



2023 Calendar

U.S. Islands



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NEWS AND INFORMATION IN 48 LANGUAGES

Afan Oromo	Macedonian
Albanian	Mandarin
Amharic	Ndebele
Armenian	Pashto
Azerbaijani	Persian
Bambara	Portuguese
Bangla	Rohingya
Bosnian	Russian
Burmese	Sango
Cantonese	Serbian
Creole	Sindhi
Dari	Shona
English	Somali
French	Spanish
Georgian	Swahili
Hausa	Thai
Indonesian	Tibetan
Khmer	Tigrigna
Kinyarwanda	Turkish
Kirundi	Ukrainian
Korean	Urdu
Kurdish	Uzbek
Lao	Vietnamese
Lingala	Wolof

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Cover: An aerial view of Anacapa Island, one of the five islands in the Channel Islands National Park off the coast of Ventura, California.

Greetings from Voice of America



Dear Friends,

This year the VOA calendar is showcasing some of the most recognized U.S. islands, furthering our yearly quest to present characteristic examples of American natural beauty and cultural landscapes. From the island state of Hawai'i in the Pacific Ocean to Assateague Island located off the eastern coast of the Delmarva Peninsula facing the Atlantic Ocean, and from the northern Mackinac Island in Lake Huron, Michigan, to the well-known island of Key West in the southeastern state of Florida, the natural beauty of these landscapes kissed by water is unmistakable. We hope you will enjoy these beautiful photos of American islands all year long!


Throughout its history, VOA has been synonymous with timely, comprehensive, and balanced news and information and aims to tell America's story daily around the world in the dozens of languages our audience speaks. That is the reason we recently added programming in one more language, Sindhi, spoken in southeastern Pakistan, a critical region of South Asia. With this addition, VOA now broadcasts in 48 languages in nearly 100 countries on multiple platforms, including radio, television, and the internet, as well as via a network of more than 3,500 media outlets worldwide.


VOA's viewers and listeners reside primarily in countries and regions where access to accurate and timely news and information is limited, and freedom of the press is in short supply. This is profoundly true in regions with large populations of refugees or displaced people. In many of these parts of the world, VOA serves as a critical lifeline for individuals that don't have access to other reliable media resources. That is why VOA will not waver from its commitment to reach at-risk and refugee populations in the regions where we broadcast. In addition, VOA is finding compelling ways to dive deeper into the lives of displaced persons, beyond our daily coverage of refugee crises, as they arise in many parts of the world including eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.


Keep tuning in and stay connected with us! We remain dedicated to our mission of providing reliable news and information, as well as in-depth analysis and context on the U.S. and international developments you expect from us.

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Hawai'i



JANUARY 2023



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Hawai'i: The 50th state to join the United States of America, Hawai'i is the only state that is an archipelago and is comprised of eight major islands: The Big Island of Hawai'i, O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Ni'i'hau, and Kaho'olawe.



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Assateague

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Assateague: Assateague is a barrier island off the eastern coasts of the states of Maryland and Virginia. Created when a storm in 1933 separated it from the coastal town of Fenwick Island in the state of Delaware, Assateague is best known for its large population of wild horses.



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Key West

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Key West: Key West is the southernmost city in the contiguous United States, part of an 800-island chain known as the Florida Keys, reached by the 110-mile Overseas Highway across 42 bridges. Along with many U.S. presidents and famous American authors who have visited the island for many decades, Key West has long been a vacation destination for tourists arriving by land, sea and air.

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Long Island: The longest and largest island in the contiguous United States, Long Island extends into the Atlantic Ocean for more than 100 miles – from New York City to its eastern tip at Montauk Point. Fishing boats dock in the island’s marinas, dozens of vineyards populate the North Fork of the island, while its many public beaches dot the island’s coastline.

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Puerto Rico

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Puerto Rico: A U.S. territory located in the northeastern Caribbean Sea, Puerto Rico is a mountainous island with dozens of lakes and rivers amidst a tropical rainforest climate. From its El Yunque National Forest to the old El Morro fort in its capital of San Juan, the island boasts a varied and colorful landscape of both natural and cultural attractions.

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Padre Island



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Padre Island: Found off the southern coast of the state of Texas, Padre Island is the world's longest stretch of undeveloped barrier island and stretches into the Gulf of Mexico. Known for its white sandy beaches, much of the island is preserved in both a national seashore and a national refuge that are home to hundreds of species of birds and other wildlife.




