

NORTHERN SPAIN 10 MAR → 18 MAR

WEDNESDAY (5:54) + WE ARRIVED TO AIRPORT 6:45 WITH SOME TIME PAST AS
WE HAD A GATE NAME. AN SENIOR WOMAN (IRISHMAN + INDICATED BOARDS
AS PLANE SCHEDULED AND WAS LATE) BUT AFTER CHECK-IN, SECURITY
TOLD HER A LITTLE BIT OF BREAKFAST, DISCOVERED THAT OUR FLIGHT WAS
DEVIATED, WE HAD TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT (IE CLEAR BACK DOWN
TO GATE, CLOUDS OVER SPAIN + NO IMMEDIATE CUSTOMS), THEY
WERE UP TO SEE IF WE COULD GET AN ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT. IDENTIFIED
AS KLM OR ME CASE, WHO ADVISED TO LET US BOOKED
FLIGHT OVER THE PRETTY AIRLINE BUT ADVISED US TO
RETURN TO SEE IF WE COULD DO EVEN BETTER IF POSSIBLE (WE
COULDNT). MET A VERY NICE YOUNG MICROSCOPIST IN THE
LBBQ + LATER MET A GIRL LADY OTHER WIFE IN GATE AT
THE AIRPORT. WE HURRIED INTO OUR AIRPLANE + IGNORED ALL OUR
GREETINGS OR THE PILOT. MORE SECURE TO BE ACROSS DEP OF
TICKETS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD PAY THEM (ONE CLOTH, ONE
FOOTBALL, MONEY OR LEGS TOLD US TO QUIT + GO HOME). + AT ONE POINT
IT WAS SO MUCH MORE IT HAD TO BE CONVENIENT, BUT I CAME OUT
WITH HER, IT WAY. SKYRIDGE SUGGESTED TO ME HAVING SOUNDS
ALTERED DURING THE TIME WE WERE OUT TO FLY. WELL, WE
HAD TO TAKE OFF JUST AFTER 6:00 BUT TAKEOFF JUST AFTER
20 - 30 MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL AT NEARBY AIRPORT. VERY MUCH
AWARE OF FAIRNESS! QUITE WALKING OVER AT FIRST. PAUL RECOMMENDED IT'S TOO EARLY
FOR DINNER SO WE SIMPLY ARRIVED TO EAT IN THE HOTEL RESTAURANT
CALLED AS AN EGYPTOLOGY MUSEUM + A HONOR TO ANY WORKER). I
ORDERED A PLATE OF BOATS + SANGRIA, PAUL HAD A POACHED EGGS WITH CARROT
AND SPINACH. WE BOTH FINISHED WITH AN AMAZING PUMPKIN + MUSHROOM
"CAJUN - VEGAN". PLENTY WAITRESS' RECOMMENDATION WENT TO BEN.

feelshabit & rose terminably late & you standards. took
breakfast at 10:00AM & planned our day. headed off (after session with
friends) towards town square to get "frescos canas" - then walked
to modern museum across the ramblas only to discover that it closes
early so I had me back to the large covered food market - very
crowded - then take the metro to banchorella - look around the prima
- stop for a beer & share a platter of succulent
frutilla (strawberry) restaurant. wander back to metro & head towards Picasso
museum - incredibly cool & every oddity type somehow
leads to the same comic area & look around more, including
the great cathedral. Darcy can't remember seeing me
before (we did happen whizz about) so we walk back
through square from more, have a photo with a nun statue
then metro. back to elxample (our neighborhood) to start
from the great art museum, visit "the quarry" apartment
+ museum - beautiful - experiencing the rock
culture - happy occasion to meet Paul after years.
about the other museum we wanted to see is
closed for 6 months so we simply have a small tour
there + move on to Yannick Lambena. for sundeck
+ move on to BCL Lura jazz club for jazz
eventually get back to hotel late & tomorrow!

despacho
elba coffee
madrileno

Sunday 2009.

Went down to play cards up with the tour guide. Got away before 9:00 because the first visitors of the day to La Sagrada Familia. Good job as it's难得 to take the lift the moment we wanted it. Spectacular views of the cathedral itself did not wow us as much as we thought it might. Then off to Picasso museum - Arman, Adelphi, the crowds, now - Elmy collector. Collection of other people's work the highlights. Went off to do some shopping & waited for Paul to turn up eventually. We then stopped at the Dali Museum (Excellent, much cluttered) while he shopped. Then we all headed to Montjuic - colour walk may have had to walk along the food expo. Looked at Olympic Park (empty) & then went to see the Miro exhibition/museum. Some good pieces there & a weird Chinese art special exhibition.

A break:

Then off down back, up town (with Paul & Ivie in tow) & finally Aran - Darcy & I went to the MACBA - (Ramon Blas) where the temporary exhibits / installations were very weird & odd. Like Batuto, which was some pretty strange elements that probably the closest card to our hotel, then back to hotel for smart rest (in my case) & shower.

