

# Destinations by Donna

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## Travel Tip for Today

### TSA Secure Flight Program

TSA is instituting a new program that will require domestic passengers to have their name on the reservation as it appears on their identification, as well as gender and birth date. International passengers will also be required to have their passport number and the expiration date in the reservation. If you have current reservations and are traveling in the future, you will not be required to have this information. Different airlines will institute this program at different times. Be prepared to provide this information if you plan to make flight plans in the future.

For the most current information, google Secure Flight Program.

## Destination of the Month

Because I spent 8 days on O'ahu in late April, it is foremost in my mind just now. Looking to the right, you can see how I felt about Waimea Valley. Visiting Chinatown for the first time was fascinating to me. I would love to shop there weekly for my fruits and vegetables—but maybe not for pig's heads and chicken's feet! I love so many things about the diverse O'ahu, but one of my favorite places is the Manoa Valley. It is very close to Honolulu, but a world apart with its historic homes on hillsides, heiaus, waterfalls and hiking trails. Try the Wai'oli Tea Room!

## If you can't go there, go here!

### Heirloom Roses—3 large rose gardens

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## Great Values!

**Here is good news** — There are so many “deals” to be had in Mexico, especially all-inclusive resorts, that they are too numerous to mention here. Ask me! Some at 50% off! Lock in the rate now!

## The World Through My Eyes

His name is Fred. Not Frederick nor Frederico, just Fred. What makes him think he is so special that he can strut around showing off his good looks like a peacock?? Well, he is a peacock, that's why! He claims ownership of the Waimea Valley and I made his acquaintance about a month ago. I didn't go to this incredible valley when it was a commercial water park, so I cannot fully appreciate the change. Strolling along the paved pathway, gazing in awe at everything from a cannonball tree to the brilliant red ginger plant, I felt like I might be the only person in the valley. Finding a place like this where the goal is to preserve native plants and teach the Hawaiian culture makes me grateful that I can share this experience with you. It is a glimpse of paradise, with a ¾ mile walk to the falls, under which you can swim when there isn't too much runoff from a rainstorm. There is even a lifeguard! Ask him to take your picture for your blog. I did!

## Looking to the future →

Look for information regarding a trip to O'ahu in October for the Susan G. Komen Cancer Walk on my website, to include optional activities in culture, health and wellness. Currently, I am planning to spend 5 days on O'ahu and perhaps 3 days on Moloka'i doing a bit of hiking and maybe the famous Mule Ride to Kalaupapa. (Father Damien is to be canonized in October.) Details will also be printed here in the next newsletter.

Check out where I've been recently on my blog!  
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