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# Holiday Travel (and the Dedicated Surf/Southern/Mokulele Team Members Who Make it Happen!)



Stan Little: Southern Airways/Mokulele Chairman and CEO

As we approach what is expected to be another busy holiday travel season, I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know how proud I am of our dedicated team members here at Surf/Southern/Mokulele. While many Americans will take to the skies to visit family or go on vacation during the holidays, those of us who chose to make our careers in the aviation industry will be working to provide you the best travel experience possible.

As you walk through crowded airports this holiday season, please take a moment to notice all of the people who are working to make your travel possible. Not just the pilots, but the check-in agents, baggage handlers, gate agents, customer service representatives, mechanics, retailers, bar tenders, cooks, servers, security officers, and custodial staff: all of these essential airport and airline personnel work tirelessly to provide you the services you need while traveling. For them, Christmas Day or New Year's Eve is just another day at work. AND these are just the people you see. Behind the scenes are call center agents, dispatchers, and crew schedulers who work around the clock to keep our passengers and aircraft moving.

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At Surf/Southern/Mokulele, many of our top-level executives can be seen at airports throughout the country on these major holidays. A couple of years ago, my wife and I delivered home-cooked meals to the mechanics who were working on Thanksgiving Day at one of our maintenance facilities. Another one of our executives recently delivered breakfast to pilots and airport staff to help lift spirits while they were working a holiday shift.

It takes the help of many people to keep an airline running, and, most of all, it takes you, the passenger. We thank you for trusting us with your travel needs and will continue to work tirelessly (even on the holidays) to exceed your expectations.

As I have said to our new pilot classes, "We are often away from our families on holidays, but we do that so our passengers can be with theirs."

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Onward and upward,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan".

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# Hau'oli Makahiki Hou



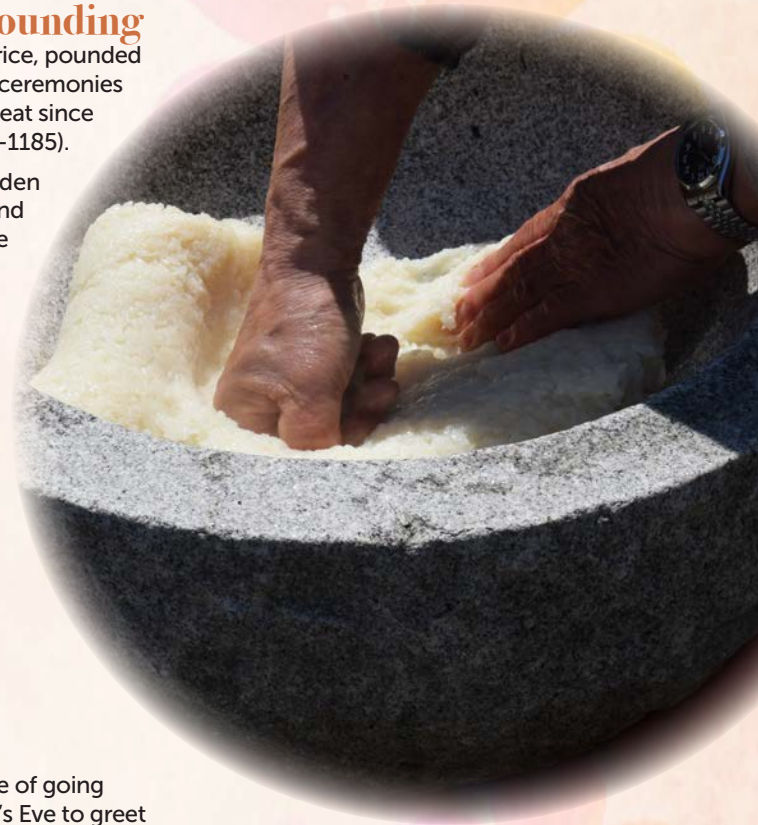
Happy New Year! Hawaiian New Year's traditions go back centuries. Here are couple of our favorite Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (how-OH-lee mah-kah-hee-kee ho) traditions:

## Mochi Pounding

Mochi is a Japanese rice cake made of mochigome, glutinous rice, pounded into a paste. Originally used as an offering during religious ceremonies in centuries past, mochi has been enjoyed as a New Year's treat since Japan's Heian Period (794-1185).

