Larry's Christmas Holiday

The Gambia, West Africa By Miranda Platt 6M

This is where we went, to The Gambia



We started our holiday on the plane and saw some amazing views!

West African coast and Sahara Desert

Dakar, capital of Senegal

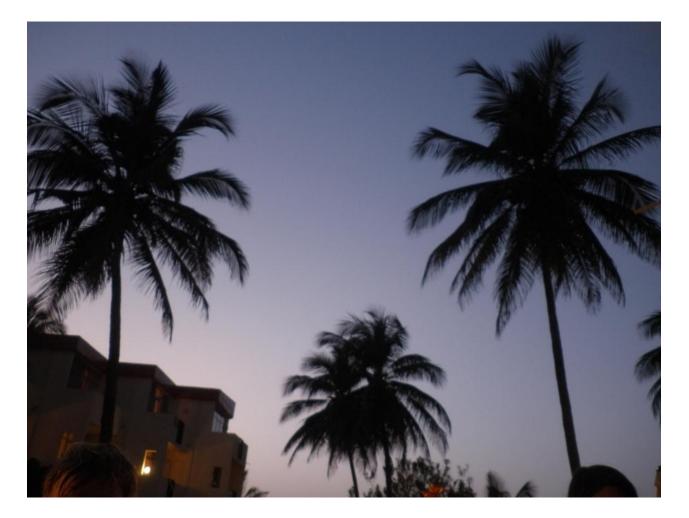


I calculated that we were going to be travelling 4500 km

We arrived late but hoped to see the hotel in full in the morning.



Everything looked lovely at dawn, and we were looking forward to the beach.



The beach was amazing!



We all had fun in the sea, even my grandparents!





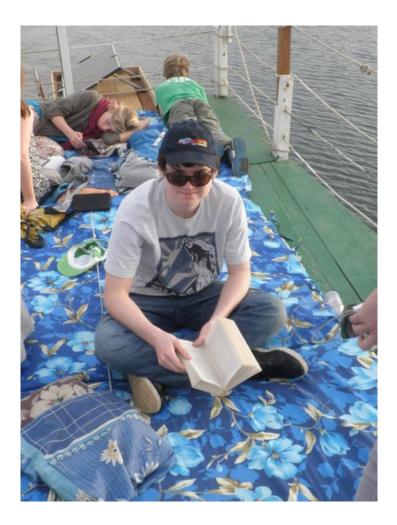
Then we all went on a river trip on a wooden boat, or 'Pirogue'.



We went down the Gambia River which flows right through the Gambia.



We relaxed and read our books.



Until we came to Lamin Lodge.



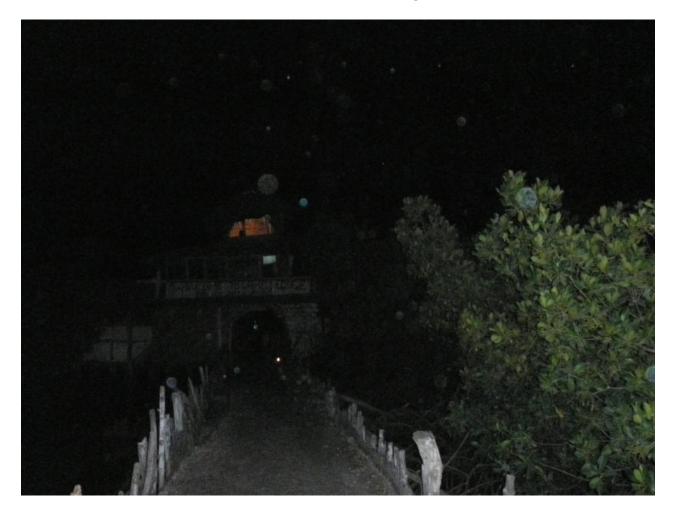
We all ate and then...



...Some unexpected entertainment.



Finally it was time to go back to the hotel. We went by mini bus.



The New Year's Eve party saw some amazing food sculptures.

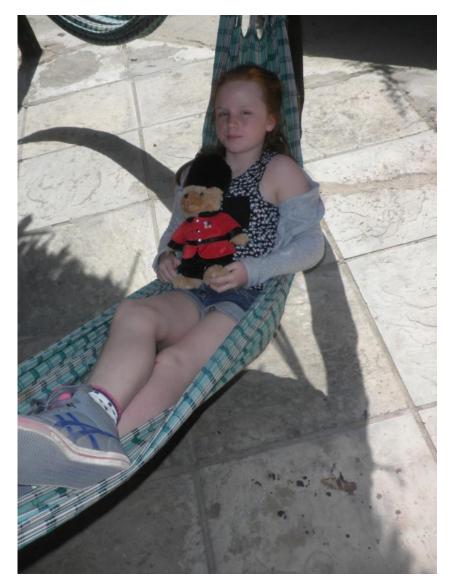


The next day we went to an eco lodge near to a small Gambian village.





We relaxed.



Then got back in the Land Rover, ready to visit the orphanage.



When we arrived, we sorted loads of old clothes and shoes we had brought into sizes for boys and girls of different ages.



The poor Gambian children all queued.



But the queue didn't last.



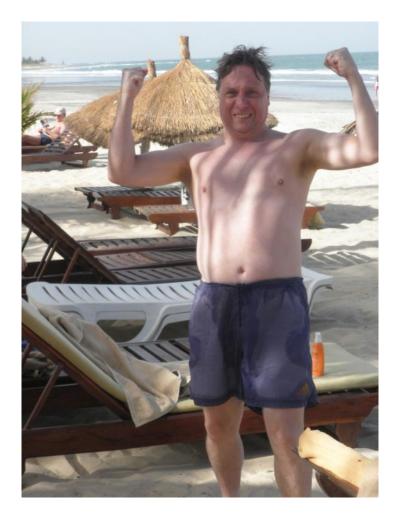
It was funny because some put the clothes up their tops as they didn't have bags.



They all seemed sad that we were leaving.



Then we enjoyed some more days at the beach.







Until it was time to leave...



We went there with 5 suitcases, and came back with 2. It was easy to help Gambian children, and we hope to do so again.

Hope you enjoyed this slide show. I know Larry did.

