

TRIP TO TENERIFE FROM 28. DECEMBER 2008 TO 4. JANUARY 2009

28.12.09

This time the trip went to Los Cristianos on Tenerife. To a change we had no plans of going sightseeing. We would just get away from the winter cold in Norway, warm up and relax completely.

Tenerife is Spanish and belonging to the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean west of North Africa. Tenerife is the biggest of the 13 islands.



We travelled with Apollo this time



Apollo is a part of a Swiss company that is called Kuoni.



They have their own airline company called Novair and they use only Airbus plains like this.



We left from Gardermoen and the trip took about 6 hours.

We landed on Aerpuerto de Tenerife Reina Sofia, which is marked on the map above, straight east of Los Cristianos. It is the biggest airport on Tenerife and it had over 8 million travelers last year.



Here we have arrived outside the terminal building and are going to enter the bus, which is waiting for us.

There is a mess of buses when a lot of airplanes and a lot of tour operators land about simultaneously.

We left Gran in minus 11°C.

Brrr.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



But here the temperature was plus 18°C to 22°C during daytime and only a bit chillier in the evening. During day time it was shorts weather, but in the evening we had to have long pants and a light coat in addition.



On the way out from the airport



Towards the highway



View south from the highway



First glimpse of Los Cristianos



In the roundabout out of the highway



Downwards to Los Cristianos



Nice roundabout high up in the city



Lots of fine flower plantings



The same roundabout looking back north



Kjell is checking in at the hotel



The hotel, which we had booked, was called Saint George and was located in the outskirts of Los Cristianos, in the direction of Playa de Las Americas.

Los Cristianos is an old fisherman's village where there have been built tourist hotels in the outskirts. The expansion has grown further to Playa de Las Americas and even more.

We were all the time down in Los Cristianos.



Here are a couple of pictures of the hotel from the pool area



Reception



From the room



This is from the bath room.

From the room



The terrace



Here we are out for lunch

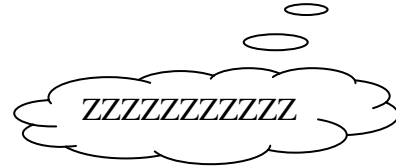


Here we had sardines and chicken with rochefort sauce.

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After having eaten this, we first went to the supermarket and bought water and various groceries and then back to the hotel for a little siesta. We had been up since 04.00, so we felt a bit tired.

The result was that we fell asleep and we slept until a quarter to one in the night. We then went up to eat some food and went to sleep again!!



When eating breakfast on the terrace the day afterwards, we took a couple of pictures of the pool area



We had lunch downtown at an Italian restaurant called Mamma Mia. We had lasagna and panneloni with meat



In the evening we went to another Italian restaurant called Linares. We had rabbit with canarian sauce and canarian potatoes.



Canarian potatoes are small potatoes, which are boiled in same amounts of water and sea salt. When they are cooked, water and salt is poured out, and they are heated further in the kettle until they are dry and the salt has crystallized on the surface. They are often used as snacks with green sauce, which is mild, and a somewhat stronger red sauce with lots of chili.



30.12.08

Today it rained. There was a little pause around two o'clock. We then went Mamma Mia and had pizza. The pizza was a little burned, so we decided that it should be the last time there. When it started raining again, we went back to the hotel and stayed there for the rest of the day. We thought of going for some tapas, but we were not very hungry. We therefore ate some of the food that we had bought at the supermarket. After some time we started some bridge training.

31.12.08



After having eaten breakfast the next day, new years eve, we went for a walk up on a little mountain top just over the hotel. The road is visible almost at the top.

At the top right is visible a framework of what probably should have become a hotel. The road stopped there and the concrete foundation was occupied of gang of hobos.

We found it safest to turn around.



We took a picture of our hotel on the way up



Here is a view of the beach below



When we came down from the mountain, we ate lunch at this Chinese restaurant, which had good and cheap food.



After lunch we went along the beach promenade that stretches for many kilometers in both directions. Here are black clouds, but there was no rain.



