

Tuesday, February 2, 2011

The upgraded Suite is AWESOME!!

The Balcony is about 20 feet long! The room is HUGE!!!!

We'll post more as soon as we've have a chance to explore!









Tuesday, February 4, 2011

The weather has been good - not like some areas of the country
some very nice people and are enjoying all the attention. We'll
few pictures every day or so.







Our First Formal Night!



Our Two GREAT Cabin Stewards!



Champagne anyone?







Awesome Table
Mates!





Night - Night!



Our Hawaiian Dream vacation began when we climbed aboard the Princess, a 951 foot Cruise Ship with a capacity of 2,600 passengers and a 1,000 crew.

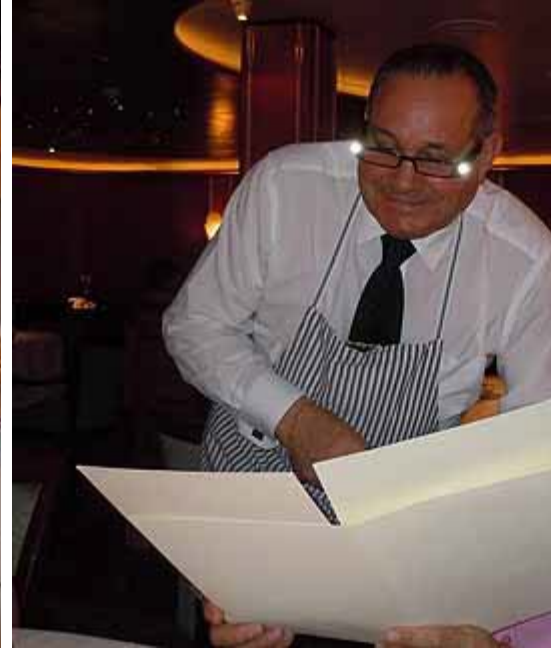
Here are some pictures of the Piazza Area which is three stories





Two of our wonderful British table-mates, Anne and Howard and a sample of the amazing plates served by our 2 Philippino waiters, experts at everything food.





Our Maître D, Mr. Albuquerque, drops by nightly to suggest suitable options for Harry's diet. This night they both had fun using Maureen's glasses with built in lights.



Monday February 7, 2011



When arriving and departing the
Tiger tub usually comes to the
balcony to keep from hitting the
One afternoon the tub entertained us
by performing pirouettes
while waiting for us to leave.



In Hilo (Pronounced He-low), on the island of Hawaii, we toured a coffee
roasting plant and learned how coffee is grown, harvested and roasted.





The coffee mill employs chickens to control the bug population
varied coloured eggs.

Next it was off to the Volcano crater high up in the hills where
steam rising in the distance and heard stories and facts about t
from our very enthusiastic guide, Nathan.





Then we got to feel the s
close. Free facial anyone

Nathan, a California surfer, was quite the story teller, as he combined folklore, geology and history from the island that he has lived on since he was three. His colourful beanie made it easy for us to find him.



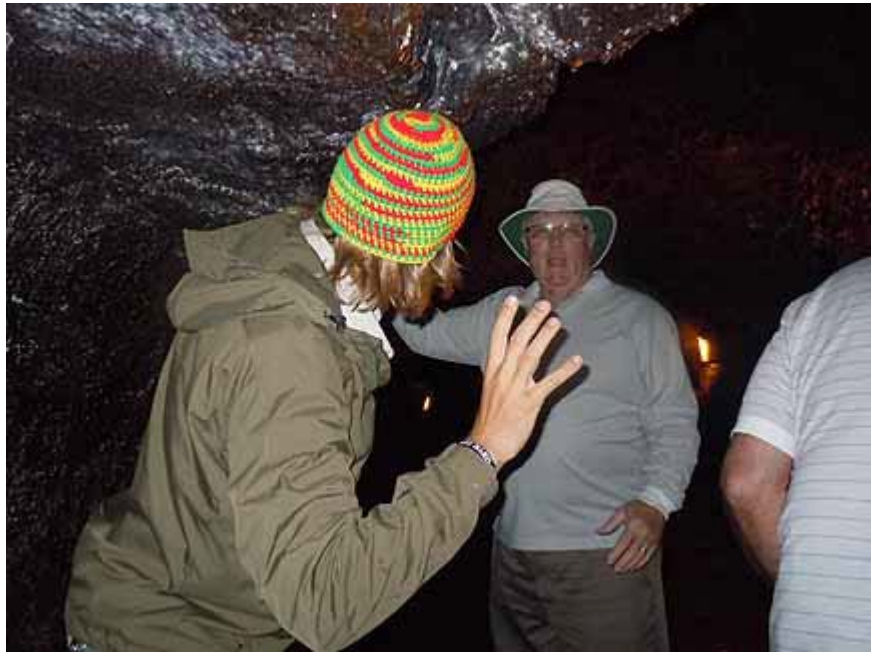
The rain forest is full of hundreds of beautiful examples of bot



and alien plants.

We walked
carefully through a
lava tube.





On the other side we came across a Hawaiian alligator
Lunch was served in a campground with very tall eucalyptus trees

was lovely.



Next stop was a winery. We were not too impressed with the w
flowers with rain drops were gorgeous.





