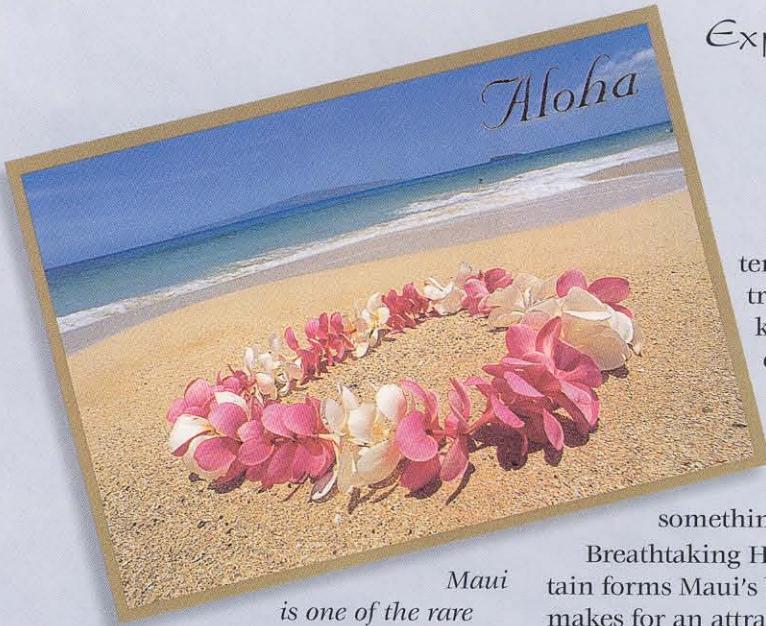


Dreams

Come True in Blue Hawaii

With The Expert Traveler



Maui is one of the rare pieces of the world that has no "high" or "low" season. That means whenever you're ready for Maui—Maui's ready for you.

The Hawaiian island of Maui may well be the perfect vacation spot. With its steady weather pat-



terns—aided by tradewinds that keep the island cool and breezy—and almost unlimited options for adventure, it has something for everyone.

Breathtaking Haleakala mountain forms Maui's backdrop and makes for an attraction every visitor must experience. 10,023 feet at its summit, Haleakala has both driving and hiking trails, camping facilities and, of course, an incredible abundance of plant and animal life unique to the area. I recommend a morning trip of driving up to the top of the mountain to watch the sunrise, then bicycling down just in time for lunch.

Speaking of lunch, now would be a good time to mention the exquisite cuisine to be enjoyed during your trip to Maui. Of course, coconut and coconut oil can be found in almost any dish. Pineapple and poi (a side dish prepared fresh daily) are other staples in the Hawaiian diet. You'll also be able to get your fill of fresh seafood like mahi mahi and sample the world

famous tropical drinks. And, if you like Asian food you'll find the Hawaiians have adopted many authentic Asian dishes and serve them right alongside their native foods.

Once you've eaten your fill, there's more exploring to do. On your way up Haleakala you'll have noticed the famous Hawaiian sugar cane fields. The stalks of cane, which can grow to about 15 feet, are really something to see. If you're lucky, you may get the chance to taste sugar in its purest form.

If you're planning your trip to Maui anytime from December through May, be sure to plan a whale watching expedition. You'll want to include the whole family in this adventure. During the "winter" months, the endangered Hawaiian humpback whale migrates from Alaska to their winter calving ground in Hawaii. Most of the whales that make the journey end up off the coast of Maui in between Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe, guaranteeing superb sightings. Be sure to take a jacket for the sometimes chilly breezes off the ocean and plenty of film for your camera.