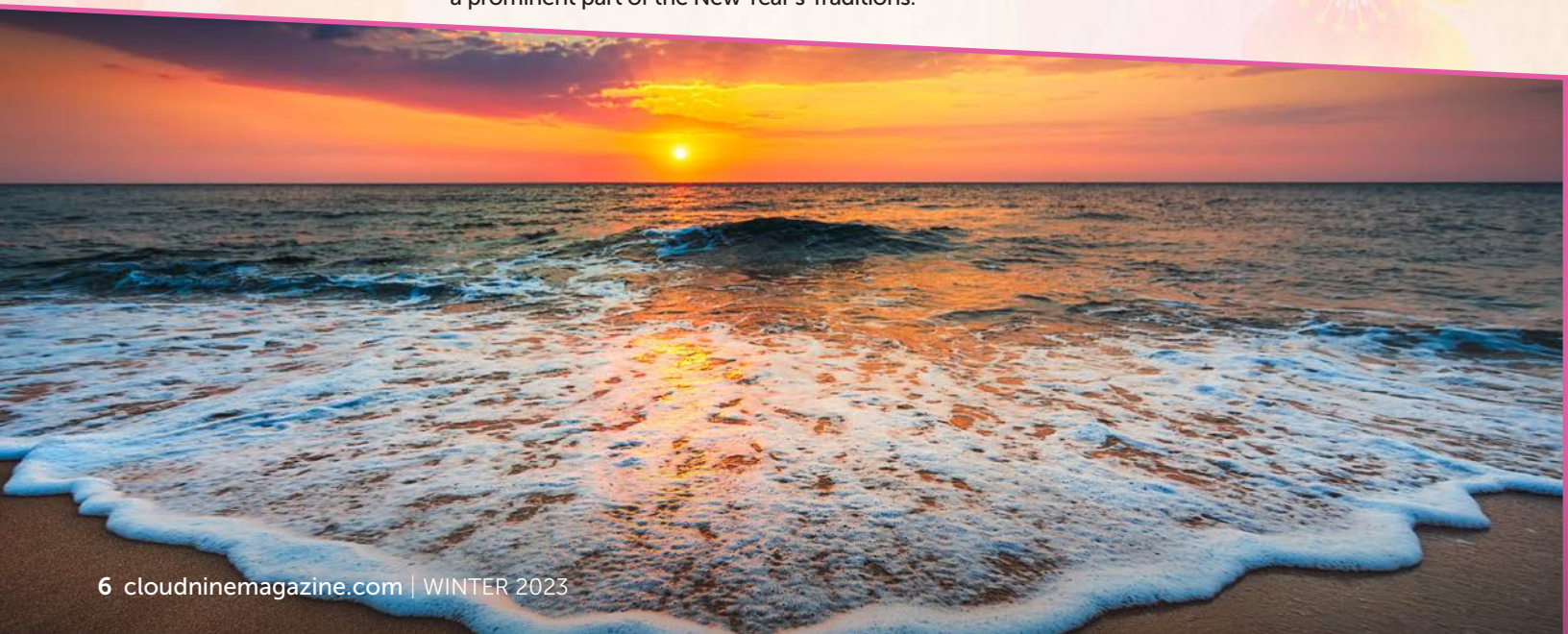
In mochitsuki, mochigome is cooked and pounded in a wooden or stone mortar called usu, until it is smooth and chewy, and then molded into various shapes by hand. Mochitsuki is a huge labor intensive undertaking, requiring the help of friends and family to make the process run smoothly.

The ingredients in ozoni, which mainly consist of mochi, dashi (soup stock) and vegetables, represent well wishes for the New Year: good fortune, peace, happiness and a long life, represented by the stretchiness of the mochi.



## Midnight at the Beach

Some Hawaiians believe in the practice of going to the beach at midnight on New Year's Eve to greet the first sunrise of the year over the ocean. It is thought to bring blessings and a fresh start to the year. This is also a great place to watch the fireworks displays, which are also a prominent part of the New Year's Traditions.



