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Alan and Brigid,

This morning we took a boat trip to the Molokini Crater, a submerged crater off the coast here. I took a lot of pictures of fish with my disposable underwater camera. Then we went to another spot where we saw sea turtles. Now we are back at the hotel and it is only 11:00. Tonight is the luau and tomorrow is my hike in the big crater (weather permitting). Carol tried, but gave up on snorkeling. Instead, she used a boogie board with a little glass window.

It is in the 80's here most of the time and sometimes humid. We are on the dry side of the island.

Yesterday we toured a plantation that had a big variety of stuff, probably for the benefit of the tourists. Star fruit, papaya, mango, coconut, pineapple, macadamia nuts, and others I don't remember.

There are a bunch of standard, popular "activities" here. The snorkeling trip to Molokini crater and the sea turtles, watching the sunrise at the top of the crater, bicycling down the crater, driving to Hana (or taking a tour bus). On just about every block there is a shop that books any of these activities for you. Kayaking - in the ocean, not rivers - is also big here.

I think the best thing about the island is the beauty - the mountains and the ocean beaches. I think we will spend much of the rest of our time just riding around.

Carol was having trouble with her stomach yesterday, so we took her to the doctor. He gave her something for nausea and she is better. He thought she might have a virus. She goes back to the doctor Friday, while I am hiking the crater. He's got her on a grilled cheese diet.

Steve