

Cape Verde Islands

Today we docked at the island of Sao Tiago, next to the capital town of Praia. Here we saw a different way of life, with many of its inhabitants simply hanging around in groups, either in the street or on street corners.

The shops were numerous, and mainly trading on the rough pavements, or even in the roads. We did not venture into many indoor shops, they looked a little risky!

The native tongue was not English, but a strange mixture of Portuguese and Crioulou, and totally non understandable to any of us. We walked around the main streets, into a park area where young schoolchildren were being taught, and finally landed up at a bar under umbrellas where others from the Van Gogh had gathered - safety in numbers here!



Schoolltime in Sao Tiago



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Being situated just south of the Canary Islands, the Cape Verde Islands are being talked about as being the new "Tenerife". From what we saw they have a long way to go to be attractive enough to entice hoards of package holidaymakers.

Local women were seen carrying large trays or baskets on their heads, must have been quite heavy too. In view of the constant begging hands pushed our way, we chose not to photo these interesting women!

Prices were low, our taxi from ship to town cost just 5 Euros, six bottles of beer we drank were 4 Euros in total, and a flying visit at an internet café cost around half a Euro.

An interesting place for a one day visit, but like some others, can't think of any good reason to visit again!