

travel log

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Stolen moments
for passing plays

KAUAI, Hawaii — This is the island that makes you feel that you are really in Hawaii. Mountains rising green as Bah-Hai out of the blue sea. A helicopter ride into a crater in the wettest mountain on earth. A do-your-own-thing tour in which the guide climbs under a fence to steal fruit for the passengers.

Kauai is the oldest of the Hawaiian Islands, but it is only now being discovered by tourists from the mainland. There are 30,000 people on the island, 6,000 of them in the city of Lihue, which is composed of several long streets and a sugar mill, with flame trees lighting the side streets like lamps.

The helicopter tours, run by Kenai Air out of Lihue, take you high over the Waimea Canyon, land on the deserted sand beaches of the Na Pali Coast, and then fly into Waialeale Crater.

WAIALEALE IS called the rain mountain. A cloud is always



From the road you can see the water flowing step by step through the pools from tree-hung rocks above you to the white surf beach below. Bathers run carefree on the racks and swim in the deep, cool pools along the length of the waterway. (Photo by Iris Sanderson Jones)

hooked on its top and drops 400 to 600 inches of rain a year. The view through the helicopter window is one you will never forget. A dozen waterfalls drip down the sides of the steep, green mountain into the crater.

The rain mountain is visible from any point on the island. On the Ima Loa tour, which literally means, do-your-own-thing, a small van takes you through Lihue, down the Hanalei Valley, and along the marvelous sand beach coastline to a wildlife refuge.

From Lihue, Highway 56 goes downhill through sugarcane fields, past the golf course where Bing Crosby used to play, and across the Wailui River, the only really navigable river in the islands.

Our tour guide decides that we must sample all the fruits and nuts that grow here in her homeland. She has brought a plastic bag for each of us, and she stops beside the road whenever she sees mangos or passion fruit growing. It was a long time since anybody stole fruit for me, and I liked it.

We pass the ancient Heiau, where human sacrifices were once made, across the road from what is now the Coco Palms Hotel, and stop briefly at Opaekoe Falls. Here we can look down to where white birds fly across the Wailui River Valley, with rough-rimmed mountains outlined against the distant sky.

At the first unofficial fruit stop, a dog barks as our guide picks up passion fruit that has fallen from a tree in somebody's backyard. At the next stop, she climbs a barbed-wire fence for mangos.

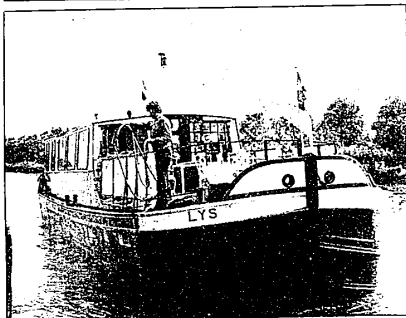
"See those clusters of small yellow fruit? That's guava." This time a passenger gets out to help pick the fruit hanging over the fence. We even stop at a fruit farm, where a friend allows us to pick bananas off the abundant trees.

Munching fruit, we go downhill past the gorgeous surf and sand of Kealia Beach. Kealia means salt pan. Here we are near the

hole in the mountain which legend says was caused by a great chief who threw a spear.

WE SAW DEEP DRY caves and deep wet caves. We waded at surf-stroked sand beaches. We watched people swim in pools designed for Adam and Eve. And we looked down from high cliffs to waves breaking high against rock-cliff shorelines.

But it was the mood of the day that spelled the magic of Kauai, and the mood was created by the people. When you have tasted guava, mango, and passion fruit stolen especially for you, you have tasted Hawaii.



The Lys is one of the many reconvered barges now allowing tourists another view of the shores along England's and Europe's waterways.

Barging in

Editor's note: Ken Lawrence, world traveler now associated with the "World Adventure Series" at the Detroit Institute of Arts, has recently journeyed aboard river barges in Europe and England. He has filed this report on a mode of travel which is gaining in popularity.

By KEN LAWRENCE

To call them barges would be accurate — but then again maybe not. Rapidly catching on is a trip by river barge in various parts of Europe and England. Former cargo barges have been stripped down and refitted into luxurious hotel barges, generally carrying just six to 12 passengers at a time. I've taken four such trips and found them to be a delight. Food, sidetrips and attention to detail are top-flight throughout.