# Wow Her This Valentine's Day With A Chocolate Martini

A Chocolate Martini is a delicious and decadent cocktail that combines the flavors of chocolate and vodka. It is a fun way to show your loved one that you care about them this Valentine's

## Ingredients:

- 2 oz (60 ml) chocolate liqueur (such as Crème de Cacao)
- 1.5 oz (45 ml) vanilla vodka
- 1 oz (30 ml) heavy cream or half-and-half
- 1/2 oz (15 ml) chocolate syrup (plus extra for garnish)
- Ice

## Instructions:

1. Chill your martini glass by placing it in the freezer for a few minutes or filling it with ice and water while you prepare the cocktail. This will help keep the martini cold.
2. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice.
3. Add the chocolate liqueur, vanilla vodka, heavy cream, and chocolate syrup to the shaker.
4. Close the shaker and shake vigorously for about 15-20 seconds. This will help mix and chill the ingredients.
5. Remove the chilled glass from the freezer or drain the ice water and drizzle some chocolate syrup around the inside of the glass.
6. Strain the shaken mixture into the prepared martini glass. You can use a fine mesh strainer to remove any ice shards or small ice chips.
7. Optionally, you can garnish your Chocolate Martini with a chocolate shaving, chocolate sprinkles, or a maraschino cherry.
8. Serve and enjoy!

Feel free to adjust the ingredients and proportions to suit your taste. If you prefer a sweeter martini, you can add more chocolate syrup or use a sweeter chocolate liqueur. Conversely, if you prefer a stronger drink, you can increase the amount of vodka. Enjoy your indulgent Chocolate Martini responsibly!

# SUPER RECIPE FOR YOUR 2024 BIG GAME PARTY



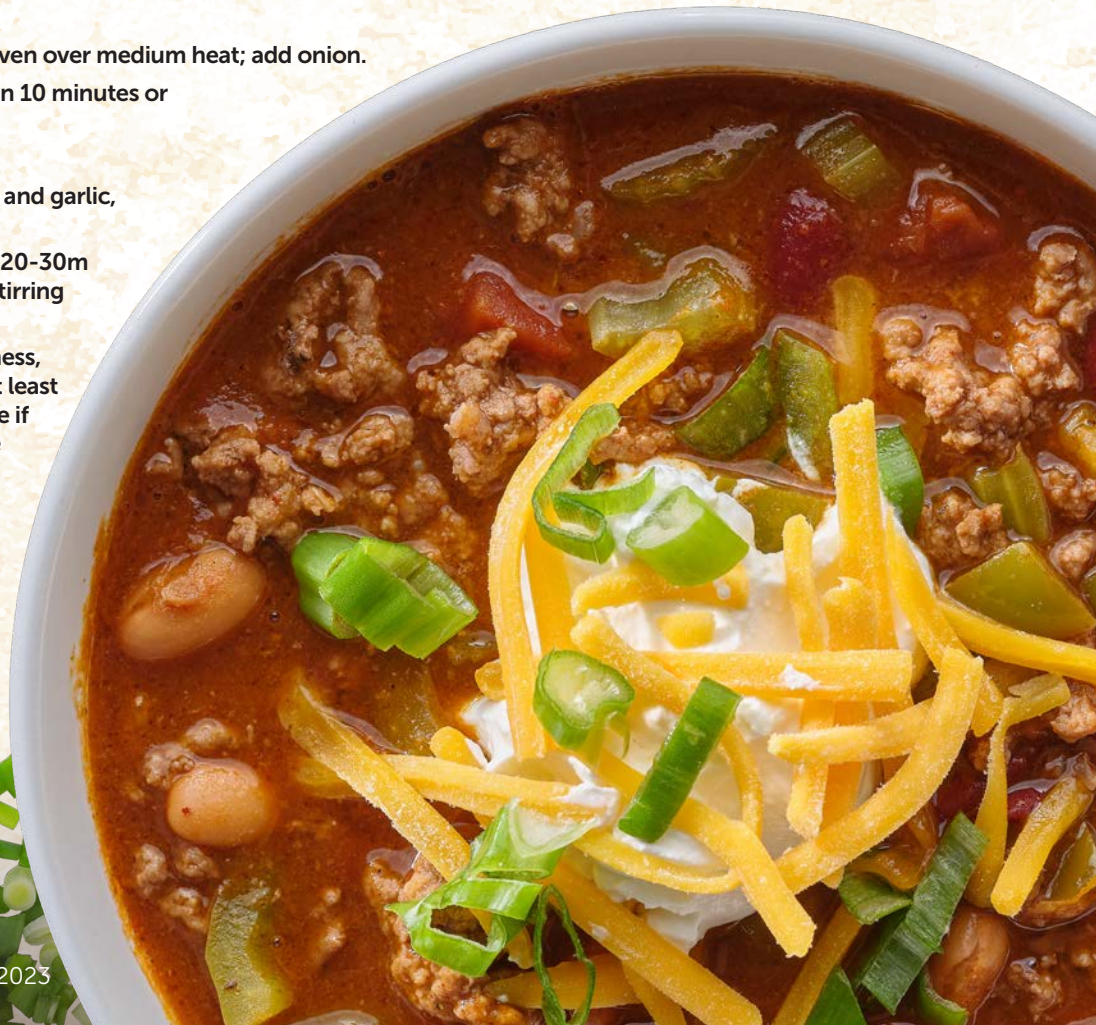
Super Bowl LVIII is scheduled to be played on February 11, 2024, at Allegiant Stadium in Paradise, Nevada. Super Bowl parties will abound and the following is a 7-time championship competition Guinness Chili recipe.