More beach promenade



Here we sat for a glass of white wine



Kjell is still sitting here



Coco palms along the beach promenade



In the evening we went to still another Italian restaurant. Here Kjell is sitting studying the menu. It was steak for Kjell and salmon with canarian potatoes for Anne Berit.



Here the waiter is speeding between the tables. There were a lot of people on this restaurant, so he and the other waiters were simply running back and forth.



After the food it was espresso and sambucca



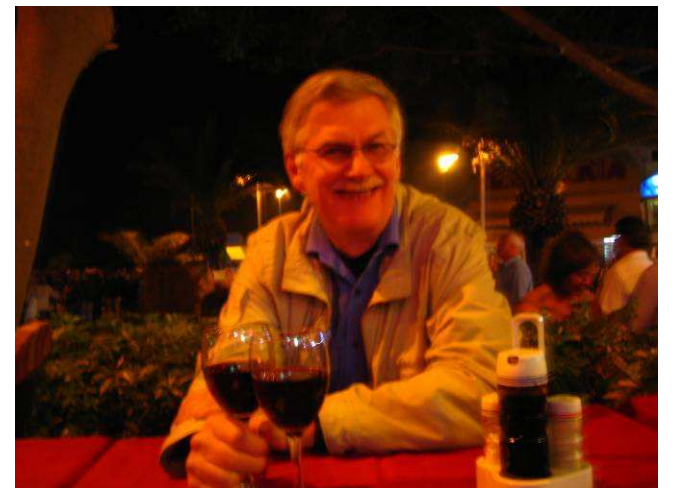
Here comes the waiter with the bill



Afterwards we went around looking at the light decorations in the streets



More decorations



24.00 o'clock we sat down at a Chinese restaurant in the harbor to look at the fireworks



The fireworks were sent up from an area in the harbor and it was quite nice. We did not quite catch in on the photo.

After the fireworks we went back to the hotel and went to bed.

01.01.09



Here we had lunch on the Chinese restaurant just past our hotel. When we paid the bill we were offered to taste this rice wine



Afterwards we went out on the pier in the harbor and took some pictures of Los Cristianos from there



More pictures of the harbor



More pictures of the harbor

We were thinking of looking at schedule times for the ferries to the neighbor island La Gomera, but it was holiday and the ferries didn't go as often and the ticket offices were not open. There were not posted schedule times either. We therefore decided not to go to La Gomera.



Instead we went over to the old fishermen's harbor and had some beer/wine at an ice bar.

Here is a picture of the beach at the harbor.

Afterwards we went back to the hotel and played billiard for a while.

In the evening we went to Restaurant Rio 7, a Spanish fish restaurant at the harbor and had sole. It was very good.

02.01.09

After a long breakfast we went over to a shopping center, where it was a cash dispenser, to get some more Euros.



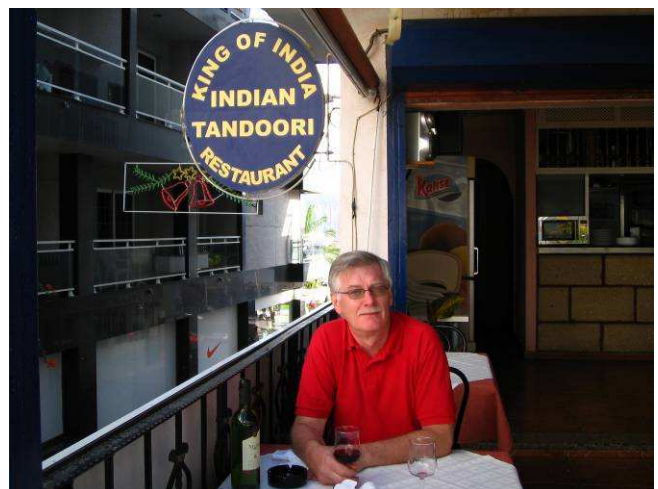
Here is a water fountain in the middle of the center



We ate lunch at this restaurant. Vi had paella.