Stanley and Jarret Kroll of New York, themselves avid canal barge buffs, and authors of "European Waterways by Barge," turned their avocation into a thriving business known as Floating Through Europe, based in NYC, pleasing overseas travelers with these river and canal-barge treats. The MV (for Motor Vessel) Actief plies the River Thames between Windsor Castle and Oxford in England.

The K-boats, the Beverly K and the Jean K, operate in tandem — one the power and dining-room barge, pulling the stateroom barge — between Wooster and Stratford-Upon-Avon on the Severn and Avon rivers in England. The Lyngueda travels the Seine and Yonne Rivers in France between Nemour (near Fontainebleau) and Auxerre. The Bon Jour, formerly on the Thames, is being transferred to Midi-France.

BUT THE STAR of all is the Lys, traversing a number of rivers and canals beginning and ending in Amsterdam. The Lys is a comfortable old shoe-box of a Dutch barge his hull was built in 1903 and refitted only in recent years.

Captain and Mrs. Edwin Miller and the crew of three make your life a

dream for seven days and six nights, traveling through little-known parts of Holland, seeing this otherwise flat and featureless country side from an entirely different and amazing perspective. One night, for instance, is spent moored at the dock of an ancient windmill, and the Dutch family who lives there comes aboard to chat and share an evening libation. Such delightful, charming, friendly, good looking people.

Food aboard all the barges is intended to represent the cuisine of the country, but with a bit of a difference. It is prepared and served in a fashion of quality, and in plenitude. Succulent stuffed roast of veal, as one example, is accompanied with fresh-cooked vegetables, all purchased and prepared that very day. Souffles, quiche, flan, mousse, you name it. Wines of your choice are complimentary for both lunch and dinner.

Little details catch your attention like fresh flowers always on the table, which are kept fresh or replaced. There are mid-day treats and a little dish of chocolates awaits you in your room at night. Hot tea or coffee is brought to your door in the morning. Fresh fruit is always available.

One dinner and one luncheon is planned ashore, and Miller goes out of his way to find the best yet most native and interesting places to take you so you'd get the true taste and flavor of Holland.

The captains and their chef-wives of these barges bend themselves out of joint to give you a taste of their country.

Detroit Institute of Arts "World Adventure Series" season passholders will have a chance to win an all-expense paid trip for two aboard the Actief next summer, courtesy of Floating Through Europe and in cooperation with British Airways.

To be eligible, you must be a pass holder of record by Nov. 2. The trip will also be offered to season ticket holders as a package deal. Call 833-2730, for further details.

New season
for Institute's
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The 47th season of the World Adventure Series starts at the Detroit Institute of Arts Oct. 26 with the "Stately Homes of England."

Ken Lawrence will host the series this year, replacing the late George Pierre who founded it and graced the institute stage for so many years.

The 1980-81 season schedule is:

- Oct. 26 "Come to the Castle — England's Stately Homes" with Howdy Meyers and Lucia Perigo
- Nov. 2 "Caribbean Cruise — Dutch West Indies to Guyana" with Lisa Chickering and Jeanne Porterfield
- Nov. 9 "Poland" with Sherilyn and Matthew Mentes
- Nov. 16 "The Three Rivers" with Frank Carney
- Nov. 23 "The Glories of Spain" with Thayer Soule
- Nov. 30 "Pulse of Portugal" with Jonathan Hagar
- Dec. 7 "Devil's Highway — the Fabulous Colorado River" with John M. Goddard
- Dec. 14 "South Seas Adventure — Micronesia" with Chris Borden
- Jan. 11 "Wonders of Greece" with Bill Madsen
- Jan. 18 "Hong Kong and Macao" with Fran Reidelberger
- Jan. 25 "It's a New, New England" with William Stockdale
- Feb. 1 "Czechoslovakia and the Ukraine" with Clay Francisco
- Feb. 22 "The Latest from Germany" with Ken Richter
- March 1 "Arizona, Summer and Winter" with Stan Midgely
- March 8 "Labrador Whales and Quebec Tales" with Tom Sterling
- March 15 "Inside Hawaii" with Willis Moore

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