

A satellite map of the Hawaiian Islands. The islands are shown in a light tan color against a dark blue ocean. The island of Kauai is highlighted with a white crosshair and a dashed white box. To the right of the crosshair, the text "Kauai, Hawaii" is written in white. In the lower right, the island of Oahu is visible with two red triangles marking specific locations. A yellow line is visible on the island of Niihau.

Kauai, Hawaii

Kauai - November 19 - 25 2011



View from our Lanai at the Outrigger Plantation in Koloa near Poipu in
Kauai





Mynia bird - woke us up every morning.



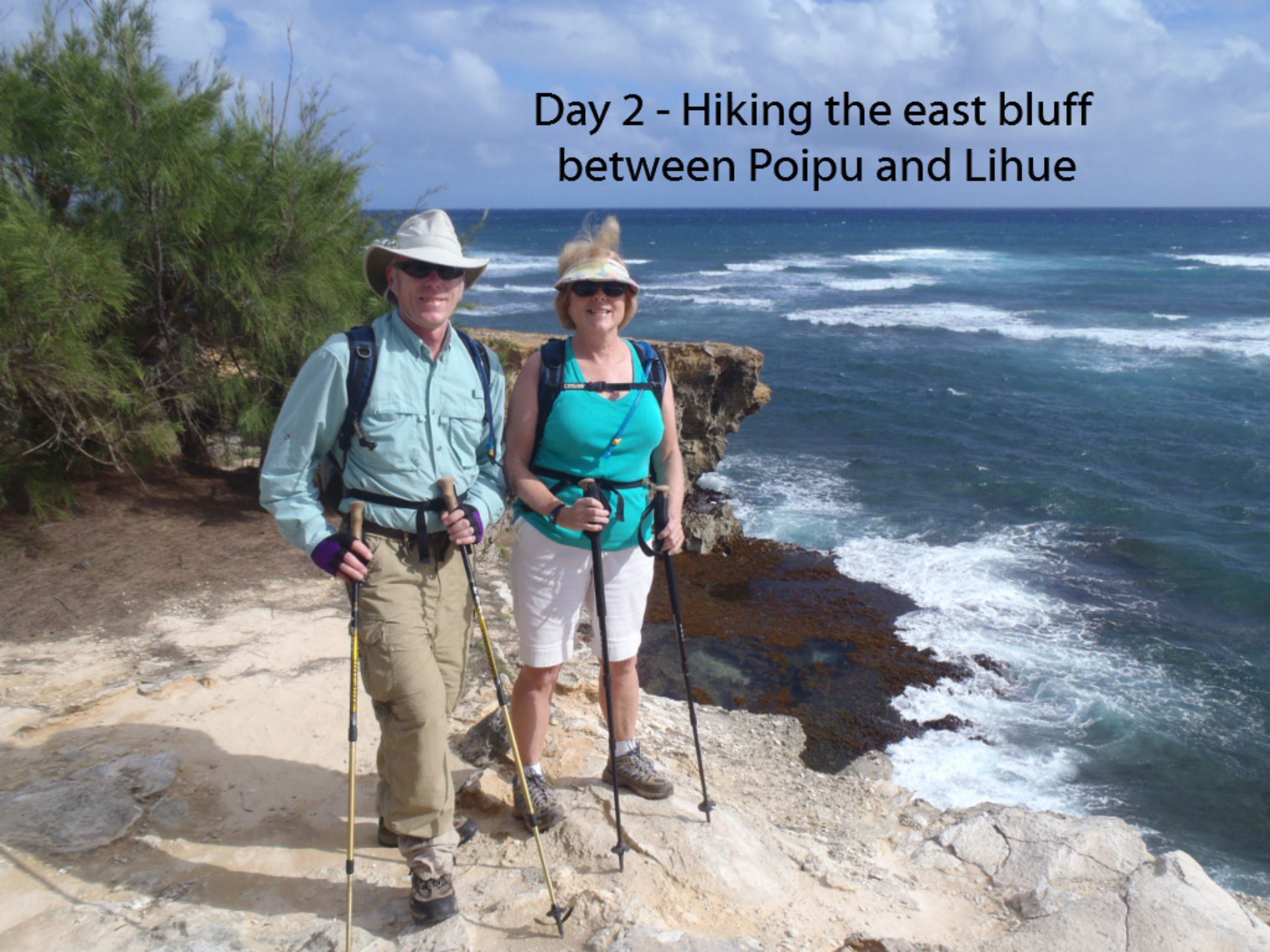
Our digs, center of second floor.



Orchid garden



Day 2 - Hiking the east bluff between Poipu and Lihue























Ship wreck beach by the Hyatt in Poipu.

Sowing Cat's watch band
before our heli tour - Day 3.





HELICOPTERS

This was not on our list of things to do, but it was fantastic.



The coast south of Lihue.



An aerial photograph of a lush, green mountain landscape. A waterfall, identified as Manawaiopuna Falls, is visible cascading down a steep, forested slope. The surrounding area is densely covered in tropical vegetation. The sky is overcast and grey.

Manawaiopuna Falls (aka "The Jurassic Falls")



A first-person perspective from the cockpit of a helicopter. The pilot, wearing a blue cap and sunglasses, is visible on the left. The instrument panel with various gauges and a license plate reading 'N251H' is in the lower right. Through the windshield, a tall, narrow waterfall cascades down a rocky cliff into a lush green forest. The helicopter's rotor blades are visible at the top and right edges of the frame.