Following a short stop at the Big Island Candy Company, Nathan
off at the Princess and left us with Aloha, a kiss and hug. Even
rained off and on all day we had a great time.



Tuesday February 8, 2011



Next stop was Honolulu on the island of Oahu.



This is the port at sunrise.



After an early wake-up and a long theater, off we went with Daryl to Harbour. It was warm but pleasant. We toured the museums and displays, then boarded a small boat to cross over to the Arizona memorial which commemorates the 1,320 seamen who lost their lives on December 7, 1941.









Then it was over to Ford Island for a

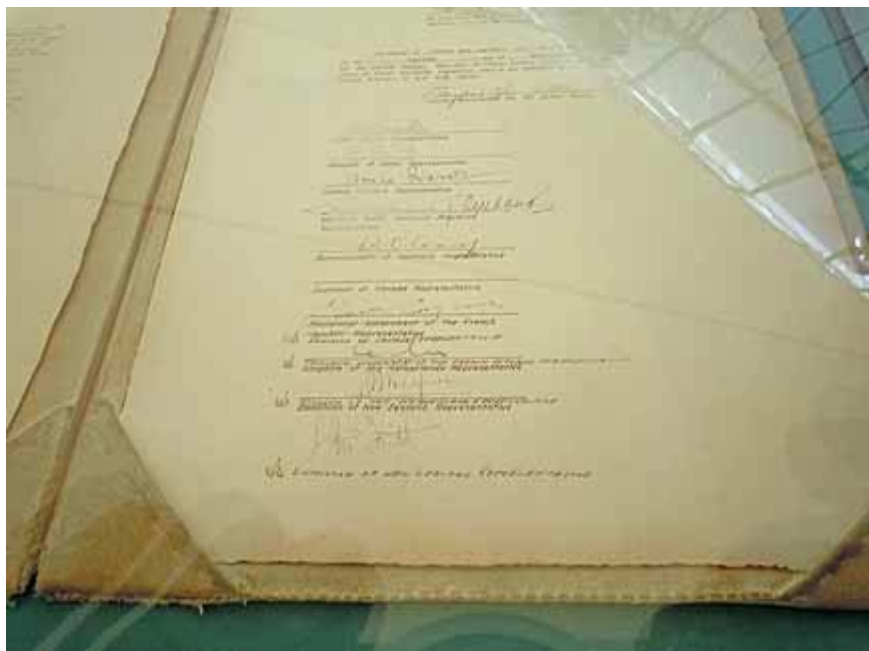


tour of
the USS
Missouri
which
was used
in W.W.
II,
Korea
and
Desert storm.





The Canadian who signed the document made a mistake and signed in the wrong place (one line down). The corrected version was given to the US. A perfect copy stayed with the US.



The bus took us back to the Princess for a quick lunch.



This is a view of the Aloha Tower taken from our balcony.



After a short rest we headed back to shore to shop in Hilo Hat

largest Hawaiian store in the islands.

A shuttle then took us to Waikiki Beach. We walked through the huge hotel on the beach and took a stroll on the sand (very crowded with sun bathers).









Back on the street there were hundreds of high end stores with window displays.

By sundown we were exhausted, so it was back to the ship. On the way to our room we stopped to admire the displays being set up for a party in the evening.





Early evening views
of the tower and
the port.





While we enjoyed the Al
the pool, the ship left po
and we sailed for Nawilli

Wednesday February 9,

We left the balcony drap
we went to bed, so we wo
magnificent view of ocea
green hills. On the balco

see the port and a short step onto the aft deck provided a view





After a leisurely breakfast at Sabatini's our tour van took us to Kiloana, Kauai's Plantation Estate where we toured a 15,000 sq ft house which was once owned by Gaylord and Ethel Wilcox in the



At 11 we boarded a small railway to see the exotic fruit and her as well as donkeys, horses, goats and wild pigs. One reminded us when he escaped from the pen and made a wild dash for the hills.







There were chickens and roosters everywhere and some help to train when passengers drop crumbs.



Next stop was grove Farm, an old sugar plantation that is now a
Note the view from the stairs where each successive door frame
to create a tunnel effect.



Our guide pointed out many different flowers and trees as well animals.



The cat in the coop thinks he is a chicken but has not learned



Back at our stateroom Mike had a nap while Maureen enjoyed
view.



This is how they wash the windows.

Soon we said Aloha to the Island of Kauai and headed off for supper.



Thursday February 10, 2011

We were up early again to board a tender to the island of Maui. took another boat for a 7 hour snorkel trip. We were served by board and enjoyed a leisurely ride which gave us opportunity to islands and some humpback whales up close.







Paul from Montreal sat in front of us and provided a map of the Hawaiian Islands on his shirt so we could keep track of our whereabouts.



We stopped in a small cove where we all donned masks, snorkels and fins for a wonderful swim in the clear water where the fish showed off their vibrant colours.

Then we sailed back toward the boat while we ate lunch and had a swim in the ocean to look for green sea turtles. The water was choppy

and choppier so unfortunately we did not see any turtles but so many of our fellow snorkelers did see some and described them as very graceful.

they swam by.

On the way back to the port we had a chance to have a good
beautiful Princess from many angles.



We stopped at the *General* shore for a few provisions and then
tender for another evening of food and fun before falling into a
great sleep after a wonderful day.



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