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## fast facts MAUI, HAWAII

Maui's official flower is the lokelani, or "heavenly rose." Smaller than a traditional rose, this locally grown flower is often used in leis.

Designated a national park in 1961, Maui's Haleakala ("House of the Sun") is the world's largest dormant volcano. The 29,000-acre park is a favorite spot for camping, hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Haleakala Crater so closely resembles the surface of the moon that NASA used the area to train astronauts in the 1960s.

Front Street in Lahaina is home to Hawaii's largest banyan tree, planted in 1873 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the town's first Christian mission. The tree is now 50 feet tall and its branches extend over a 200-foot area.

## GPS-Enabled Sneaker

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY and design company Isaac Daniel Group has combined Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and athletic footwear to create the Compass™ sneaker, the world's

first GPS-enabled footwear. The Compass™ sneaker provides real-time, detailed tracking information, which is invaluable in establishing the wearer's location in situations where people need to be found or monitored, such as missing persons cases, including Alzheimer's patients, and outdoor enthusiasts, such as runners, hikers, and boaters. With the push of a button on the outside of the Compass™ sneaker, the shoe's embedded tracking device is activated. A signal is then sent to a service provider which can pinpoint the wearer's exact location with an accuracy of less than a yard and alert authorities to the wearer's location. The sneaker is available in seven men's and women's styles and 19 color combinations, with a retail price beginning at \$499, plus a \$30 monthly monitoring fee. For more information, visit [www.isaacdaniel.com](http://www.isaacdaniel.com).



## NORTHEAST PASSAGE ADVENTURE ▶

A 26-DAY, Northeast Passage expedition cruise is being offered only once worldwide in 2008. This Adventure Life excursion has been designated the 2008 International Polar Year Featured Expedition in honor of the 130th anniversary of Swedish explorer Niles Nordenskjöld's successful transit of the Northeast Passage. The nearly month-long itinerary includes exploring uninhabited islands; helicopter and zodiac expeditions; hikes across frozen tundra; beluga, polar bear, and walrus watching; and a stop at an old hunting camp at the northernmost point of the European continent. The *Kapitan Khlebnikov* has navigated more polar waters than any expedition vessel on the planet and was the first ship to circumnavigate Antarctica. The expedition departs June 28, 2008, with a cost of \$24,700 (triple) to \$50,800 (single). For more information, visit [www.alvoyages.com](http://www.alvoyages.com).



