

27 February ~ Wednesday, Fly to Maui, Iao Valley

I'm not sure I enjoy watching the sun rise while we are eating breakfast. Traffic is heavy to the airport. Another hop to the second largest island, Maui, the "Valley Isle." The population is 141k and has only one hospital.

The median price for a three-bedroom house is \$634k. Gas is \$3.91.

Our route takes us across the island between Mt. Haleakalā, which is obscured by cloud, a mix of carbon dioxide, water vapor and sulphur dioxide, and the West Maui Mountains. Christine hopes the trade winds will come and blow the clouds away.

We pass the Bailey House Museum *Hale Ho'ike'ike* or "House of Display" the name the Maui Historical Society has given to the renovated home of Edward Bailey, a missionary and artist, who with his wife, came to Maui in 1837.



To our right is the Black Gorge with its rocky outcrop fancifully said to resemble John F. Kennedy's profile.

The Iao Valley is lush green and narrow, cut by the Iao stream. Signs warn us of imminent flash floods. So what would we do? Climb a tree? A short climb gives us a good view of a 1,200ft cinder cone, the Iao Needle, which dominates the landscape.

JFK?



192. Goodbye Kauai.



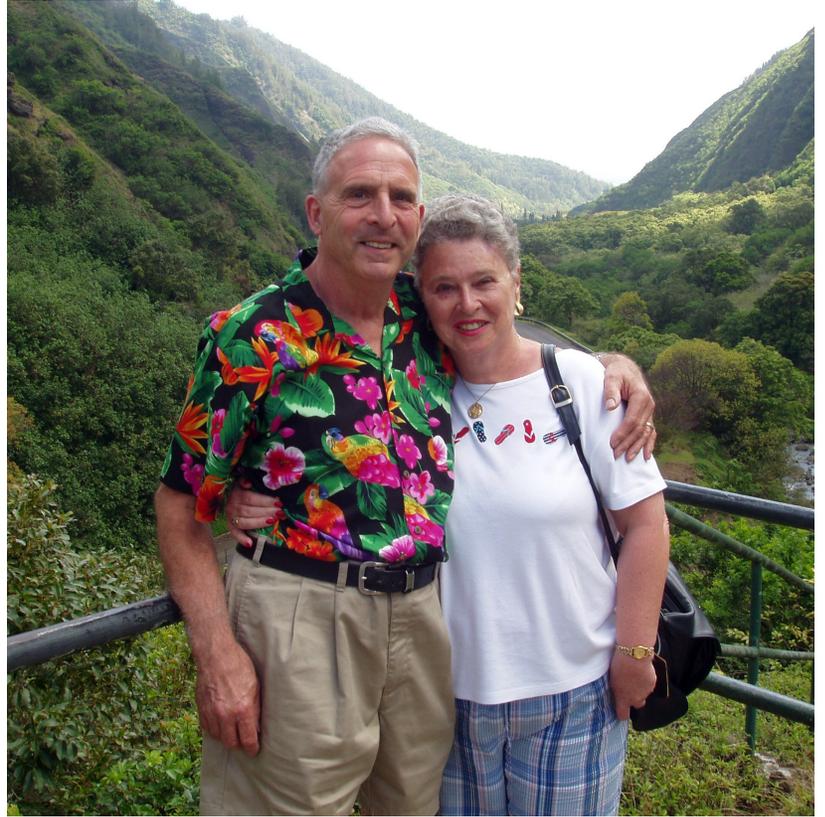
201. Iao Valley.



204. The Iao stream.



205. Iao Needle.



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Jan makes friends with a semi-wild cat.

We drive through an avenue of trees; Monkey Pod with long brown bean-like seeds, and meet the sea at Ma'alaea Bay. Then turn north following the shoreline of alternating rocky coves and narrow sandy beaches until we reach historic Lahaina, the capital.

Lahaina started as an ancient Hawaiian fishing village and became important to the tall ships in the early 1800's due to its natural harbor.



215. Friends.



226. Shipwreck.

216. Lahaina Capital of



222. Banyan Tree.

A Banyan tree planted in 1873 dominates the city square. One huge tree, its many trunks and branches occupy almost an acre. Across the street is the Pioneer Inn where we peer out from under a rolled up blind and enjoy a leisurely lunch in island time.



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The Pioneer Inn was built in 1901 by George Freeland a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who came to the islands in pursuit of a criminal and decided to stay. For a long time, the Pioneer Inn was the only hotel in Lahaina.



224. The Pioneer Inn.

The Hyatt occupies a large estate. The beach is not exciting, but we enjoy the grounds complete with Black Swans, Flamingos and Penguins.

An expensive dinner at the Shells, included in the tour, culminated with a most elaborate crême brûlée. A chocolate bowl holds the crême, skewered with two chocolate sticks, the whole surrounded by fruit, whipped cream and raspberry drizzle.

227. Lahaina ocean-





The Hyatt is the building furthest north on the beach.



230. Hyatt internal courtyard.



231. War canoe.



232. Penguins.



248 Bromelads in the Atrium.

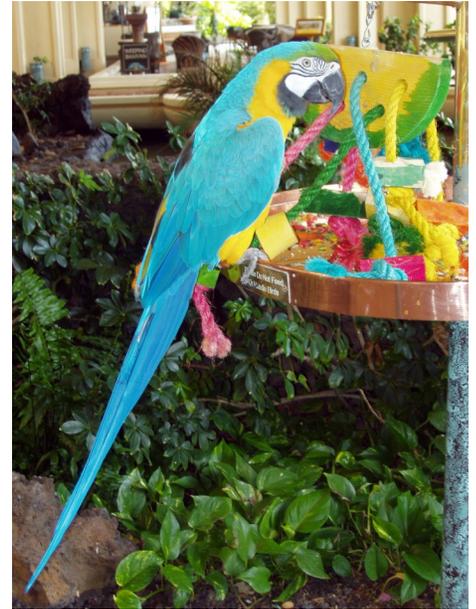


242. Native reindeer?



237. Our room overlooks the grounds and swimming pool, 245.

240. Black Swan.



250. Buddy?

238. Flamingoes.



241. White Swan.



251. Two views of the pool



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