

Hawaii's Royal Legacy

(NAPSA)—Hawaii was once a monarchy. As Pleasant Holidays, the #1 travel company serving the Aloha State points out, that legacy is inspiring.



Iolani Palace in Hawaii is the only royal palace in the United States.

Hawaii's royal line began with King Kamehameha I, a powerful ali'i (chief) who united the Hawaiian Islands under his rule by 1810. He passed and enforced laws that made it "possible for old men and women and children to sleep in safety by the wayside."

His son Kamehameha II and Queen Kaahumanu shattered many old kapus (taboos), such as women eating with men. Kamehameha III instituted land reform, and King David Kalakaua, the "Merry Monarch," was committed to a revival of ancient Hawaiian culture. And Hawaii's last monarch, Queen Liliuokalani, was an accomplished songwriter, penning Aloha 'Oe.

"Must-sees" for guests of Pleasant Holidays visiting Oahu include Iolani Palace, the only royal palace in the U.S., and the Mauna Ala Royal Mausoleum, the burial place of Hawaiian royalty like King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani. Weekday tours are available at both sites.

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