1 MAR

BACK TO EARTH WITH A BOOMP!

EARLY RISE. BREAKFAST AT THE SHERITON (ALAIN PASTRIES THE HIGHLIGHT). DAVIT CONNECTS US AT 8:00 AND WERE OFF TO ADDIS AIRPORT. SAD FAREWELL TO DAVIT + MESERAT — THEN THE JOURNEY. ADDIS HAS A NICE CLUB LOUNGE. BUT A "SUPERMODEL" ON OUR FLIGHT MANAGES TO LEAVE THE FLIGHT AT KILIMANJARO RATHER THAN DAR. WHEN WE GET TO DAR, WE WISH WE'D JOINED HER. IT'S BUCKETING WITH RAIN + THERE'S A POWER

CAROUSEL WORKING — CLOCKWISE

NO CAROUSEL

CUT AT THE AIRPORT. STEAMY, HUMID FORMALITIES, THEN ARNOLD TAKES US FROM INTERNATIONAL TO DOMESTIC TERMINAL. WE LEAVE HIM WITH OUR SURPLUS CASE. DOMESTIC A BIT OF A JOKE — DAISY BLAGS US OUT OF PAYING EXCESS BAGGAGE (THEY EVEN WANTED TO CHARGE ME FOR MY HAND LUGGAGE) 1$ PER KILO. WE'RE ON A TWELVE SEATER PLANE. WHEN TWO ENORMOUS "MAMAS" GET ON + SIT IN FRONT OF US (BOTH CARRYING SOME 25-30 KILOS MORE THAN ME + DAISY) WE STRUGGLE TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE. 20 MINUTE FLIGHT (STILL PISSING)

WE ATTEND "SOIRES" COCKTAIL PARTY BRIEFLY AFTER SHOWER.

WEATHER IS JUST FINE. COOLER THAN BEFORE THE DAY OF RAIN (GOD HELP THEM BEFORE IN THAT CASE) & "WE CAME WITH A BLESSING"

& 1 HOUR DRIVE (STILL PISSING) ARRIVE AT BREEZES AROUND DARK, NO REAL TIME TO CHECK OUT THE NOPES BUT AT LEAST MANAGE TO AVOID BUFFET BY ASKING CHEF PETER TO COOK US SOME PRAWNS. TASTY SUPPER & SO TO BED

2 MAR.

RISE QUITE EARLY & STARTS TO GET OUR BEARINGS. BREAKFAST PLEASANT ENOUGH. SPEND FAIR CHUNK OF MORNING SUSSING THE PLACE BUT ALSO GET SET BY THE BEACH AND WALK MOST OF THE WAY TO THE

REST IN MIDDLE OF THE DAY,
RELAXING AFTERNOON, PLAY
TENNIS LATE PM (PUNISHER —
MONTREL SHOULD BE BETTER), RELAX
& THEN ENJOY "GALA EVENING"
DINNER WITH AVOCADO STARTER
& MIXED PLATTER OF FISH, PRAWNS
LOBSTER TAIL.

3 MAR

MEET TO PLAY TENNIS AT 8:00 —
PUNISHER — NEED TO PLAY
EARLIER IN THE DAY — THEN
BREAKFAST & INTO THE
BEACH. NEED TO TAKE IT
EASY AS THE SUN IS STRONG

LOVELY SETTING,
COCKTAIL AHEAD OF MEAL PLUS
"BITING" OF PAPADOM WITH ONION, TOMATO,
CORNMANDER, CHAT MASALA ...)

DULLEN DAY,
GOOD FOR TOURING

STORM HERE. HIDE A LITTLE IN
MIDDLE OF THE DAY BUT IT IS OK
ON THE WHOLE (SUN + CLOUD)
GET NOMED IN TO PLAYING VOLLEYBALL
IN AFTERNOON. RELAX + THEN
GO TO SULTAN'S TABLE FOR
INDIAN MEAL (APPETISER PLATTER
MOCK LOBSTER PIRI
PIRI, BUTTER CHICKEN, DAL) VERY
NICE INDEED

4 MAR

RISE EARLY, BREAKFAST EARLY +
THEN OFF TO STONE TOWN FOR A
MORNING TOUR. STARTS AT
THE MARKET, THEN ON TO THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH / OLD SLAVE

MARKET THEN MEANDER THROUGH
THE STREETS SEEING DOORS,
FREDDIE MERCURY'S OLD HOMES,
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE
PHONPALACE HOTEL, THE OLD
"ENGLISH" CLUB WITH VIEW, SHOPS
& EVENTUALLY THE HOUSE OF
WONDERS (NOW A MUSEUM)
OUR GUIDE WAS CALLED
M'ZEE & WAS NOT MUCH USE
(BUT DIDN'T NEED TO BE), OTHER GUIDE
SULAYMAN HITCHED A LIFT
BACK WITH US & WAS MORE
GENERALLY INFORMATIVE.
ENJOYED BEACH / POOL IN
AFTERNOON. RELAXED.

ORDINARY DINNER OF
CALAMARI, CHICKEN + RHAMBÉD
FURN IT. TO BED
SMARCH.
SOMEWHAT BRIGHTER DAY.
TENNIS AT 7:15 — MUCH
BETTER. THEN BREAKFAST.
THEN SOME SUN / TOUR OF
PALMS (NEXT DOOR) / MORE
SUN / ENJOYED BALCONY,
BEACH + POOL. GOT ROPED
IN TO VOLLEYBALL AGAIN
THIS PM. LOOKING
FORWARD TO OUR DINNER
AT TIDES AS I WRITE THIS.
(THE TIDES MEAL WAS SUPERB—

NIBBLES, MIXED PLATTER OF STARTERS, LIME SORBET A GINORMOUS LOBSTER EACH + CHOCOLATE MOUSSE IN A CHOCOLATE CASE.

6 MARCH

SOMEHOW MANAGE TO EAT BREAKFAST. (NO TENNIS THIS MORNING. IT'S RAINING). POTTER + READ, THEN ATTEMPT THE WALK TO THE REEF (HARD, BUT AT LEAST NO SUN). WEATHER IMPROVES SLIGHTLY FOR EVENING — R&R THEN BARBECUE DINNER.

7 MARCH

MUCH BRIGHTER DAY — PLAY TENNIS EARLY AFTER COMIC WATER REMOVAL FROM COURT. THEN BREAKFAST,

THEN SUN, READING, VOLLEYBALL, SWIM,
R+R, THEN DINNER AT THE SULTAN'S
TABLE — TANDOORI PRAWNS +
SHEIKH KEBAB WITH DAAL + PILAU RICE.
WE AND OUR NOISY NEIGHBOURS (WILL +
ANNIE) ARE THE ONLY DINERS!