

Our last day on Hawaii, boo. We got up and checked out of the hotel. Drove on down the coast to Mrs. Fields' Macademia Nut Factory. They gave us a free tour, and we bought some nuts to take home with us. After we left the factory we drove to the Kona Coffee Plantation. We bought some coffee to bring back.

We still had about two hours to kill before we had to be at the airport. We drove back to Kona and went to the shopping mall. (not again!). We bought some postcards and got strawberry shave ice. What is shave ice you ask? Well, I will tell you. Basically, it is like a snow cone only a lot softer. They are made by taking a block of ice and running a sharp blade over the ice to shave off flakes. These flakes are gathered into a cone and packed together. After the ice is packed, you pour flavoring over the ice. In the mall we saw two restaurants next to each other called Vera's Kitchen and Betty's Kitchen. This is the name of Angie's mom and grandmother, a pretty funny coincidence. We returned the rental car and went to the airport. The airport was incredibly hot. While waiting for the plane, we got a root beer at the airport. One of the worst I ever had. I guess airport food just isn't real food after all. Off we flew to Maui.

The flight took about 25 minutes. When we arrived in Maui, it was a little warm and humid. We got our rental car and drove to the hotel. The hotel was on the west coast of Maui and the airport was on the east coast. It took about 30 minutes to drive to the hotel. The drive was really nice. It was about ten minutes across the width of Maui, then a very beautiful drive up the coast to the hotel. The hotel was in Kaanapali. As we approached the hotel (the Embassy Suites), we saw a light blue strip that ran down the side of the hotel. This looked really ugly from a distance, but as we got closer the strip turned out to be a waterfall that ran down the side of the building. What a surprise!

We checked in and unpacked. The hotel room was gorgeous! This is what I call a suite. All of the sections of the suite were huge. There was a dining room with a kitchenette, the living room had a forty-inch TV screen, with stereo and VCR! The bedroom had a huge dresser and king-size bed. The bathroom was right out of a magazine. There were two sinks on opposite sides of the room. The bathtub was big enough for two, and there was a separate

shower and an enclosed room with the toilet. Another nice thing about the Embassy Suites is their free Happy Hour.

We had a couple of drinks, then we took a bath and went off for dinner. We ate at a Chinese restaurant called China Boat. The food was very reasonably priced and the atmosphere was relaxing. The food was quite good, although the portions were small. The hot-and-sour soup almost beat our favorite at the Abacus. After dinner we drove into Lahaina town. We walked around the local shopping mall and wharf. This seems to be the happening place on the west shore of Maui.

We got up early and ate breakfast. The breakfast is free at the Embassy Suites, and I am glad it was free. The food reminded me of the cafeteria at UCSD, at least it was filling and they had a couple of good things to eat.

This was the big day. We were going to drive to Hana. For those of you who do not know about the road to Hana, let me explain. There is only one road to Hana. This road goes south down the eastern coast of Maui. The drive is about forty miles, and takes three and a half hours! The road consists of over 780 turns and over eighty one-lane bridges. The average speed is twenty miles per hour. The whole purpose of taking the road to Hana is to drive ten miles past the city. There is a National Park where the Seven Sacred Pools are located. Well, off we went.

We stopped at Puahokamo Falls on the way. We hiked about fifteen minutes to the falls. A very relaxing hike. Next, we stopped at Kopiliula Falls. This was a small waterfall with a large pool of water. There were signs all over that warned you not to swim. They claim that there is bacteria in the water from wild boar. The area was also home to a lot of stray cats. Well, on we drove to Hana. We arrived at Oheo Gulch (better known as the Seven Sacred Pools). We decided to hike up to the Waimoku Falls. The sign said it was an hour and a half round trip. I have learned that signs lie! The trip took an hour-and-a-half up there and an hour back. But, the hike was worth the trip! When we got to the Falls, we stood at the base of a 400-foot waterfall! What a sight to behold. We were both feeling brave so we waded out to the fall and stood under the waterfall. That will be an experience to remember. After resting, we started back down the trail. Why do trips back always seem shorter? Then on back to the