## GUINNESS CHILI RECIPE

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 red or green pepper, chopped
- 2 Dried Chipolte peppers re-hydrated and chopped, or one can chipolte in adobe sauce.
- 2 Ancho Chiles re-hydrated
- 3 jalapeno peppers roasted
- 5-6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb cubed steak meat
- 2 to 3 tbsp chili powder
- 2 tsp smoked sea salt
- 2 to 3 tsp ground cumin
- t tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 12 oz. bottle Guinness or 1 can
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 28 oz. can fire roasted diced tomatoes (try hunt's or rotel) – Do Not Drain
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 15 oz. black beans-Do Not Drain
- 2 15 Oz Red Kidney Beans – Do Not Drain
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oil in a big sauce pan or a dutch oven over medium heat; add onion.
2. Reduce heat to low, and cook the onion 10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.
3. Add bell pepper and cook 5 minutes.
4. Add chipolte, ancho, jalapeno peppers and garlic, cook one minute.
5. Add beef and next 5 ingredients. Cook 20-30m minutes or until beef is mostly cooked , stirring occasionally so it doesn't burn.
6. Stir in Worcestershire sauce and Guinness, take off of heat and let the meat "soak" at least 1 hour, but, overnight is best (put in fridge if overnight). The longer the soak the more flavorful the chili.
7. Add the rest of the ingredients and stir, and bring to simmer uncovered until liquid has reduced slightly and the chili has become thick. Make sure to stir occasionally so that your chili doesn't scorch in the bottom of the pot.





# Hitting the Slopes in 2024

Check Out All  
The Places You  
Can Hit The  
Slopes Here!



Denver, Colorado, is a popular gateway to some of the best ski resorts in the United States and a proud destination for Southern Airways Express. While Denver itself is not a ski destination, it serves as a major transportation hub to access the nearby Rocky Mountains and their world-renowned ski areas. Here are some of the well-known ski resorts near Denver:

## Aspen/Snowmass

While not directly near Denver, Aspen/Snowmass is a world-famous ski destination located about 200 miles southwest of Denver. It's known for its four distinct ski areas: Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk. The area offers excellent skiing and snowboarding in addition to a vibrant apres-ski scene.

## Keystone

Keystone Resort is situated about 75 miles west of Denver. It offers three distinct mountains: Dercum Mountain, North Peak, and The Outback. Keystone is known for its night skiing, extensive snowmaking capabilities, and family-friendly atmosphere.

## Breckenridge

Breckenridge, commonly referred to as "Breck," is located approximately 80 miles west of Denver. It's famous for its historic town, diverse terrain, and world-class terrain parks. Breckenridge Ski Resort is part of the larger Vail Resorts network.





# CEO Sitdown with Billy Thalmeimer of REGENT

In this edition of the CEO Sitdown, Surf/Southern/Mokulele CEO Stan Little sits down with Billy Thalmeimer, the co-founder and CEO of REGENT, a company developing an all-electric flying watercraft that will deliver safe, reliable, and low-cost travel for coastal communities.

**"So, we said, 'How do we take the simplicity, the extremely low cost, and the zero emissions of an all-electric solution and apply it in a way where we can double the range over any of these vehicles today?'  
The solution was the seaglider."**

**Stan: Billy, I've known you for two or three years now, but tell me, where did you grow up?**

Billy: I grew up in the Boston area with dreams of going to MIT and being an astronaut. I actually spent a lot of time on the water, too. (I was a competitive sailor in high school.)

