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July 3 & 4 | Turtle Independence Day

Family-friendly celebration inspired by the spirit of independence and the beauty of Hawai'i's natural world.



DETAILS



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education, food stalls, and live hula performances. No turtles will be released this year, as none are ready to return to the ocean.

Limited parking opens at 7 AM, with the celebration beginning at 9 AM, on the beach. We hope to see you there!

- Complimentary
- Open to resort guests and community members

July 3, 2026: Highlights of the Day

1 PM: Honu exam in the Ballroom Foyer

4 PM: Honu talk story with the turtle experts in the Ballroom Foyer

July 4, 2026: Highlights of the Day

9 AM: Education booths and keiki activities open throughout the resort. Live music begins at Surf Shack.

10 AM: Hawaiian protocol at Hōkū Lawn, led by Hula Hālau, followed by a procession to the beach.

10:30 AM: Hula performance at the beach.

11 AM: Education and activity booths close. Food and live music continue at the beach.

Turtle Program

Mālama Honu, Mālama Honua

Established in 1989, the Mālama Honu, Mālama Honua program creates awareness for endangered Green sea turtles through education, conservation and community. In partnership with O'ahu-based marine and wildlife center Sea Life Park, Mauna Lani nurtures captive-reared hatchlings in our turtle pond, also known as Honu (Turtle) Lagoon. As our sea turtles grow, thousands of visitors linger by Honu Lagoon to learn about the Green sea turtle's relationship with the environment. After two to three years of growth, our sea turtles return to their home in the ocean on Turtle Independence Day.

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LOCATION

Mauna Lani Beach Club

68-1400 Mauna Lani Dr, Waimea, HI 96743, USA

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REMINDERS

- Located at the oceanfront in front of Surf Shack
- For additional info, please reach out to the concierge team at mnl.prearrival@auberge.com



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