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We arrived in Oranjestad, Aruba around 8am today. After breakfast aboard the ship we took a bus tour of the island'



Our first stop was this park full of rocks and cactus. We climbed the steep steps of one large rock for a view of Aruba (above and below) . Actually Aruba has little vegetation ... Scrub, rocks and cactus. But the beaches and surrounding water are spectacular!

Next stop was the California Light house named after the US ship California which wrecked into the island back in 1914. So the wisemen of Aruba built a lighthouse and named it after the ship.

The ship California was actually the first ship that reached the Titanic after it sunk ... So our tour guide says.



Next we visited the Aruba Aloe factory ... Interesting tour ... And of course we had to buy some stuff.

Returned to the ship for lunch, then in the afternoon walked and shopped downtown ... Then back to the ship for dinner and a show.



The reflection of the moon was beautiful from our balcony ... But the camera man couldn't capture it ... He's fired:-)

The next two days we will be relaxing enjoying the sea on our two day trip back to Ft. Lauderdale.

3-28-2013

Today we just relaxed and hung out on the various decks of the ship's many. We tried to walk off our sore thighs ... We think from climbing the stairs to reach the top of the "big rock".



We want to thank Mark who is our stateroom steward ... He did an outstanding job of keeping our room clean and our ice bucket full. Mark is from the Phillipines and loves American football. He is also knowledgeable on college basketball and knows we are IU fans ... Which is a sore spot right now:-)



We also had great service from our dinning staff, Alden from the Philipines and Coral from Peru. Dave blames Alden for the extra pounds because of the extra deserts he delieved to our table ... Of course Dave was very happy when Alden delivered a second lobster dinner to him ... Oh sometimes it is so good to be bad:-)

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Our last day on the cruise was a lunch celebration on our balcony ... All in all, a very nice cruise. We are looking forward to coming home ... Hey Hoosiers, start warming it up ... Our blood is very thin:-)

