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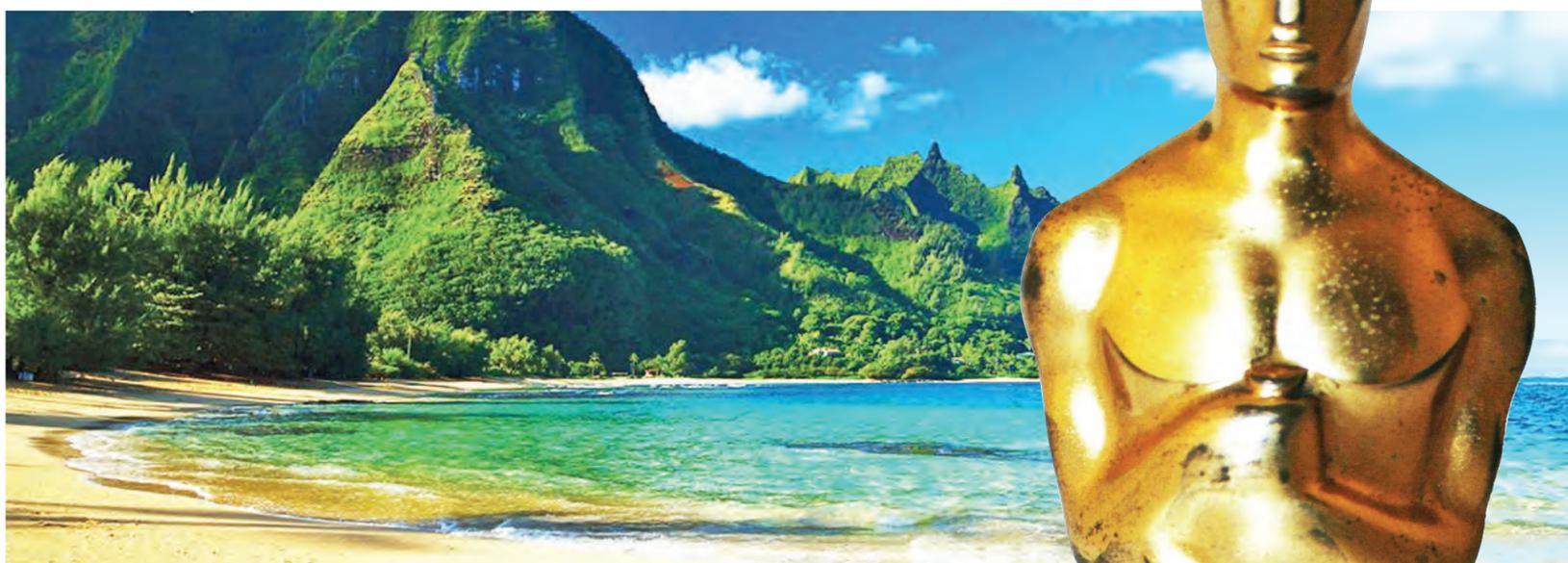


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Mt. Makana is one of the most beautiful sights on the north shore of the Hawaiian island of Kauai.

Stargazing is popular on Kauai, where more than 60 major films have been shot

**CLAUDIA CAPOS**  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

HANALEI, HAWAII—It's four o'clock happy hour at the Tahiti Nui in downtown Hanalei on Kauai's North Shore, where scenes from the movie *The Descendants* were filmed. Bartender Julia Whitford is fixing us a couple of their famous golden mai tais, the same special-family-recipe thirst-quenchers she served to actor George Clooney, who snagged a Golden Globe Award for his portrayal of the father Matt King, a Hawaiian lawyer and land baron on a journey to find his wife's secret lover.

"I played the bartender in the movie," says Whitford, who has worked at the funky surfers' hangout for 40 years. "I made fake drinks while they were filming, but a lot of real mai tais went out the door before and after the shoot."

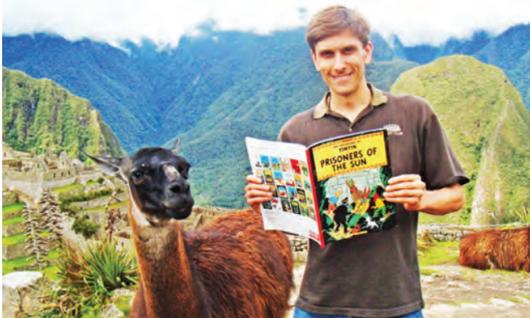
KAUAI continued on T5

# Hawaii

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## On Tintin's trail to adventures in Peru



LUCAS AYKROYD FOR THE TORONTO STAR

Travel writer and comic-book fan Lucas Aykroyd is joined by a new friend, a wandering llama, for a snap at Machu Picchu.

Pisco, Temple of the Sun and mummies are stuff of comic-book drama

**LUCAS AYKROYD**  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

I'd like to lie and say that Mario Vargas Llosa, the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature winner, provided the literary inspiration for my first visit to Peru. But, really, it was Tintin.

Growing up, I devoured the globetrot-

ting adventures of the red-haired Belgian boy reporter. Today, Hergé's 23 original comic books are enjoying a renewed vogue worldwide, thanks to the hit animated movie by Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson. In 1949's *Prisoners of the Sun*, Tintin scours Peru for his kidnapped friend, Professor Calculus, and also discovers a secret, still-flourishing Inca civilization. How would my experiences in South America's third-largest country compare to those of our hero, his cantankerous sidekick Captain Haddock, and his little white dog Snowy?

Initially, I played it by the book.

Like Tintin, I flew into Callao, a port city west of Lima, and promptly adjusted to the subequatorial climate by sampling Peru's national beverage. Amid stained glass and dark wood panelling, I enjoyed an authentic pisco sour — grape brandy, lemon juice, egg whites, syrup and bitters — at the Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde Bar in the swanky Miraflores Park Hotel. It put me in good spirits for an adventure.

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