

Occupying Paradise: Food Justice and Ahola 'Aina in Hawai'i August 14-22, 2015



Lauded as the “Paradise of the Pacific”, Hawai'i's beauty enchants foreigners and locals alike. But beyond its beaches, Hawaii also has a vibrant food movement—from pro-surfers advocating GMO labeling to a recent victory in Maui, which passed a moratorium on genetically modified crops. Aloha 'Aina—meaning “love of land” in Hawaiian— grounds this food movement. This ancient Hawaiian concept has inspired social movements for land, sovereignty and peace, and emphasized ecological and cultural responsibility.

Drawing on this powerful concept, Food First's inaugural Hawai'i Food Sovereignty Tour will focus on the stunning tropical island of O'ahu and explore its movement for food sovereignty in the face of a globalized, corporate food system. With Food First as your guide, explore O'ahu's beautiful landscapes & vibrant culinary traditions while meeting with the actors cultivating food justice in paradise.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS*

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Visit Ma'ō Organic Farms, a beautiful nonprofit farm working for youth empowerment, social justice, and economic sustainability

Explore the impacts of militarization and visit historic landmarks such as Pearl Harbor, where people are working to reclaim the land and history through wetland farming.

Witness the many ways Hawaiians are taking back control of their food systems including farmers' markets, local food councils, and land-based foundations for community health.

Meet with the Hawaiian independence movement for a presentation on US occupation and militarization in Hawai'i.

Visit some of the most significant cultural sites on O'ahu where we'll be joined by Hawaiian elders to learn about Hawaiian cosmology.

Stay at the beautiful Kahumana Farm where we'll tour the organic, biodynamic farm and learn about their work to co-create a healthy, inclusive and productive farm-based community and talk about the farm's agroecological practices.

Meet local kava farmers and discuss the different traditional, medicinal, religious, political, social and cultural uses of the kava plant. Optional tasting!

Meet with representatives of Oahu's anti-GMO movement to learn about the vibrant movement growing across Hawaii and the specific actions happening in Oahu.

Explore the contributions of Oahu's diverse immigrant backgrounds on Hawai'i's food culture



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