Then the Torreus Aran - walked up came a pale claim - stopped for breakfast or many bits with soffies which got me really hungry. Then up to our restaurant - LA ESTANCIA - a local house with pretty Colombian waitress & rice never water/cock. Then a cab to Harry Gothic where we took up to his favourite Hemingway bar - nice place for a pint - then famous & class home.

Sept 10

We hurriedly eat to complete packing, take breakfast & hurry to take photo of the outside of the Farías Museum & look at one or two such. It was quite a bit of ^{chaotic} fun but anyway our car arrived late! Never was a nice man from Guatapar who was kind of cool advice for Paul. Crowley went & will never go Sparak, but we benefit from our upgrade to business class, enjoy, using extra leg room & hospitality. Mis en route is only resting some 30 minutes - a more welcome to Serranía relatives like a short stop to Hotel Riomar Esmeralda (Star) No. 1. We had - no way of getting the cleaner score of the TV as no (unlike ours) posky text. We can Paul & ask him to text us. After that, we go for a spin around the town. We photograph the camion with the late day sun & find a couple of tourist offices, the 2nd of which is Riomar who was very helpful & spoke some English, even. We have to plan our camion for tomorrow & have a dinner. After that, we head off for Búzios, stopping to buy fish as carretas for tomorrow to try COCIDO (fish soup with turnip-like vegetable "cerdo"). More dinner & return back for locan fish - saú Clemente, where we have an excellent meal of polbo à galega (octopus) ^{GALICIAN ^{ESCALPICÓN DE MANGOS}} (seafood cocktail) commonly GALLETADA de PELES (crayfish) & ^{other fish stew} ^{more fish & turnip} SAMBALO TART (bit bacon-like). Return home - oh joy - at internet wires & a little car use - get the cleaner score before 7pm!

wakened. I rose quite early to check cricket score etc - Mor returned
to bed! Excellent breakfast, Mor off to look at local market
at the Plaza de Agustos. Then down to the Granada Cultural
Museum, visual musical exhibit in Adolfo's church & the Museum
of Contemporary Art which also has a Museum of ^{contemporary} Art. Went up
the top of the Parque de Sardom, los de Bolañez. Beautiful panoramic
views. They down & went to University Square to see views
from faculty roof, but the terrace was closer. Went in search of
Daisy's shopping but most shops were now closed for siesta. So we
~~had~~^{had} a nice place for a light late lunch & cocktails,
* then at the Dakar cafe, Mor we came the
square & the once-over before shopping in the
from the own part of town & the busy bit of the town.
Bought daily rounds, some CDs - Charlie & Andy - Dippy
dense-stuff full place if our tour. Back home for
bath Jacuzzi & sauna & sauna rest; Mor off to see
the Granada rock music collection of CDs as the Mexican
- they spent most of the 1st hour setting up so we watched
two of the four groups - the first quite "rocky" but not so cool,
the second more funky & better. While we were waiting, a wet & sullen
silence to us & sounds of heavy rain from outside, then to Daisy's room
for dinner; attempt to urinate his broken English. Mor a
collector for disappearance of Cochido (her brother had one -
but son of Dylan in the last of a trip like very sensible (sensible)).
Mor not too keen taste. Still, so many irritants a bit less for
the. & so home to bed!

March 2008.

WAS OUT OF A LIE IN MIAMI, AS WE DID NOT FEEL TO LEAVE THE HOTEL UNTIL 11.20. TOOK BREAKFAST AT A LOCAL PLACE, PACKED + READING LIST. COLLECTED BY SAME DRIVER AS BEFORE, WHO TOLD US THAT IT WAS EASIER TO RIDE A BUS NOW (THURS, MAR?). IT WAS CENTRALLY PLACED OVERNIGHT + WAS NEARLY MISSED. EASY, LOCAL FLIGHT, ASSISTANCE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FROM AIRPORT + ME KNOW THE ROSENBERG FLIGHT OF A SMALL PLANE WAS PLENTIFUL PROBLEMS. WIM 2/2 SMALL ART HOSPITALITY UNEXPECTED. COLLECTION OF ART BILLED + REQUESTED TO GO STRAIGHT TO GROSVENOR. THE CAR PARK PROVIDES US WITH A LOCAL MAP + CAN PARK ADVICE (THANK YOU!). + WE FOUND THE NEAREST CAR PARK EASILY ENOUGH. SPENT AN HOUR Browsing WITH SOME SUPERB EXHIBITS. SOME OF THE FINEST SCULPTURE I HAVE SEEN IN THE U.S. - I WASN'T EXPECTED TO GRIMSEIT, IS A DIFFERENT STORY. LOOKED AT SOME STUPID BOATS SOME WHICH BECOME OBVIOUS TO SANTANDER. IT'S SO EASY TO FIND HOTELS ALONG RIVER BUT WE CAME THE HOTEL OF THE MAN + SOUL CLEANED BY THE GAS STATION OVER 14000 ROOMS IN TOWNS LIKE SANTANDER, SO IF YOUR HOTEL ISN'T ONE OF THOSE YOU NEED TO CONSIDER OTHER POWER WITH SATELLITE POWER! HOW NEAR IS A MEXICAN OR THE EDWARDIAN/VICTORIAN ERA? (OR AS WE SAY ALFONSO XIII). CLOSE TO EAST AT THE HORSE TRAM, IT WAS OUT-CLASSIFIED. A "LAGARCA" WITH SPINACH AND CHICKPEAS, FOLLOWED BY "TOMATO SOUP/POLENTA BACON + HAM IN A VICKY SAUCE WITH CRUMBS". MY CAFE COFFEE FROM COFFEE CAPITOL AS DID THE PIANIST, AN IRISHMAN COLLECTOR BUT CANNOT SPEAK FLUENT SPANISH. MORNING

January 2004.

