

hotel. Another three-and-a-half-hour drive and we reached Lahaina town. We stopped for pizza at Patio Pizza. Please, whatever you do, avoid this place. This was one of the worst pizzas in the world. When we got back to the hotel we rested and watched the Hunt for Red October (for the fourth time!).

We got up and ate breakfast. We wanted to go on a snorkeling trip to Molokini, but everything was booked. We wanted to go to the Old Lahaina Luau, but that was booked also. I recommend that if you plan to do any of these activities, you book way in advance, probably three or four days ahead. We reserved tickets for the Marriot Luau. We sat out by the pool and tanned. The hotel had a water slide so we enjoyed that.

Later, we drove off for the Luau. The ceremony was fun. We watched the guy climb coconut trees and retrieve the coconuts. After that, they husked the nut and cracked open the shell. All the performers in Hawaii seem to have the same recycled jokes; you will quickly get bored with them. The food they served was ok, but it was bland. I guess when you serve food for that many people you have to find a middle ground for everyone.

We got up and ate breakfast. Then we checked out of the hotel. We had a few hours until the plane left so we went to the Maui Tropical Plantation. We took a tram tour through the plantation. We saw pineapples, macadamia nuts, coffee, mangos, papayas, sugar cane, and many other things in the plantation. We learned things about each one, how long it takes to grow and what is done with each of the fruits. A very informative tour. After the tour we walked around the plantation and then drove off to the airport to fly to Kauai.

We arrived in Kauai. When I went to get the rental car, I got really lousy service. I had a minor fight with the sales woman about my Discover card. She wanted to check whether the card was stolen by charging money to the account (the car was pre-paid). I wanted her to call Discover and check. And the argument brewed. I finally won, yeah! We got the car and it hadn't been washed and it had water stains inside the car. Oh, well at least it was a convertible. We drove to the Westin hotel. About a five-minute drive. We unpacked and went in search of food. We ate at Cook's at the Beach, a restaurant in the hotel. The food was just okay, and the prices were pretty high.

We came back to the room and there was a free bottle of champagne waiting for us and a card from the management welcoming us to the hotel, WOW! We walked around and checked out the hotel. The Westin has a very pretty wedding chapel that sits on the edge of their lake. The hotel has a golf course and a tournament size tennis area. We took a mahogany launch out over the lake. The lake has a few islands in the middle. These islands are wildlife preserves. One island has spider monkeys, and another, flamingos. We stopped at Sharky's restaurant and got some strawberry shave ice. We took the launch back to the hotel and headed up to the room.

We got up and ate breakfast at Cook's once again. The food was just okay again, but the service was lousy. We were so mad we left a five cent tip, the first time I have ever done that. We drove up the east side of the island. On the way, we stopped at Wailua Falls. These falls are the ones that are in the beginning shot of the TV series "Fantasy Island". Further up the coast was Opaakaa Falls. These falls were nice, but not as impressive as the ones on Maui. We got to the end of the road, at the northern edge of the island. There are dry and wet caves here. In this area is Lumahai beach. This beach is where the nurses went in the movie **South Pacific**.

On the way back down the coast we stopped at Charo's restaurant. The food was expensive and there was a very limited selection of Mexican food, so we decided not to eat there. At least we can say we have been there. Driving down the coast we stopped at the Coconut Grove Marketplace. We looked around and bought a couple of T-shirts. When we got back to the hotel we went to the pool. Angie didn't want to go into the cold water, so I had no choice but to throw her in, heh heh. We swam for a little while. The Westin has the largest swimming pool of any hotel around. We sat in the jacuzzi till our weary bones stopped hurting, or we became prunes, whichever happened first. We went to dinner at Duke's at the Westin. The hotel has ten restaurants! The food was wonderful and the service was far above expectations. In fact I think our waiter, Marc, was the best waiter we have ever had. After dinner we walked down by the beach and then headed off to sleep.