**Stan: What inspired you to start REGENT?**

Billy: In my early years of college at MIT studying aerospace engineering, and after growing up in the New England area, I always sort of had common passions for both aviation and maritime. I wanted those passions to come together.

**Stan: Your passions did come together! About REGENT's flagship vessel, the Viceroy seaglider... what's always struck me is that wing-in-ground-effect (WIG) flying is not new technology. It's really the electrification piece and the sizing of the seaglider that's so new and transformative...**

Billy: For sure! It started when I and my co-founder Mike, who's our CTO, were working in electric aviation, and as you well know, there's so much going on in that space right now. The problem with the new aircraft being designed is that it takes a billion dollars and a decade to certify when you're presenting new propulsion systems, new construction methods, and new piloting types. Then, once all that money is spent and the aircraft are certified, they have limited range. We knew we wanted to do New York to Boston, San Francisco to Los Angeles, and after discovering a love of Hawai'i, we wanted to connect the islands. These routes cannot be done in an all-electric aircraft with today's battery technology. So, we said, "How do we take the simplicity, the extremely low cost, and the zero emissions of an all-electric solution and apply it in a way where we can double the range over any of these vehicles today?" The solution was the seaglider. We found this interesting because it solves two problems on the aviation side. One, they're regulated as sea vessels, and two, operationally, they have much longer ranges due to aerodynamically flying on that cushion of air. Electrifying a WIG (Wing-in-Ground Effect) was the solution. Then, we went further with the solution of adding hydrofoils to the WIG design. That is really the key differentiation that unlocked everything. We wanted to operate reliably and comfortably, not just for a commercial mission, but one where you don't spill your coffee--that's where that hydrofoil design came in.



**Stan: Can you explain to a non-MIT grad how this really works?**

Billy: There are three modes of operation. Floating mode is pretty simple, it's sitting on its hull like a boat, and you board it like a boat. There's no TSA, you just walk right on. The next mode is the foiling mode. That's when the hull rises on its hydrofoil like underwater wings (similar to high performance yachting today). Then, the final mode is flying. Obviously, we're going long distances, and we want to go fast. The seaglider is the first vehicle that's been able to take-off directly from those hydrofoils. We fly on a cushion of air, which is the same thing that you see birds flying on while gliding over the surface of the water. It's also that same magical feeling that you get on any commercial aircraft when, in that last second or two when you get over the runway, before the wheels touch, that magical feeling of floating. That is the ground-effect. It's the air under the wings pushing against the surface of the ground. In the case of seagliders, we will fly in that "floating sensation" all the time. So, Float, Foil, Fly.

**Stan: That's interesting because we all know that feeling of floating for those last couple of seconds prior to landing. Will there be turbulence at that level you fly, like you have with turbulence on an airplane?**

Billy: The seaglider has a digital flight control system, so it's always reacting and balancing, resulting in a very smooth ride. The cool thing about flying in the ground-effect is that you always have that last-second floating feeling that typically is the calmest part of a commercial flight. It should be a much more comfortable ride flying in this ground-effect environment.

**Stan: As I'm interviewing you, there's a picture of a flying seaglider in the background. You've already flown one of these, right?**

Billy: That's exactly right. It was really the first thing we wanted to do. Our company is founded by engineers. We had this idea of a novel concept to build a WIG craft that can take-off from a hydrofoil, but we needed to prove that it works. That is the hard part of doing what's never been done before. We said, "We have this concept, let's go prove it right now," and that's what we did. We designed and built the prototype in about a year. This vehicle has been demonstrating all aspects of floating, foiling, and flying for over a year now.

**Stan: Billy, this one is a trick question. How many engines does it have?**

Billy: (laughing) Zero, since they're all electric motors! On our quarter-scale prototype, there are eight motors (four per wing). On the full-scale Viceroy we're building now, which will be the first human-carrying seaglider, we have 12 electric motors (six per wing).



**Stan: Where did you first test it?**

Billy: We are based in Rhode Island, so right here in The Ocean State.