On the way home we went past this original poster: Hot Dog med mustard.
At the hotel we played billiard until it was time to get some supper.



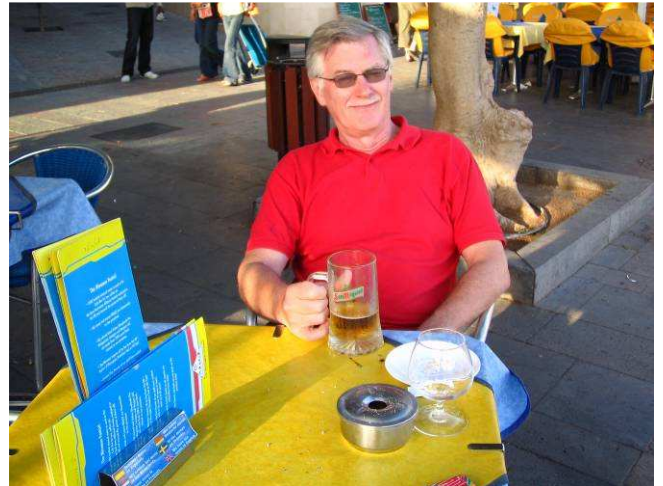
We went to this Indian restaurant and had lam. It was very good. Afterwards we went back to the hotel. We went to bed and fell asleep momentarily. We slept like logs.

03.01.09

When having lunch this day we went back to the Indian restaurant where we were the last evening.



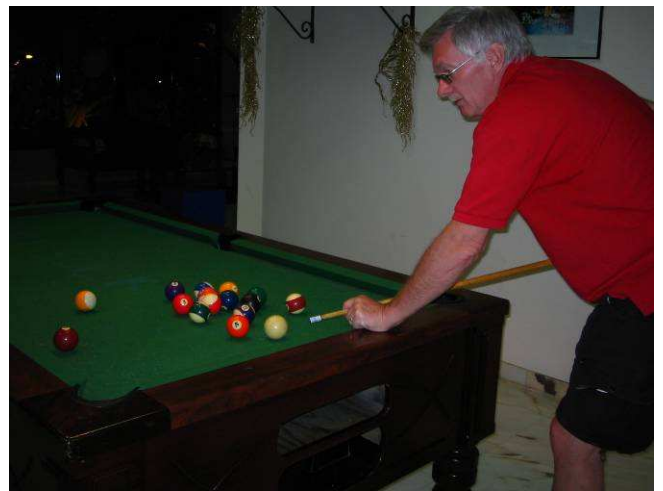
Afterwards we went down to the harbor and sat a while at the tables in the left in the picture



Here Kjell has got himself a bear



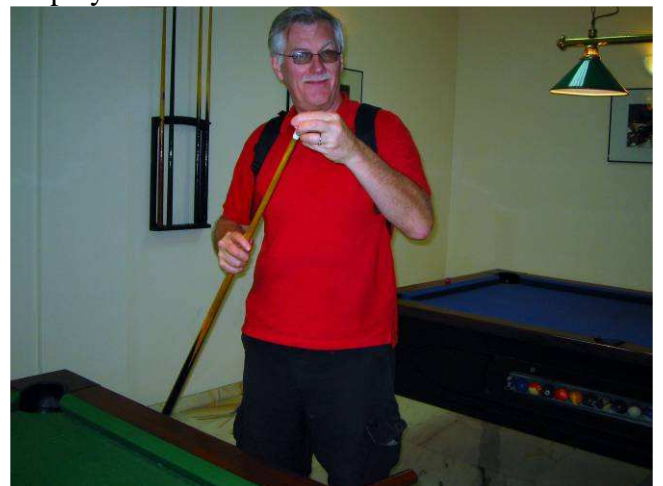
The pigeons were almost tame and ate from the hand



Kjell at the billiard table

04.01.09

This day was the home journey day. After breakfast we played billiard until the bus came for us.



When coming home, there was minus 22°C

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