

# WORLD BOX

## HAWAII

### Travel the World of Faiths and Festivals.

#### Hula

Every Spring, the people of the Hawaiian Islands celebrate and honour Hawaii's ancient dance form Hula at the Merrie Monarch Hula Competition.

[Click here](#) to watch a short film about Hula.



#### Christmas in Hawaii:

Introduced to Hawaii with the arrival of Protestant missionaries, Christmas is believed to have started after 1820.

Most of the traditions they currently celebrate come from the missionaries.

Before the Hawaiian's celebrated the Christmas people know today, they had a festival named Makahiki which lasted around four months and in which all wars were forbidden.

The season still had the essence of "peace and goodwill to all men" which is another thing people tend to associate with Christmas.

The annual Honolulu City Lights ceremony features a 50-foot Norfolk pine Christmas tree decorated with bright lights and elaborate decorations. There is also live entertainment.

The traditions on Christmas Day are similar to other places; a large meal is eaten and then, as the beach is often nearby in Hawaii, surfing or swimming often takes place in the waters, and musical groups with guitars and ukuleles and dancing Hula entertain the crowds on the beach.

Santa hats are worn and the traditional Santa's sleigh and reindeer are replaced by an outrigger canoe pulled by dolphins.



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