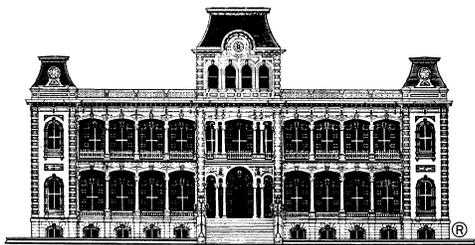


‘Iolani Palace FACT SHEET



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The Palace Shop / The Gallery Shop

(808) 532-1050 / (808) 522-0830
Hours: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (Palace Shop)
9:30 am – 4:30 pm (Gallery Shop)

Type of museum

Historic house

Days open

Tuesday – Saturday
Kama‘āina Sundays (usually the 1st Sunday
of the month; visit www.iolanipalace.org)

Tours

Grand Tour* – Adult: \$20; 5-12: \$5
(9:00 am – 11:15 am, every 20 minutes;
Japanese Language Tour: 11:30 am)
Audio Tour* – Adult: \$12; 5-12: \$5
(11:45 am – 3:00 pm, every 10 minutes)
Gallery Tour – Adult: \$6; 5-12: \$3
(9:00 am – 4:30 pm)

*Children under 5 are welcome on the Gallery Tour

Reservations highly recommended for
Grand Tour; call (808) 522-0832 for more
information (Tues. – Sat., 8 am – 4 pm).

Membership Information

(808) 522-0827

Volunteer Opportunities

(808) 522-0821

‘Iolani Palace, located in the heart of Honolulu’s downtown district, was the home of Hawai‘i’s last reigning monarchs. Built by King Kalākaua in 1882, the Palace served as the official royal residence and the center of the Kingdom’s political and social life until the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893.

The Palace is a registered National Historic site owned by the State of Hawai‘i and administered by The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace (FOIP). The Palace complex is comprised of four historic buildings: the Palace, the Barracks, the Coronation Pavilion, and the Kana‘ina Building.

The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace Mission Statement



*E mālama, ho ‘iho ‘i hou,
wehewehe, kā ‘ana a
ho ‘ohiwahiwa i ke ‘ano laha ‘ole o ka
mo ‘omeheu, ka mō ‘aukala a me ka mana o
ka Hale Ali ‘i ‘o ‘Iolani a me kona pā no ka
pono o ke kānaka ‘ōiwi a me
ka po ‘e o Hawai ‘i nei a me ke kō ke ao nei.*
To preserve, restore, interpret, share and
celebrate the unique cultural, historical and
spiritual qualities of ‘Iolani Palace and its
grounds for the benefit of native Hawaiians,
the people of Hawai‘i, and the world.

Collections

The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace collects, preserves, and displays artifacts that were once part of the original furnishings of ‘Iolani Palace during the reigns of King Kalākaua and Queen Lili‘uokalani. Following the overthrow of the monarchy, much of the contents of the Palace was sold at a series of public auctions that spanned a decade. A worldwide search has recovered approximately 4,000 of the estimated 10,000 missing artifacts. Placement of recovered objects in their original positions helps restore Palace rooms to their monarchy era appearance.

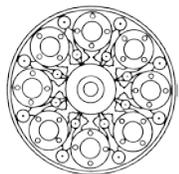
Public Programs

‘Iolani Palace offers a number of programs and special events throughout the year. The *Experts at the Palace* lecture series brings experts and interested community members together to discuss issues related to historic preservation. Other special lectures focus on topics related to Hawaiian history and culture, palace furnishings, and royal lifestyle. Classes regularly scheduled at the Palace include Hawaiian quilting, hula, ‘ukulele, and Hawaiian language. There are also special events commemorating the birthdays of the ali‘i. September brings events in honor of Queen Lili‘uokalani, and in November, King Kalākaua’s birthday is celebrated with a concert by the Royal Hawaiian Band and a review of the Royal Guard. In late December, evening tours of the Palace filled with music commemorate the birth of Queen Kapi‘olani. Events reminiscent of the monarchy era, such as a garden party, royal ball, or grand lū‘au, also take place on the Palace grounds as they did one hundred years ago.

Tours

The **Grand Tour** offers visitors a brief video about the history of the Palace, a docent-guided tour of the Palace interior, and a self-guided tour of the basement Galleries. The **Audio Tour** option provides guests with an audio wand to guide them through the first and second floors of the Palace and concludes with a self-guided tour of the Galleries. For those whose time is short, a self-guided **Gallery Tour** is offered. Tour hours are Tuesday through Saturday and on Kama‘āina Sundays (usually the first Sunday of the month; subject to change). Reservations are highly recommended for the Grand Tour. Please call (808) 522-0832 for tour times and costs.

The Palace Shop & The Gallery Shop



The Palace Shop features a new Christmas ornament annually. Pictured above is the 1986 ornament, based on a design from the Palace Towers.

The Palace Shop (located in the Barracks) and the Gallery Shop (located in the basement galleries of ‘Iolani Palace) focus on monarchy- and Palace-related products as well as a selection of books on Hawaiian language, culture,

and history. Both shops are open Tuesday through Saturday and on Kama‘āina Sundays.

Become a Palace Volunteer

The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace cordially invites you to join the dedicated volunteers who help make the Palace such a special place for all. Time spent at the Palace is both informative and rewarding. Volunteer positions include greeters, guardians, docents, gallery hosts/hostesses, clerical, and sales associates. Please join us. Call (808) 522-0821 for more information.

Membership

‘Iolani Palace offers a range of membership opportunities to the public. Annual membership begins at just \$35 for adults and \$25 for seniors. Become a Friend of ‘Iolani Palace and enjoy such benefits as free admission to the Palace, discounts in the Palace Shops, and a subscription to *The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace Quarterly* newsletter. The contributions of our members allow us to ensure that the history and grandeur of the Palace will be shared with future generations. Please call (808) 522-0827.

Significant Dates in ‘Iolani Palace’s History

- 1874 – David Kalākaua elected king
- 1879 – Cornerstone laid for ‘Iolani Palace
- 1882 – ‘Iolani Palace completed
- 1883 – Coronation of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi‘olani
- 1886 – Birthday Jubilee of King Kalākaua
- 1887 – Electric lights installed in Palace
- 1889 – Palace damaged during Wilcox Rebellion
- 1891 – King Kalākaua dies; Lili‘uokalani proclaimed queen
- 1893 – Overthrow of Hawaiian monarchy; Palace renamed “Executive Building” by Provisional Government
- 1895 – Queen Lili‘uokalani imprisoned
- 1898 – Palace becomes territorial capitol building
- 1935 – Name of ‘Iolani Palace restored
- 1917 – Queen Lili‘uokalani dies
- 1959 – Palace becomes state capitol building
- 1968 – Restoration of Palace begins
- 1978 – Palace re-opens to the public as an historic house museum