SPANNED BY SANTANDER DIVIDE - NOT - WE WAKE UP TO A VERY
BEAUTIFUL DAY TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE. BREAKFAST IS CONVENTIONAL
HOTEL. PLAN OUR DAY, USE THE CAR. FIRST STOP, SANTILLANA DEL
MAR, WHICH IS IT (DOWN) BUT IS VERY BEAUTIFUL. WE WALK AND
WE SWIM DOWN + TOOK + BOZE COFFEE OR A TERRACE (TWO
PAGES). THEN WE DROVE "OR" - IRIBARNE & BEVADA - TO LAREDO -
NOT QUITE HOW I WANTED BUT BEAUTIFUL OLD TOWN + VERY NICE
WAKE UP MEAL. IT'S A SIT WITH BYRON BUT WE TAKE A CLOUT WHICH
OF COURSE + AGAINST THIS IS AN OUTDOOR RESTAURANT BEFORE
WE HAD BACK TO SANTANDER. THEN WE PARK UP BECAUSE ME +
FROST + WALK ME RIBBON A BIT, MONEY AT OUR CHOCOLATE
RESTAURANT FOR ME CHOCOLATE + HAVE THAT STRAP WHICH TOOK A
FORTNIGHT. BACK HOME CAR + COULD DO THE "SCAM ERIC"
LITERALLY ME CAGIRO - VERY TONY - WE WASH THE
GATOR (ONE THEY HAD?) + TAKE SOZIE ICE CREAM (ONE WE
HAD!) OR ME RIBBON QUITE CHILLY NOW BUT CLOTHES CASE
PROTECTED. BACK TO THE HOTEL ROOM FOR SOME REST, ^{MY BED} (QUINT)
+ WALK OUT TO OUR CHOCOLATE PLACE, LA ARMADA, 10 FEET ^{COOL} (COOL)
WHERE THE GUERNSEY MILK WAS SLOWLY + ME BILL RODE TOO
SLOW. WOMEN BACK THE STRAIT ROUTE, CLOTHES
CLOTHES STORE (8700 FT - 2000 M - THIS IS WHERE WE COULD)
+ SO TO BED.

7/27/2008

Took breakfast & walked over to another river, VERNON, IN THE
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF SANTANDER, WHICH WAS POPULATED BY
MANY OWN-FASHIONED SHOPS AND STORES BUT FEW OWN-EMPLOYED
PEOPLE. STOCKED UP IN WATER & CASH BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE ON
MOTA COURT. PLATEAU CROWN DRIVE. STROLL PAST MOTA
SECTION PROPERTY, HAD TO MISS OUT ME MOTA LANDSCAPE.
CAME INTO SUPER ROOM, AND SPOTTED UP ME MINUTE
ROUTE TO THERE IS ME VIEWS ETC. NIGHT - SO ME VIEWS
WERE CLOSED BUT SOUNDS? STRAIGHT VIEWS IS ME EVERIE
SURFACE. SPOTTED BEEFOR SOME A+ & MR. DILLON
- ME 1860 RESTAURANT (BUNNIES RESTAURANT CLOSED -
IT IS NORMALLY). ENJOYED ANDES-WITHIN CHOCOLATES,
BOLCO HAM, MELTHAM & VAN GOGH. VERY NICE.
THINGS OF MEXICO AND NEARBY SUPERB!

Local or Cieno Deli to buy ham + cheese

14 Jan 2008.

Spent 18 hours in our commandos, they took a delicious breakfast.
When Anat's wife came was left at the morning because
heading over to Mano to visit me Lopez de Heredia Wifey —
but lost a little or what I think but found it just in the middle
time. superb wife took us up - mano and company wifey —
then some bad news was all + running! not running
us (hangover) + UK/Spanish/American couples, they took
to Mano de Mano on its wife turn — none sick + today
but not quite so energetic + "andiamo" wife — the those may
have been our own mouths anyway go to the waste — or
to Alvarado to Ed Aquilina wifey while the old
two ways — down to 110 until you come out east
exit — down to Alvarado + took it straight but it
was energetic in its way — lower road — very
dryly ride but different road + would go well.
Then for a nice lunch / ham + meat up to the
country restaurant for a "tuna" "tuna" now —
we had the no longer wine appetizers (superb)
+ the only thing the Congress dinner or wine sticks
+ Italy Sicilian ricotta. super — my no
2000 after resaca + also no good yesterday?
Resaca 2002 which was excellent. However but
for the extra to hold!