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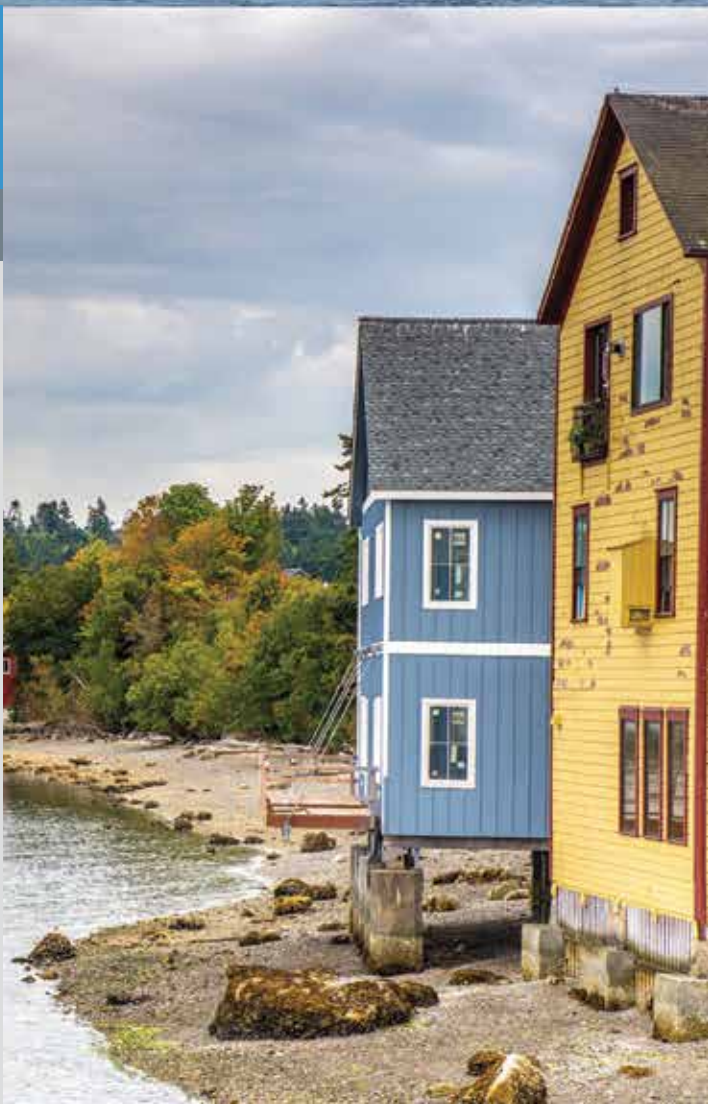

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Whidbey Island: Home to the first national historic reserve in the U.S. designated to preserve the rural history and culture of the island and to protect the area's rare and sensitive plants, Whidbey Island is accessible largely by ferries traversing the Puget Sound off the coast of Washington State in the Pacific Northwest.

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Guam: Guam's unofficial motto, "Where America's Day Begins," refers to its location in the Pacific Ocean as the westernmost point of the United States. Alongside archaeological sites that attest to more than 4,000 years of human history on the island, Guam has abundant beaches, waterfalls, rocky cliffs – and Mt. Lam Lam, technically the largest mountain in the world when measured from the bottom of the ocean.



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Mackinac Island

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Mackinac Island: Mackinac Island is located in Lake Huron between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of the Midwestern state of Michigan. The name Mackinac is derived from a Native American word that means “Big Turtle” due to the shape of the island. Formed from glaciers and with 80 percent of the island preserved in a state park, Mackinac banned automobiles in favor of horse-drawn carriages that complement the many Victorian-style homes, cottages and resorts.

