

The Aloha Spirit



In the Hawaiian language 'Aloha' means not only hello and goodbye but also love, affection and compassion.

But Aloha is more than just a beautiful word. It is a philosophy; a way of living that treats others with respect.

The Aloha Spirit is embodied in many other Hawaiian cultural elements, some of which can be incorporated into your romantic celebration.

BRIDAL ATTIRE

In traditional Hawaiian weddings, both the bride and groom wear all white, and the groom wears a coloured sash around his waist.

ALOHA WEAR

For wedding guest attire, why not invite your guests to dress casually in Aloha wear? Aloha wear is generally tropical-inspired clothing - for a man a Hawaiian print shirt, and for a woman a floral dress.

HULA

Passionate love stories have been conveyed for hundreds of years through the art of hula, a beautiful dance form accompanied by chants and song. Take a lesson and learn the steps of the dance and its spiritual significance, and incorporate a hula performance into your big day.

FLORAL LEI

These fragrant flower garlands are very symbolic of Hawaiian culture and an integral part of almost every celebration on the islands. Brides generally wear pikake, while grooms wear maile wrapped with pikake or ilima. For mothers and special female guests: ginger, tuberose or pua kenikeni.

ISLAND SOUNDS

The Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Ke Kali Nei Au' can be played during the ceremony. It was originally written in Hawaiian in 1926 by Charles King, and has been translated into English and covered by several artists, most notably Elvis Presley in the movie 'Blue Hawai'i'. Bring the magic of the islands' music to your wedding reception by choosing from island-influenced jazz combos, traditional 'ukulele, dance bands, slack-key guitar and Hawaiian song.

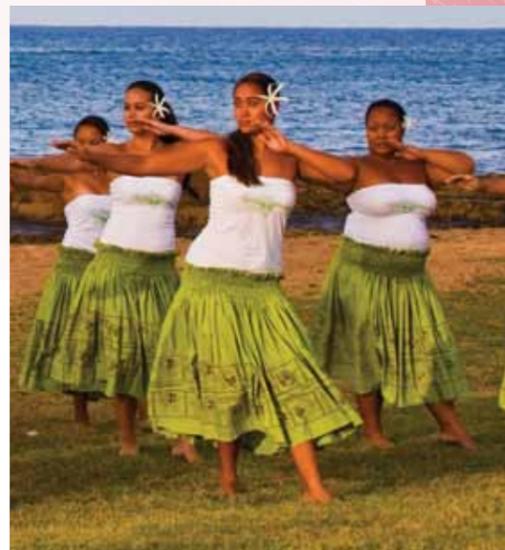
GIFTS

Create welcome gifts for your wedding party such as koa wood picture frames, macadamia nuts, Kona coffee or a gift certificate for a Hawaiian lomilomi massage. Wrap it all in a colourful beach towel.

CUSTOMISE

There are other ways to weave Hawaiian traditions and culture into your special day.

Couples can customise their celebration with: a ring blessing ceremony, the traditional Hawaiian sounding of a conch shell, an Hawaiian chant, a colourful orchid shower, and a ceremony beneath a sunrise or sunset.



LANGUAGE

Consider incorporating Hawaiian language into your marriage ceremony, either in your wedding vows - for example, 'Aloha Aku No' (I give my love to you) or, during the reception, 'Mahalo nui loa a ho'olaule'a me la kaua' (thank you for celebrating with us).

O'AHU, The Heart of Hawai'i

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O'ahu is the ultimate destination wedding and honeymoon haven offering the romance of a tropical isle, a sexy and cool city vibe, and the enchanting Hawaiian culture. Exceptional wedding venues, planners, and services ensure you of nuptials to match your vision and your budget.

Expert Wedding Planning

O'ahu's outstanding and highly experienced wedding consultants will help you plan and execute all aspects of your destination wedding and honeymoon: travel reservations, site selection, menus, caterers, photography, videography, music, florists, rehearsal dinner, hair and makeup, and guest activities. Email, phone, and fax facilitate constant contact as wedding planning progresses.

Travel with Ease

With numerous flights from major cities in Australia and New Zealand, O'ahu is highly accessible. English is the language and with a favorable exchange rate, the time to plan is now. Comprehensive accommodations - hotels, resorts, condominiums, and vacation rentals - offer options to suit every style and budget. Car rentals, taxis, buses, and limos make on island transportation a breeze.

Idyllic Settings

Few destinations match the diversity of O'ahu settings. Exchange vows on the beach and enjoy a stylish reception in the heart of Waikiki. Opt for a resort on the island's western end or up on the famed North Shore. Consider a private garden estate, a botanical garden, or a plantation garden. A grand Honolulu cathedral, an historic Hawaiian church, an oceanfront estate, and a picturesque seaside chapel are all available.

Island Experiences Like No Other

Take advantage of O'ahu's diverse settings to experience the incredible surroundings and Hawaiian culture. Pre wedding festivities might include dinner at a world class restaurant or a beachside lu'au. Land based adventures include cycling, hiking, biking, all terrain vehicle tours, and horseback riding. Water lovers can enjoy surfing, stand up paddle, outrigger canoe surfing, sailing, snorkeling, and whale watching. Plan a private museum tour, hula lessons, a ladies' spa day, and a golf outing for the guys. O'ahu will energize and invigorate your senses.

Heavenly Honeymoons

Your honeymoon starts right away on O'ahu. Kayak pristine Kailua Bay and hike a tropical rainforest. Soar over the North Shore on a glider and enjoy the adrenaline rush as your catamaran skims across the waves off Waikiki. Bliss out with a couple's



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