

We got up early and drove to Eggbert's for breakfast. We missed the turn so we just continued on to the west side of Kauai. This drive was very nice. We took a side tour down to Poipu. Once there we stopped at the Hilton and looked around, then we headed over to the Hyatt. (Yes, we had to check out all the other hotels for the next time we go to Hawaii.) A nice hotel, but I liked the Westin better. We ate breakfast at the Hyatt and looked at the hotel. The pool was fantastic. It was basically a river three and a half feet deep. Imagine a lap pool that is about a half a mile long with a lot of turns and bordered by flora. At the end of the river is a waterslide. Can't be a nice pool without one. At various spot in the pool/river, there are small inlets where you can go and sit in private.

The drive back to the main road was pretty slow because of road construction. I noticed that there is always a police officer anywhere there is road construction. We stopped at the local shopping mall and bought shave ice. This time they put a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the bottom. We bought T-shirts and a Christmas ornament.

At the end of the road was Spouting Horn. This is a small beach that has some rock formations. In the middle of the rocks is a hole. Through this hole, water comes shooting up in the air. A pretty impressive sight, but you may have to wait twenty or thirty minutes before an impressive burst appears. We drove the rest of the way up the main highway to Barking Sand Beach. At the end of the road there is a missile-testing base. The road abruptly ends and becomes a dirt road.

We turned around and started back. We turned off the road and drove up to Waimea Canyon. This is known as the Grand Canyon of the Hawaiian Islands. The view from the first lookout is breathtaking. If you look very carefully you can see a tiny waterfall in the distance. At the top of the mountain, is the Air National Guard stationed. From here you can see Waialeale Point. This is the wettest spot on earth. On the drive down we got behind a very slow driver that refused to pull over and let everyone pass. Just as a future tip to anyone driving in Hawaii, please let faster traffic pass you when on a two-lane road, thank you. This has been a public service announcement.

We ate lunch at Taco Bell and came back to the room. We showered and changed

clothes. For dinner, we ate at Sharky's. We sat at a table near a very bratty and loud child. We found out her name was Garbo. I think every one in the restaurant knew her name because her parents kept repeating it. (Garbo, sit down, etc...) We rode back to the hotel on the mahogany launches. It was too late to take the horse-drawn carriage rides. Oh well, maybe in Seaport Village.

We got up early and packed. (Gee, I thought on vacation you were supposed to sleep in?) Checked out of the hotel. Finally we went to Eggbert's for breakfast. The food was great. The headwaiter was very strange. He had a speech all prepared. It sounded like a sales pitch. The worst part was that you had to hear him give the same speech to every new person that came into the restaurant. I have to highly recommend going to this restaurant if you are in Kauai. After eating we went to the airport. Boarded our plane to Oahu.

We arrived in Oahu. The flight was short. We got our rental car and took off to see the sights. This was our last day in Hawaii. Our plane left at 10:00pm so we had about eleven hours to see Oahu. The first thing we saw was Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. We had lunch there. Fast food, chips and sandwich and soda. Surprisingly, the price was pretty cheap (\$2.80 for both of us). After seeing the memorial, we drove up to the northshore. We stopped at the Dole plantation. We wanted to get a tour, but they are only available in Waikiki.

So, off to the northshore and then the Polynesian Cultural Center. We walked around the different villages and learned about some of the cultures. In the village of Samoa, they told the same jokes and did the same silly things from the Luau. I guess it gets boring after about twenty times. We took a boat ride. The boat was propelled by a person with a pole. He told jokes and explained about some of the things we saw. We ate a buffet dinner at the center. The food was good, and it was "all-you-can-eat". Walking through the center we found two flower wreaths that had been left behind. We snagged them for ourselves. We sat and watched the "This is Polynesia" show. We had to leave an hour early to make it back to the airport in time. Arrived at the airport and boarded our flight back to San Diego.