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Santa Catalina

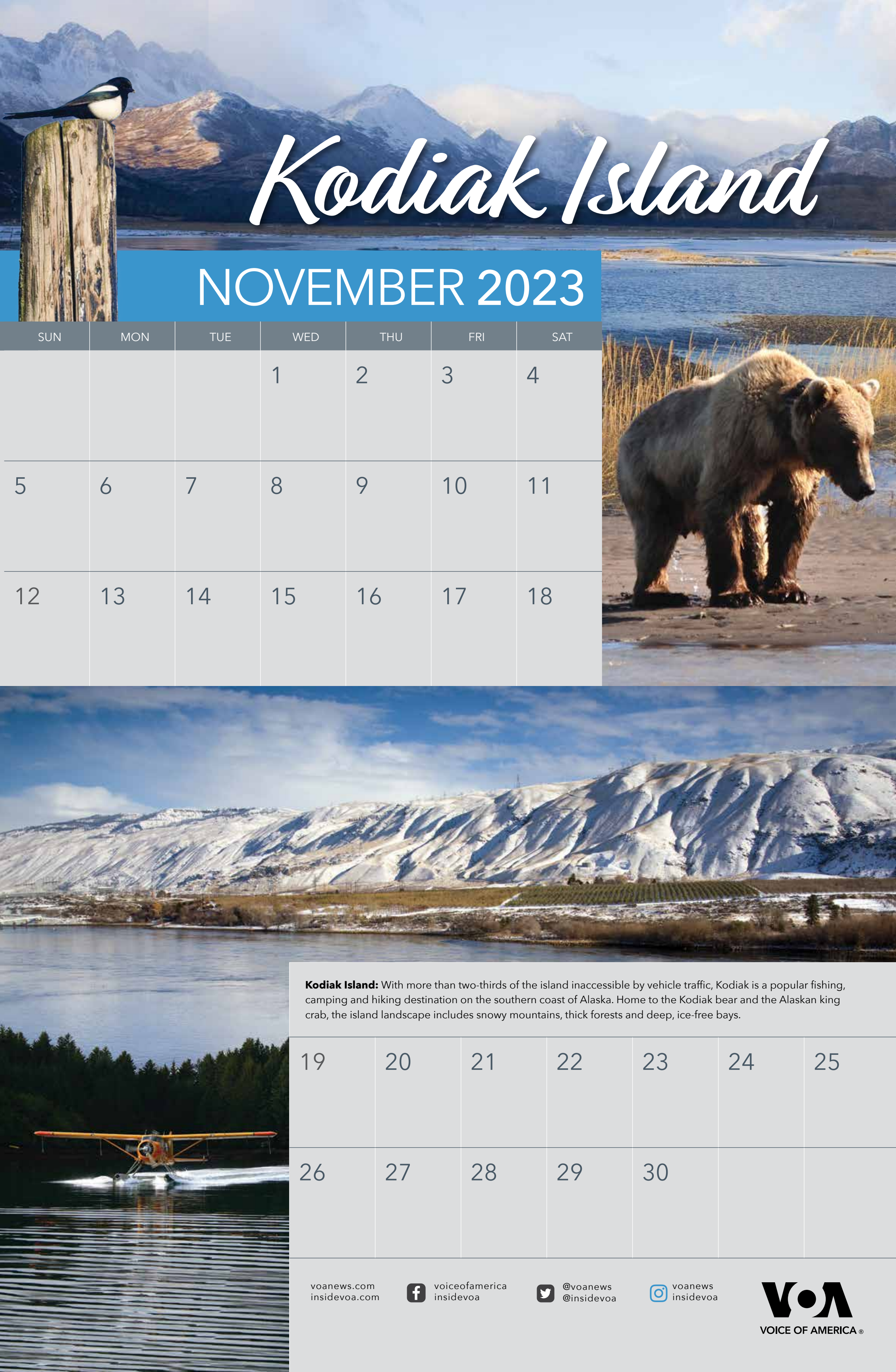
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Santa Catalina: A small, sparsely populated island 26 miles away from Los Angeles, the second most populous city in the U.S., Santa Catalina hosts more than a million visitors annually via ferry and small plane. With its warm Mediterranean climate, the island is a popular day getaway for hikers and water sports enthusiasts.

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Kodiak Island

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Kodiak Island: With more than two-thirds of the island inaccessible by vehicle traffic, Kodiak is a popular fishing, camping and hiking destination on the southern coast of Alaska. Home to the Kodiak bear and the Alaskan king crab, the island landscape includes snowy mountains, thick forests and deep, ice-free bays.



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Nantucket

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Nantucket: Accessible by ferry off the coast of the state of Massachusetts, Nantucket is considered an excellent example of a traditional New England seaport town. Originally notable for its role in the now-obsolete whaling trade, the island has been home to an arts colony for more than 100 years and the site of many festivals, drawing visitors year-round.

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