

Sunday 20th and Monday 21st March

This was our second visit to Bridgetown – having been for three days in December.

As we had been before, we decided not to do a lot on the Sunday. We merely went to the Port Terminal where there was a free wifi connection that we had not discovered on our previous trip.

On the Monday, we went by ourselves to the Barbados Wildlife Reserve – having been helped to find a taxi at the terminal. The Wildlife Reserve has the largest collection of tortoises in the world and a number of other creatures such as the “Mara” - a genus of the cavy family. They are the sole representatives of the subfamily Dolichotinae.

These large relatives of guinea pigs are common in the Patagonian steppes of Argentina but live in other areas of South America as well such as Paraguay.

Maras are the fourth largest rodent in the world, after capybaras, beavers, and porcupines, reaching about 45 cm (18 in) in height.

We returned to the ship by lunchtime and then spent the afternoon catching up on emails and uploading photographs before we left at around 5.30 p.m. for the airport at Bridgetown and our flight back to the UK.



We landed in Heathrow, with Brian and Ann, at around 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 22nd March and then all drove back to Devizes together.

We had come to the end of a very enjoyable holiday.