

# *Grand World Voyage 2018*



*Dee & Wells Wescott Cabin #7008*

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Aloha Nyron and ShoreEx Gang - and Babs ...

OK - I LOVE this country. I am so glad we came here and it was worth every penny of the \$75 visa. The craft market that the shuttle took us to was outstanding - lots of really great crafts and really nice people. However, the crowning glory was The Taste of Maputo tour. We had the best guide ever - his name was Alfonso (we were on bus 24). He was willing to stop almost anywhere we wanted (that it was possible) so we could get off the bus and take photos. [It was NOT possible by the railway station}, but everywhere else we got off the bus for photos. It was especially good at Independence Square, the Iron House and the Botanical Gardens. He said he thought we were supposed to just have Panoramic Tour, but he was willing to stop and let us get out for photos when we asked him. He tried oh so hard to please and he did. At first his English was a little shaky, but once he got comfortable with all of us, it improved markedly. By the time we left him, he was actually joking with us and telling stories (about marriage and the cow). The meal - see photo attached, because I thought you'd like to know exactly what was served - was amazing and delicious. The shrimp is not in the photo because it got eaten first and we only had half of the seafood croquette because we gobbled that up too! The chicken drumsticks were to DIE FOR! Best BBQ chicken I have ever tasted so I brought the two we didn't eat back to the ship for a future meal. The restaurant venue (Costa del Sol) was beachside, well across the street from the beach, and has been a restaurant location for close to 150 years. I can see why - with the cool breezes off the water and the great food. Everyone said that the beer was really good but I refrained from trying it. No diet drinks but that happens, so I had a coffee which was delicious. We drove back to the ship along the beach and watched people swimming, eating playing and drinking (mostly fresh coconut juice). It was absolutely delightful and I am so glad I signed up for this tour because I had a chance to interact with some really great people and see ALL the sights. Thanks again for helping me to make it happen! I'll be looking for similar tours in Senegal, Gambia and Angola.