**Stan: Where is the first one with passengers going to fly?**

Billy: We couldn't be happier to be partnered with Southern/Mokulele (and now the overlay of the Surf brand). You could not have picked a better merger partner than Surf Air!

**Stan: How did you go about choosing Mokulele and the Southern/Surf family as the launch customer?**

Billy: We were working through the “who is the launch customer” decision and what sort of market profile we needed in that launch customer. When we met you, several things were clear. One, you guys were passionate leaders in the sustainable transportation space. Two, the Hawai'i market is perfect for this (in Hawai'i, 7 million passengers per year are moving between the islands--all of which are accessible by Seaglider routes). And the third factor is what your brand stands for. This is not a transportation mode only for the ultra-rich. This is about access and accessibility...making transportation easier. We want to democratize transportation between the islands. So, when these synergies lined-up, it was just so clear that our launch partner should be Mokulele.

**Stan: We were thrilled to get the news and to be chosen! So last question, when do we get our first one?**

Billy: We are targeting mid-decade right now! We do have a very clear timeline around our full-scale prototype that we're putting on the water summer of next year. We're going to fly humans on the first full-scale Viceroy seaglider prototype by the end of next year. After that, we'll spool-up our manufacturing line and get our first ships out to you!

**Stan: I want to be on the first one!**

Billy: Send me a ticket and I'll be right there with you!



# Winter Fun: Where Whales Swim and Eagles Soar



Winter is usually not thought of as a great time to observe wildlife except when holding a cup of hot chocolate in front of your living room window.

But, Southern Airways and Mokulele Airlines have some great spots to see some of nature's most majestic creatures during the winter:

## Hawai'i

Now through April is a great time to visit Hawai'i and see the kohola or kuapio kohola. Humpback whales are on average 45 ft, but lengths up to 60 ft are possible. Of the 80,000 plus worldwide about 1/4 of the population visit Hawai'i each year. Only male humpback whales sing, and their songs are part of their competition for potential mate.



## Fun Fact

Early in the morning is the best time to see whales. The number of whale sightings on the Big Island at 8:00 am is ~50% higher than the amount spotted just a few hours later at noon according to Hawaiian volunteers who have been counting whales since 1996.





## Quincy, Illinois

Bald Eagles have been wintering in Quincy at Lock & Dam 21 since it began in 1938. The lock & dam is listed on the National Register of Historic Places covering 1,075 acres.

Make plans January 27-28, 2024 to visit Lock and Dam 21 for Quincy's Eagle Days. Rangers will be on hand with spotting scopes to showcase the magnificent birds that winter in the Quincy area. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Standing Bear Winter Gathering from 9 am – 5 pm each day at the Oakley Lindsay Center for a Native American perspective of bald eagles.



## Los Angeles

From Marina del Rey and Long Beach to Newport Beach and Dana Point, there are plenty of harbors both in Los Angeles and neighboring counties that act as a jumping-off point for whale-watching adventures. Wintertime brings plenty of gray whale sightings. Also, it's a great time to observe dolphins and sea lions!

# Christmas In The Ozarks

Just a short sleigh ride up the road from the Harrison, Arkansas airport, served by Southern Airways, is Branson, Missouri. Home to one of the most spectacular Christmas celebrations in the South.

Christmas celebrations start around the first of November, and there is something for everyone to put them in the holiday spirit:

## So Much Music!

Country, gospel, bluegrass, rock'n'roll can all be found during the Christmas holidays at Branson. Top shows include The Texas Tenors, The Haygoods, and a Legends show featuring sing-a-longs with Elvis, The Blues Brothers and more. And how about Christmas music with 32 horses and St. Nick at the Dolly Parton Stampede!

## Keeping the Spirit of Christmas

Live shows include "Sight and Sounds Miracle of Christmas" and "A Shepherds Christmas Carol" along with many others..

## Millions of Christmas Lights

Christmas light displays can be found all throughout the Branson area. Visitors can experience light displays for free while walking down the Branson Landing. Driving tours such as Let There Be Lights!, Branson's Lights of Joy and Trail of Lights are sure to brighten your trip. Silver Dollar City is home to the largest Christmas light display in the area during An Old Time Christmas which showcases 6.5 million lights! See 1.5 million of more at Christmas in Midtown.





