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Laura,

Thanks for reserving a room for us.

The Hawaii trip is not a group tour. It was instigated by a 25% discount on flights offered by ATA, the airline Bob, Dawn's husband, works for as a pilot. There is a chance he will pilot our flight. So we booked the flight online (with his help) and then reserved a room and a car online. We will fly from Grand Rapids to Midway (in Chicago) and then to Maui. We might possibly refuel on the west coast, but we will not change planes. Here is where we will be staying:

Best Western Maui Oceanfront Inn
2980 S Kihei Road
Kihei Maui, Hawaii, United States
Phone: 808-879-7744

We leave May 4 and return May 18. Carol's cell phone #: 517-281-4447.

I've read about the bike ride down the volcano, but I don't think we'll do it. I'm not much of a bicyclist and Carol certainly isn't. Amy, Tom and I did a similar trip down a mountain in Colorado. Speeding down hill for miles on a bike can be pretty scary. But we will probably drive up and walk around a bit. They say it is a great place to watch the sunrise, but we'd have to go up the night before and camp out. I've read that scenes from Total Recall were filmed there.

Carol is happy to let me snorkel and hike without her. There are lots of guided snorkeling and hiking trips. There is also a submarine trip that is surprisingly cheap.

Thanks for sending the list of hikes in the Sleeping Bear/Traverse City area. Most are new to me. It will be fun to seek them out on some of those 4-day weekends I'll have all of the next year or so (I'll be working Tues-Thurs only).

I haven't been to Mt. Baldy in so long that I can't remember how much dune area there is to wander around in. Is climbing the steps the only way to get to it?

Steve