



Pete & Mary Clukey

Hawaii 2002 Trip Report

Early spring, Pete and I began discussing a July vacation. Pete mentioned this to our friend Mike... and they (Mike & Marie) foolishly decided to join us. Well, the search was on. We explored cruise options, but then Mary found a deal to Hawaii (The Big Island).

We purchased the Royal Kona Romance Package from Expedia - www.expedia.com This package included airfare for two, an ocean front corner king room, convertible rental car, daily breakfast, a romantic sunset cruise (a.k.a. Booze Cruise), and a luau.

First we had to get to Orlando to join our friends.

Friday 7/12/02

21:50 - 23:11 Delta #151 Atlanta (ATL) - Orlando (MCO)

Early the next day, we were once again Hawaii bound!

Saturday 7/13/02

7:30 - 9:57 United 279 Orlando (MCO) - Los Angeles (LAX) 11:00 - 13:28 United 57 Los Angeles (LAX) - Kona (KOA)

Upon arrival in Kona we were greeted by Cho's Leis 808-334-0706 (something that we pre-arranged). Then we proceded to pick up our convertible rental car from Dollar. After which, we checked into Royal Kona Resort, Kona, HI – www.royalkona.com

After we settled in, it was time to let the fun began ... with a dinner cruise

16:45 Capt'n Beans Sunset Dinner Sail - http://www.robertshawaii.com/roberts/home.asp?menu=6%2E1%2E1&mscssi d=ELWW0L2A8UKF8H3AG118T1GUVWPA9R91

Sunday 7/14/02

The next day began with a morning snorkel at Kahalu'u (with sea turtles).

The afternoon and evening was spent on the top of Mauna Kea with Mauna Kea Summit Adventure - www.maunakea.com

Monday 7/15/02

Day of rest & relaxing (well a morning) at Anaehoomalu Bay.

The afternoon we spent on a 2hr Big Island Spectacular tour with Blue Hawaiian Helocopter's www.bluehawaiian.com/big_island_frameset.htm The evening, we enjoyed the Royal Kona Luau www.konaluau.com

Tuesday 7/16/02

Mike & Marie went diving with Jack's Diving Locker -

http://www.jacksdivinglocker.com/welcome.htm

Pete & Mary went on a Lava Hike with Arnott's Lodge -

www.arnottslodge.com/volcano.html

see also: www.nps.gov/havo

http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/kilauea/update/main.html

Wednesday 7/17/02

Today we traveled to Volcano National Park/Hilo via

Kealakekua Bay - www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/hawaii.html

Pu`uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park - www.nps.gov/puho (snorkel & Hawaiian culture)

South Point

Punalu'u (black sand beach)

Volcano winery - www.volcanowinery.com

We stayed at the Volcano House -

http://www.nps.gov/havo/pphtml/lodging.html

And viewed red hot lava after dark.

Kilauea - www.nps.gov/havo

http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/kilauea/update/main.html

Thursday 7/18/02

There is nothing like waking up on the rim of an active volcano... Oh, and it was our anniversary.

We traveled from Volcano National Park/Hilo back to Kona via Lava tree park - www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/hawaii.html Rainbow Falls

We had a wonderful lunch at Harrington's in Hilo.

Akaka Falls - www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/hawaii.html Waipi'o Valley

We finished the evening at Lu Lu's in Kona with a few drinks and light dinner.

Friday 7/19/02

We started the day early (6:00am) and traveled to our pick up point for a morning hike.

Valley Waterfall Adventure Hike - www.hawaii-forest.com/waterfall.html

Dinner at Kona Brewery - www.konabrewingco.com "good pizza"

And then we bid a fond farewell to Hawaii....

19:15 - 5:07

United

Kona (KOA) - Los Angeles (LAX)

Seat#: 22E

Saturday 7/20/02

8:45 - 16:36 United #278 Los Angeles (LAX) - Orlando (MCO) 19:10 - 20:39 Delta #1972 Orlando (MCO) - Atlanta (ATL)