story of this wondrous culture, told as never before through its music, traditions, and cuisine. This authentic and mesmerizing experience will transport you from Waikīkī’s ancient past through the decades since The Royal Hawaiian has reigned over its glittering shore.



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SINCE THE DAYS OF EARLY AMERICAN COLONIES, THE PINEAPPLE HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF HOSPITALITY. AFTER ARRIVING HOME SAFELY, IT WAS COMMON FOR SAILORS TO DISPLAY A FRESH PINEAPPLE ON THEIR PORCH; AN INVITATION FOR FRIENDS TO VISIT, SHARE FOOD AND DRINK, AND LISTEN TO TALES OF THEIR VOYAGES.



'AHA'AINA PROGRAM

SEATING BEGINS AT 5:15 PM

ACT I 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Welcome to the Sacred Grounds of Waikīkī

As you enter the sacred grounds, the evening captures the spirit of traditional Hawai'i with time-honored activities such as kapa-making (cloth made of pounded bark), poi-pounding, and na lawai'a (tending of fishing tools).

ACT II 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

The Royal Feast – Le'a ke kau 'ai The time for food is pleasing and peaceful

The night continues with the sound of a pu (conch), calling guests to feast on the authentic flavors of the different cultures that came to Hawaii as immigrant workers in the plantation industry. Guests experience each culinary exploration station while a storyteller shares the history of the native cuisine, the significance of lei giving, and the tale of Helumoa.

ACT III 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Helumoa story unfolds

After dinner, the Helumoa story unfolds—a dramatic performance, including hula and song, commemorating ancient islanders' rich history and culture through a timeline including the opening of the historic Royal Hawaiian to the contemporary style of Hawaiian music and dance.

Before 'luaus' there were 'aha'aina—a feast of food, mele (song) and hula. In ancient times the Hawaiian people came together to celebrate momentous occasions, these gatherings were called 'aha'aina, which translates to gathering for a meal. The Royal Hawaiian is located on sacred grounds and we have created a modern, yet timeless 'aha'aina to honor the land's majestic history through food, song, stories, hula, and culture—a true celebration of The Royal Hawaiian and its heritage.



'AHA'AINA MENU

POI AND POKE STATION

Poi With Fresh Salted Salmon,
Ho Farm Tomatoes And Maui Onion
Ahi, Shrimp And Tako Poke On Ice Bar

ISLAND FRUIT STATION

Sliced Pineapple, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Honeydew,
Kula Strawberries, Mojito Style Mango

ISLAND SALADS STATION

Island Coleslaw, JA Farms Caesar Salad With Portuguese Bread
Croutons, White Anchovies And Pipikaula
Ho Farms Tomato And Cucumber Salad
JA Farms Baby Greens With Assorted Dressings And Condiments

REAL ABOVE-GROUND KALUA PIG LIVE CARVING STATION

HULI HULI GRILL ACTION STATION
Local Island Chicken, Garlic Fried Rice
Wok Fried Choi Sum With Crispy Shallots
Roasted Vegetable Curry

KIAWE WOOD BBQ STATION

Korean BBQ Kalbi Ribs
Chinese Steamed Mongchong With Ginger And Scallion

DESSERT STATION

Royal Hawaiian Bread Pudding, Pink Haupia Cake
Halo-Halo Flan, Waiialua Estate Chocolate-Coffee Tiramisu

Gluten-Free, Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available

*For more information and reservations,
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