

# Sacramento February 2015



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# *Sacramento, February 2015*

*This was a trip we planned while we were staying in England. After leaving Christopher, Cyndi and Samantha after Christmas, we thought our next visit might be in August as they had already planned a trip to see us in Ohio in April. However, we decided that, since we were home for a few weeks in the depths of winter, it might be nice to see some sunshine—and our family—in California.*

## **Thursday February 26**

We left home at 4pm and were at the airport in an hour so had quite some time in Sky Club before our 7:15pm flight to Salt Lake City. This flight provided us with dinner, after which we both slept soundly until our arrival in SLC. The layover here was only 45 minutes so we were straight from one plane to the next and on our way to Sacramento.

We arrived to a balmy 50F and soon had our bags and the rental car so we were checked in and in bed at the Spring Hill Suites by 11:30 PST.

## **Friday February 27**

We were up about 7:30 after a good sleep and walked to Starbucks for a light breakfast. It was supposedly only 45F at the time but it felt very comfortable compared with the past weeks in Cincinnati. I left after this for a 4 mile walk and returned to the hotel soon after 11am, by which time it was very mild and sunny.

We met Christopher for lunch around 12:30 and spent an hour catching up with him. He then returned his old car to the dealership (he has just leased a larger Nissan SUV) and we drove out to pick him up and take him home. We then returned to the hotel until meeting the whole family for dinner.

We met at On the Border at 7pm, had a nice meal and then went to Christopher and Cyndi's home for dessert – a lovely cake that Sammy had made for us. It was about 10pm by the time we left to return to the hotel.

## **Saturday February 28**

We were up a little later today (8:30) and drove to Walgreens to do a little shopping before having a light breakfast at the Starbuck's on Arena Blvd. We then returned to the hotel, I went for a three mile walk and then we left to join the family for lunch. We ate today at the Round Table quite close to the hotel. Unfortunately, Sammy had not been feeling well overnight and had been to the doctor this morning. He had prescribed an antibiotic and by the time we met her she was relatively perky.

We spent the afternoon viewing our slide show of last October's visit to Myanmar and then had a couple of hours at the hotel before meeting for Cyndi's birthday dinner at Pooja in West Sacramento. We had a very pleasant meal and a long chat before returning to the hotel around 9pm.

## **Sunday March 1**

We walked to Starbucks for coffee (only) as we were having an early brunch later at Mimi's. I went for a short walk after our coffee and we both left the hotel soon after 10:30 to meet Christopher, Cyndi and Sammy.

We had a very nice brunch at Mimi's and then went to their house for more picture viewing – this time our South Africa and Namibia trip and a series of photos that they had taken since leaving us last July following the Alaska cruise. It was a three hour show but everyone seemed to enjoy it.

We all went for an early dinner at the Melting Pot in downtown Sacramento, this time celebrating Molly's birthday. As usual this was an excellent meal with very good company and it was almost 8:30 (three hours after our reservation) before we left and said our farewells at the hotel.

### **Monday March 2**

We were up very early and were at Starbucks for coffee soon after 7:30. I then went for a three mile walk and returned to pack and check out of the hotel by 10am. We had our traditional visit to iHop for a late breakfast and then returned the car and checked in for our return flights to Salt Lake City and on to Cincinnati after another great weekend with our California family.

The weather in Sacramento had been very pleasant (especially after the two weeks we had just experienced in Mason and we enjoyed daytime temperatures in the 60s and lots of sun. We returned to Cincinnati to a temperature of 20F.

