

## Honolulu Entertainment

Most of Honolulu's  
nightlife

is concentrated in Waikiki, where fun-seeking tourists set the tone. On the whole, the available entertainment is on the bland side. Hawaii tends to be off the circuit for touring musicians, so if you enjoy live music you'll probably have to settle for little-known local performers (rising stars of contemporary Hawaiian music tend to prefer to keep their credibility by not playing in Waikiki too often). Look out also for special events at downtown's beautifully restored Hawaii Theater, 1130 Bethel St (tel 808/528-0506). As for bars, Chinatown has the most raucous in town, but they're way too hair-raising for most tastes.

Chai's Island Bistro

Aloha Tower Marketplace, 101 Ala Moana Blvd tel 808/585-0011. Sumptuous and very expensive Thai restaurant, where the very finest Hawaiian musicians perform for diners nightly 7-8.30pm.

Duke's Canoe Club

Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach

, 2335 Kalakaua Ave tel 808/923-0711. Smooth Hawaiian sounds wash over this oceanfront Waikiki cocktail bar nightly from 4pm to 6pm and 10pm to midnight - including big-name "Concerts on the Beach" Fri-Sun 4-6pm. No cover charge.

Hula's Bar and Lei Stand

Waikiki Grand Hotel

, 134 Kapahulu Ave tel 808/923-0669. Waikiki's most popular gay venue occupies a suite of ocean-view rooms across from the Honolulu Zoo. As well as a state-of-the-art dance bar equipped with giant video screens, there's also a more casual lounge area. Daily 10am-2am.

La Mariana Sailing Club 50 Sand Island Access

Rd tel 808/848-2800. Waterfront restaurant with a wonderful 1950s feel, hidden away amid Honolulu's docks, and featuring live Hawaiian music at weekends. Daily 11am-11pm.

Wave Waikiki 1877 Kalakua Ave tel

808/941-0424. In so far as Waikiki has an alternative rock scene, this is it, with a bar upstairs and dance floor down below, and DJs rather than live bands most nights. Daily 9pm-4am.

World Café Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N

Nimitz Highway tel 808/599-4450. Three-level club not far west of Chinatown that boasts Hawaii's largest dance floor. Hip hop, house and

trance music predominate, and as one of the few clubs to admit under-21s it tends to be crammed with hyped-up youngsters. Daily 9pm until late.