# Lucky Food For The 2024 Year

Many cultures have specific foods that are believed to bring good luck or symbolize various positive aspects of life. Here are some foods that are often associated with good luck in different parts of the world:

## Black-Eyed Peas

Black-eyed peas are often associated with coins or money because of their round shape and dark color. Eating them on New Year's Day is believed to bring prosperity and financial luck in the coming year.

## Lentils

In Italy, eating lentils on New Year's Eve is thought to bring good fortune and wealth because they resemble small coins.

## Greens

Leafy greens like collard greens, kale, or cabbage are "the color of money" and are often consumed with black-eyed peas in the South to symbolize wealth and financial prosperity.

## Fish

In many cultures, fish is considered lucky because the word for fish sounds like the word for "abundance" or "surplus" in their language. For example, it's considered lucky to eat fish during the Chinese New Year.

## Pomegranates

In Greek tradition, smashing a pomegranate on the floor during weddings or New Year's is believed to bring good luck and many children.

## Noodles

In Chinese culture, long noodles are associated with longevity. During celebrations like birthdays or the Lunar New Year, eating unbroken noodles is considered lucky.

## Grapes

In Spain and some Latin American countries, it's a tradition to eat 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, with each grape representing a month of good luck for the coming year.

## Cabbage Rolls

In Eastern Europe, particularly in Poland, eating cabbage rolls on New Year's is believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

## Round Fruits

In the Philippines, it's customary to display 12 different round fruits on New Year's Eve. The round shape symbolizes prosperity and luck for each month of the year.

## Rice Cakes

In Korean culture, tteok (rice cakes) are often consumed during the Lunar New Year. They symbolize family unity and prosperity.

## Cornbread

In the American South, cornbread is often associated with good luck. Some people even add whole corn kernels to the bread to symbolize gold.

## Cakes With Hidden Coins

In Greece, a coin is hidden in a New Year's cake called "Vasilopita." The person who finds the coin is said to have good luck for the year.



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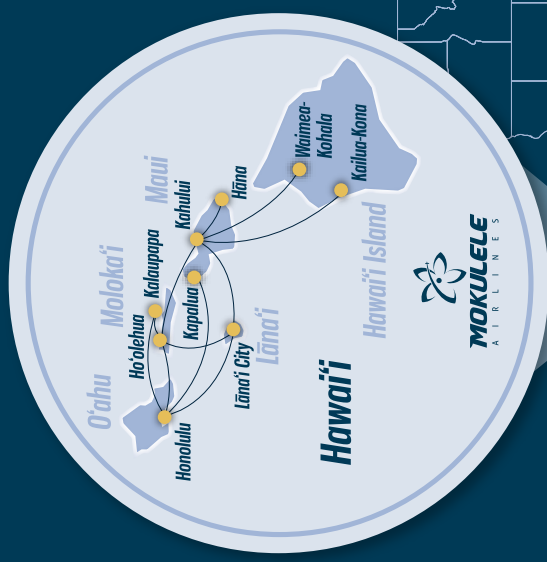


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- 35 Double-reed woodwind instrument
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- 2 Anthony Hopkins' cannibal role
- 3 Kind, dismissively
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- 9 Junior's voice
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- 11 Complete
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- 22 Longtime "Tonight Show" host Jay
- 23 Shrilled
- 25 --- Cynwyd, Pa.
- 27 Chew out
- 28 Viet ---, Nam guerillas
- 29 Kindle collection
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# 2023 HOLIDAY MOVIES WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT

Check Out  
The Rest Of  
The Movie  
List Here!



It's the most wonderful time of the year. But, it can also be stressful, and a little time out and an escape to the local theater or in your house relaxed on the couch, can help you relax and get back in the spirit.

So, grab your popcorn, go ahead and get that extra butter, and enjoy these favorites this holiday season:

## NAPOLEON

Joaquin Phoenix plays Napoleon Bonaparte in this sweeping historical movie from Ridley Scott.



## Leo

This one is for the kids! Adam Sandler is the voice of Leo- a 74 year old turtle, who is the elementary school class pet, in this animated musical. Netflix.



## CANDY CANE LANE

Fun for all ages, the premise being a man willing to sell out to win his neighborhood light contest. Eddie Murphy and Nick Offerman headline this one. Prime Video.



## THE HUNGER GAMES - THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES

The popular series is back, and takes us before what we know and to where it all started.



## WONKA

Before he became the master of chocolate, how did it all begin?



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