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Travel Tip for Today

Hands Free for Cell Phones—Many areas of the world are banning the use of handheld cell phones, text messaging devices, laptops and similar wireless gear while driving. Honolulu just recently became one of those places. If you are like me and use your cell phone while driving, it's time to drag yourself into this new technology. It's safer, and certainly less expensive in the long run if you don't want to get a ticket.

Destination of the Month

Because **England** had her fingers in so many parts of the world for so long, **London** has an extremely diverse population. There are so many things to do and see and buy, there is something for everyone, and they speak your language—sort of! Daffodils in the spring at Hyde Park, huge sales after Christmas (go shopping and then go to the theater!), Victoria and Albert Museum, outdoor markets (Covent Garden is a favorite of mine), Liberty's of London (cotton lawn for quilting or a silk scarf), Hamley's Toy Store (any toy that exists!), Harrod's (buy something with their logo—dart flights are cheap!), have a Ploughman's lunch (bread, cheese and Branston pickle, yum!), go to the Tower and see the Crown Jewels, sit on a park bench and just listen to the locals talk!

If you can't go there, go here!

Portland Art Museum

Virtual Worlds--M.C. Escher. His work inspired me to make tessellation quilts for my children! Until September 13. Closed Mondays
Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children under 17--free
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Great Values!

Golfers!— Turtle Bay Resort, North Shore of O'ahu. 3 nights, \$1,290. That's \$215 pp/night. Unlimited golf! How many holes can you play?

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island—8 days, \$995 pp plus taxes, fees and air. Go in October to see fall colors!

The World Through My Eyes

Striding up to the rear of the Pantheon in Rome, I observe walls made of plain, rather ugly bricks, each one only about one inch thick. That's a lot of bricks! Then I find that those walls are actually 20 feet thick! In a hurry to arrive, I now stand in awe of this building! Constructed in the year 126 AD, this once pagan temple has been reborn. The Romans were early recyclers. What was once a temple to all gods is now dedicated to One. Veins in the huge marble pillars seem to be maps of mysterious countries. The interior is a circle; the only light necessary comes from a hole in the ceiling that is never closed. The quantity of quality architecture in Rome is over-whelming, but this work of art warms my heart and dampens my eyes like no other in this City of Seven Hills.

Looking to the future ➡

Come walk with me in the Komen for the Cure walk/run in Honolulu October 18! I have rooms held at the Miramar, a moderate, centrally located hotel in Waikiki. Other hotels can also be arranged. The package includes the Miramar for 5 nights with breakfast, October 15-20, a ticket to the race/walk and entrance to the Bishop Museum with the newly restored Hawaiian Hall. I'll be going there myself and would love to have you come with me! A portion of this package is designated as a donation to the Susan G Komen Foundation. Price: \$420 per person, double occupancy. Check my website for more details or call me. Last day to sign up—**August 14.** Contact me today to sign up!

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