Landing at Jurrasic falls with
Jody, our Vietnam vet scout
pilot.



A photograph of a tall, powerful waterfall cascading down a steep, rocky cliff. The water is white and frothy as it falls. The surrounding area is covered in dense, lush green tropical vegetation, including trees and bushes. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the waterfall. The text "Jurassic Falls" is overlaid in white at the bottom left.

Jurassic Falls









Heading into Waimea canyon.







Napali coast







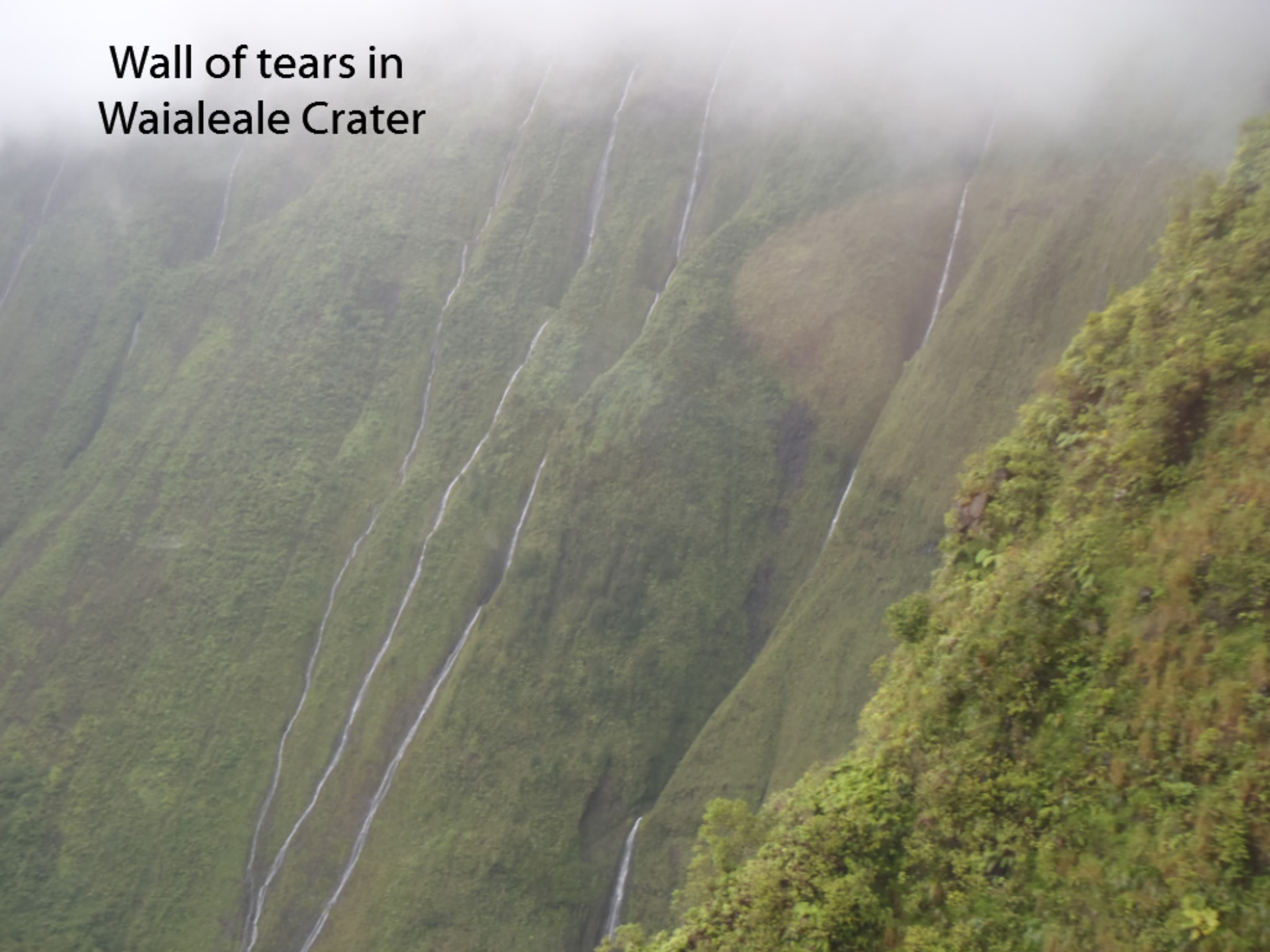


Waialeale Crater





Wall of tears in Waialeale Crater









Lunch with Maui chips in Kauai.





Day 4 - off to the Napali coast on a raft.

The image shows a vast expanse of blue ocean water with a textured surface of small, choppy waves. Two dark, triangular shapes, which are the dorsal fins of tiger sharks, are visible above the water's surface. One fin is in the lower-left quadrant, and the other is further back and higher up in the center of the frame. The sharks are swimming in a pattern that mimics a school of spinner dolphins, which are known for their distinctive leaping behavior.

School of Tiger sharks masquerading as spinner dolphins.











Snorkle spot and lunch.





Sea cucumber.





Making rope from a coconut.





Sea turtles.











Day 4 - hiking in Waimea canyon.





























Day 5 - snorkeling with Captain Tara.





A photograph of three spinner dolphins leaping from the surface of the ocean. The dolphins are captured mid-air, their bodies arched as they move away from the water. The water is a deep blue with visible ripples and a white wake trailing behind the dolphins. The text "Spinner dolphins." is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image.

Spinner dolphins.







Sea turtle.











Captain Tara.







National Botanical Garden.







