

COOK ISLANDS

calendar of events



2015
50th Anniversary

Cook  *Islands*

KIA ORANA!

Welcome to the untouched paradise of the Cook Islands. Take a minute to breathe in the fresh pure air, then let yourself relax in the comfort of our beach backyard and blue bliss lagoon. This breathtaking treasureland will capture your spirit and hold your heart.

Situated halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii in the South Pacific, the 15 islands that make up the Cooks are scattered across 2.2 square million kilometres of vast ocean. Those who have been lucky enough to discover our hidden jackpot have been exposed to a whole new way of life.

Holidays in the Cook Islands usually consist of events that could only happen here, like driving your scooter on Te Ara Metua, giving back to charity by joining the annual Vaka Eiva Boiler swim race, or even catching a bar crawl bus around the island and having an unforgettable night.

The Calender of Events include dates and traditions that you can attend to assist your “Only in the Cook Islands” memories.

Additionally, 2015 is the year to celebrate in the Cook Islands as it marks our 50th anniversary of being a self governed country; with all the festivities there will be something for everyone, no matter the age. So pick your dates and come celebrate as a true local.





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- 31 Dec** Sails New Year's Eve Party with Fireworks over Muri Lagoon
- 1** 50th Anniversary New Year's Celebration - Ngatangia Fields
Annie and Will Crummer
Kia Orana & Welcome to the New Year
- 2** New Year's JAM FEST - Mixed Basketball Tournament
- 26** School Term 1 Begins (12 Wks)

Also this month...

Commencements CIRL Masters Season

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- 7 Beats of Betela - Fundraising concert for the creative centre
- 13 World Radio Day
- 15 - 17 DMCK EVENT: BCA Autumn Art Auction
- 28 Corporate Teams Triathlon

Also this month...

Canoeing – Sprint Season (Oe Vaka)
Business house squash competition
Cook Islands Rugby League Season Commencements
Arorangi School Centennial

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- 9 Cook Islands National Sports Awards
- 14 Te Iti Vaine - International Women's Day
- 17 Sails Restaurant & Bar - St Patrick's Day
- 21 Triathlon – Women Only (600m Swim, 16km Cycle, 4km Run)
- 28 March Earth Hour

Also this month...

- Business house squash semi finals and finals
- Te Mire Atu (National Composers Competition)
- V12 Oe Vaka Corporate Race (12 man Outrigger Canoe Race)
- Praise Cook Islands - Music Ministry Singing Competition
- Through the eyes of youth - Conversations of self rule- College Debate Comp

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- 3** Good Friday (Public Holiday)
- 5** Easter Sunday
- 6** Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
- 7 - 11** Youth Kia Orana Football Festival
- 17** Tinman Triathlon
- 3 - 19** End of Term 1, School Holiday Begins (2 weeks)
- 22** Earth Day
- 25** Anzac Day

Also this month...

- Air NZ Anzac Golf Tournament
- Te Mire Ura – National Dancer of the Year
- Cook Islands Tennis Open

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- 1** Te Mire Ura – National Dancer of the Year
Open Senior National Finals
(Including Participants from the Outer Islands)
Venue: National Auditorium

- 4 - 7** Golden Oldies Rugby Festival

- 4** School Term 2 Begins

- 8** INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON WEEK
Trader Jack's Boiler Swim

- 9** AIR NEW ZEALAND RAROTONGA TRIATHLON

- 10** Triathlon Award Dinner

- 14** Matutu Mile (Fun Run)

Also this month...

Veterans Tennis Champs
Hash House Harries
Turtles Toru de Raro Cycle Race
Cook Islands String Festival
Cook Islands Art Exhibition
Vaka Festival - 7 Vakas to arrive in Rarotonga
Opera in Rarotong - Arias in Aitutaki

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- 1 Kumete Inter Village Athletics Competition
Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)
- 3 BTIB Winter Fest Night Market
- 5 World Environment Day

Also this month...

National Duet Singing Competition
Club Rugby Union 7's Festival
Scotty's Rarotonga Amateur Golf Open
Town vs. Country Rugby 10's
Black Tie Gala Dinner
Rugby 15's Commences (All Grades)

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- 3** "Ra o te Ui Ariki" (Public Holiday) - observed
- 14** LBV Restaurant Bastille Day Celebrations
- 23** Te Maeva Nui Official Opening
- 24** Te Maeva Nui Float Parade
- 28 - 31 Aug** Te Maeva Nui Market Trade Days
- 28 - 6 Aug** 50th Anniversary Squash Open Tournament

Also this month...

Sailing – National Class Champs – Aitutaki
Golf Michigan Shout out/Palm grove – Open Tournament
The New Zealand College of Chiropractic
Taekwon Do Championships
Cook Islands Bowls Carnival
Miss Cook Islands 2015
Te Moana Nui Day (Lagoon Day)
Careers Expo 2015

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- 1 - 8** Cook Islands Games - CISNOC
- 4** Cook Islands National Self Governing Commemorative Day (Public Holiday)
Te Maeva Nui Closing Ceremony and Awards
- 12** International Youth Day

Also this month...

Tangi Kaara Drumming
Te Maeva Nui

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- 6 Father's Day
- 12 Rarotonga Rugby Club 15's Grand Finals
- 17 - 23 Island Car & Bike Hire 38th Round Rarotonga Road Race (RRRR)
- 25 Atiu Island Tumunu Tutaka Festival
- 27 World Tourism Day

Also this month...

International Kite Surfing Competition
Canoeing - National Distance Series

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- 1** International elderly Day
- 16** Agriculture World Food Day
- 23 - 29** Cook Islands Squash Open Tournament
- 24** LBV - Okotopa Festival (Beer and Kai)
- 26** National Gospel Day - (Public Holiday)

Also this month...

- Te Mire Tama
- Cook Islands Food and Drink Festival
- Cook Islands Rugby 7's 4 week tournament

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- 5 - 7** Sevens in Heaven Cook Islands International Sevens Tournament
- 20 - 27** Vaka Eiva - Paddling/Canoeing Festival
Vaka Eiva Market Days BTIB (Begins on the 23rd)
Sails Restaurant and Bar - Vaka Eiva Muri Mingler

Also this month...

Motu to Motu Aitutaki
Cook Islands Swimming Aitutaki
Tiare Festival
Movember Festival
Miss Thunderhipz

DECEMBER

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- 25** Christmas Day - (Public Holiday)
- 26** Boxing Day - (Public Holiday observed Monday 28th December)
Boxing Day Touch Tournament

Also this month...

Squash – Christmas Tournament
Christmas In The Market
National Senior/Vets Tennis Champions
National Junior Tennis Championships 2015
Netball in Paradise
Close of Celebrations 2015
Thanksgiving Service

