

## Day 11 – Sea Day

3/12/2012

Originally, we were supposed to stop at Acapulco but due to on-going violence in the area, Holland America is bypassing that port. So we have another sea day.

Main dining room breakfast again, orange juice and fruit, as usual. Only this time I added Belgian Waffles with apple-cinnamon compote (*very good*) and Dale had the English breakfast – eggs, ham, banger (sausage), potatoes, and baked tomato and beans. He was not too keen on those last 2 items for breakfast!

After the long day and tiring tour yesterday, we took advantage of the sea day to relax and catch up. For me, that meant blogging; for Dale that meant walking around the lower promenade deck. He met up with some of our dining companions and will join them in their walks again. For both of us, it meant tea in the Main Dining Room followed by a nice, long rest/nap on the heated ceramic loungers.



In the evening we attended the cocktail party in the Crow's Nest hosted by Captain Frans Consen and Hotel Manager Bert van Mackelenbergh. Most of the ship's officers attend and at least greet you at the door. Staff members circulate and talk to the the passengers – the Cruise Director Steve James and a Shore Excursion Specialist Reanetse Ntema stopped to chat with Dale and me. Reanetse was on the tour in Huautulco and aware of the problems (no AC or narrative); she affirmed to us that is important to let the Shore Excursion personnel know of such problems so they can be corrected in the future. This get-together is often referred to as a VIP party, but no one seems to know what qualifies a person as VIP – it's not by cabin category, nor any particular activity. No matter, just attend the parties you're invited to! There's an open bar (yea! all the cranberry juice I can drink ☺ ) and hot hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner followed immediately, in the Main Dining Room. Dale had an asparagus, tomato and mozzarella appetizer; corn and yellow squash soup; the pasta entrée; and an ice cream sundae for dessert. I had Dim Sum, the same soup, halibut and devil chocolate cake.

Dale went back to the cabin while I went to the showroom to listen to the harmonica player Bernie Fields. When you have an opportunity to hear some who has learned the harmonica as well as someone who has learned any other instrument, to the level of being able to present an entire show, you realize the harmonica is not just a toy.

Tonight's towel animal:



**Entertainment tonight**

Showroom at Sea: Bernie Fields, Harmonica Virtuoso

Ocean Bar: The Neptunes (HAL's in-house band), cocktails and dancing

Mix: Will Wyatt, guitarist; Lee Strubeck, Piano Man

Explorer's Lounge: Adagio Strings

Crow's Nest: Line Dance Party, A Century of Hits

Movie: *The Artist*

# Today at a Glance

Monday, March 12, 2012

Check the boxes you plan on attending

- 8:00am Tai Chi with *Lifestylist Jay* Atrium, 6
- 8:00am Mass is Celebrated Half Moon Room, 7
- 8:00am Pathway to Yoga \$12 Fitness Center, 11
- 9:00am Daily Quiz & Sudoku Available Explorations Café, 8
- 9:00am Healthy Habits *Cooking Show* Culinary Arts Center, 7
- 9:00am Pathway to Pilates \$12 Fitness Center, 11
- 9:30am Good Morning Statendam: Travel Guide Lance Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 9:30am Creative Photo Editing Digital Workshop, 8
- 10:00am Learn to Play the Steel Drums with *Chris Seaview Pool*, 10
- 10:00am Statendam Olympics: Volleyball Serve Sports Court, 12 portside
- 10:00am Travel Guide Lance Presents: History of The Baja Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 10:30am Introductory Photo Editing Digital Workshop, 8
- 11:00am Name That Tune with *DJ Mark Seaview Poolside*, 10 aft
- 11:00am Cabo Shopping Ashore Presentation Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 11:00am Spa Secrets: Walking in Comfort Fitness Center, 11
- 11:00am Acupuncture Seminar: Facial Rejuvenation Explorer's Lounge, 8
- 11:00am Canaletto Showcase *Cooking Show* Culinary Arts Center, 7
- 11:30am Making Movies Digital Workshop, 8
- 11:30am Back Deck Beats with *DJ Mark Seaview Poolside*, 10 aft
- 12:00nn Fun and Games Poolside Seaview Pool, 10 aft
- 12:00nn Art Seminar with *Michel Ocean Bar*, 8
- 12:30pm Techspert Time Digital Workshop, 8
- 1:00pm Team Trivia with *Cruise Director Steve Crow's Nest*, 12
- 1:00pm Rapid fire Auction with *art director Michel Ocean Bar*, 8
- 2:00pm Alexandrite and Ammolite Seminar with *Ivan Explorer's Lounge*, 8
- 2:00pm Free Throw Basketball? Sports Court, 12 starboard
- 2:00pm Travel Guide Lance Presents: Cabo San Lucas Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 2:00pm Cellar Master Dave's Premium Wine Tasting \$35 Pinnacle Grill, 8
- 2:00pm Spa Secrets: Burn Fat Faster Fitness Center, 11
- 2:30pm Introduction to the Cloud Digital Workshop, 8
- 3:00pm Afternoon Tea Rotterdam Dining Room, 8
- 3:00pm Book Club Reads: Into the Beautiful North *fourth meeting* Explorer's Lounge, 8
- 3:00pm Custodians of the Sea *environmental presentation* Wajang Theater, 7
- 3:00pm GAME SHOW: Majority Rules Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 3:00pm International Beer Tasting \$12.50 MIX, 8
- 3:00pm Ask your Travel Guide Atrium, 7
- 3:00pm Diamonds & Exotic Gemstones Seminar with *Sean Half Moon Room*, 7
- 3:00pm Learn to Dance with *Samantha and Tasha Crow's Nest*, 12
- 3:30pm Ring Toss Atrium, 6
- 3:30pm Windows ®7 Digital Workshop, 8
- 4:00pm \$75,000 Jackpot Bingo cards on sale at 3:45pm Showroom At Sea, 7
- 4:00pm For the Love of Chocolate Culinary Arts Center, 7
- 4:00pm Indoor Cycling \$12 Fitness Center, 11
- 5:00pm Sunset Tai Chi with *Lifestylist Jay Seaview Poolside*, 10 aft
- 5:00pm Friends of Bill W Explorer's Lounge, 8
- 6:30pm Pub Trivia with *Cruise Director Steve MIX*, 8
- 8:00pm SHOWTIME: Bernie Fields Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8
- 9:00pm A Line Dance Party Crow's Nest, 12
- 9:00pm Guest Talent Night with *piano man Lee MIX*, 8
- 10:00pm A Century of Hits with *DJ Mark Crow's Nest*, 12
- 10:00pm SHOWTIME: Bernie Fields Showroom At Sea, 7 & 8