

Bermuda

November 3-8, 2017

Friday, November 3 - Since our Delta flight left at 06:00, we were staying at the Embassy Suites near PWM. So, we took their shuttle, checked-in and began our trip.

We landed at BDA at 12:00 and took a taxi to Ponders End cottage where we met



Naomi. She was most hospitable and showed us around, pointing out everything we would need to know to make our stay enjoyable. In fact, she was very helpful the whole time we stayed.

We called Tom to let him know we had arrived at the cottage.

He showed up shortly after and told us about [Divots](#), the casual restaurant at the Belmont resort. He had been waiting for us there and suggested we go there for lunch. It was a lovely place next to the golf course with a beautiful view of the ocean and we had a very pleasant meal. By the time we finished lunch, it was late afternoon so we skipped dinner and had snacks and drinks later while sitting outside on the upstairs balcony reminiscing and listening to the tree frogs chirping after sundown.



Saturday, November 4 - We took the short walk to [Darrell's Wharf](#), the nearby ferry stop and took the ferry into [Hamilton](#). We bought four day passes for the ferries and buses at the terminal in



Hamilton then shopped for a while before stopping for lunch at [La Trattoria](#). It was a nice Italian restaurant and Cindy had a Focaccio Tricolore sandwich with mozzarella, avocado, tomato, arugula



and Parma ham on freshly made focaccia, Tom had a shrimp and pasta dish and I had Fettucine Alfredo. After lunch we walked to the nearby bus terminal for future reference (buses served us well during our trip) then Tom did some more shopping while Cindy and I returned on the ferry to the cottage then walked to [Lindo's](#) for more supplies. Tom eventually ended up walking all the way back from Hamilton. He had bought some Bermuda shorts and I ended up stealing a pair. That evening, I introduced Tom to Amazon Music and we ended up spending the rest of the evening listening to music before retiring.

Sunday, November 5 - Tom walked to Lindo's for more supplies. Shortly after he left, Cindy learned from their web site that they were closed on Sunday but it was too late to let Tom know.

Anyway, Tom ended up walking to [Warwick Pharmacy](#) on Middle Road that had a food court as well as groceries. Tom got supplies as well as some food (salad, chicken curry and barbecued ribs) to have for dinner.

At noon, C&C taxi service took us to [Henry VIII](#) on the South shore for their Sunday brunch buffet. The food was pretty good except for their version of Bermuda fish chowder which was inedible. Cindy and Tom abandoned it right away but I tried very hard to like it to no avail.

Great Bloody Mary though! The picture on the right is the view across from the restaurant which is a private beach property owned by the Bermuda Princess hotel. We took the #7 bus back into Hamilton which stopped at the ferry terminal allowing us to take the ferry back to Darrell's Wharf.

When we arrived at the cottage, I discovered that the cable TV service was active and the New York Giants game was in progress. Tom is a Giants fan and doesn't often get to watch games in Malta so we watched the last two quarters even though they were down 41-17.



Monday, November 6 - As planned, we took the ferry to Hamilton where we had



lunch at the [Lobster Pot](#). Then we took the ferry to [Dockyards](#) where the America's Cup races were based last summer. The last time I was here with Cindy, we went there on motor bikes. It was a long ride and the only thing there were ruins of the old English naval base. Now it has shopping, restaurants and bars, etc.

We walked around and did some shopping then stopped for drinks at the [Frog & Onion](#). It was very pleasant so we sat for a while and talked while we waited for the #8 bus. When the bus arrived, the driver was unable to move it. She finally gave up and we had to wait for the next bus to arrive. Fortunately, it was only about twenty minutes. The ride was very relaxing and allowed us to see a lot of that part of Bermuda. Our bus stop was within a few yards of Keith Hall Road so we had only a short walk to the cottage.

About 18:30 we realized that we were running out of liquor so Tom walked to Burrows Lightbourn Ltd. (a liquor store where he had shopped last Saturday) when he walked home from Hamilton. It had closed at 18:00 so he decided to walk to Lindo's. On his way, he tripped on the side of the road and fell, scraping both hands. The roads are narrow and treacherous for walking, especially in the dark. Fortunately, he wasn't badly hurt and continued walking to Lindo's. They were just closing but Tom persuaded the owner that he was there to buy some chicken for dinner. It was a clever ruse since he was really there to buy booze but decided the owner would be more sympathetic about shopping for dinner. Unfortunately, he had to buy chicken thighs to cover his story.

For dinner, we had the food Tom bought yesterday from the Warwick Pharmacy and it was very tasty.

Tuesday, November 7 - At noon, we had lunch at Divots again because it is a fabulous venue with its view and excellent fish chowder. Our plan had been to take a short walk to the #8 bus stop and into Hamilton for more shopping (I promised Tom to replace the Bermuda shorts I stole from him earlier). This would have been preferable to the ferry since it didn't leave until 15:00. However, Cindy decided to stay at the cottage to rest so Tom and I walked back with her. Tom and I walked to Middle Road and took the #8 bus into Hamilton. When we arrived, we decided to have a pint at the famous [Hog Penny](#) pub. When we got to Front Street, we turned the corner while talking and Tom lost his footing and fell again, scraping the same places as before. Scared the hell out of me but he was OK except for a bit of embarrassment. Anyway, we proceeded to the [English Sport Shop](#) around the corner from the Hog Penny. I bought a pair of shorts for Tom and another one for me, as well as a couple of shirts that were on sale. We walked down Front Street to the ferry terminal and took the ferry back to Darrell's Wharf.



After we arrived at the cottage, Naomi dropped by and I asked about letting Tom stay after 11:00 tomorrow since his flight to London didn't leave until 20:00. She very hospitably agreed (thank you Naomi).

As planned, we had dinner at [Blu](#), which is the upscale restaurant at the Belmont resort. It was a fitting final dinner in Bermuda.

Wednesday, November 8 - Cindy and I took a taxi to BDA. While on our way, I got a text from Delta informing me that our flight was leaving at 13:30 instead of 13:00. When we checked in for our flight, we were told that we could not go through Customs because the flight was late. We waited but the flight was delayed until 14:40. After we went through Customs, we decided to buy our way into the executive lounge although the terminal was almost empty; however, our decision was justified because, by the time our flight was boarding, the terminal was packed. Anyway, the flight home was great and I must commend Delta for the efficient shuttle bus service between terminals at JFK.