

Thursday, April 22. 2010

### **Back in Gibraltar!**

The plane to Gibraltar left Luton with barely an hour delay. There were only about 20 passengers on the Airbus A321-200, and so the acceleration at take-off was noticeably higher than usual - nice. The pilot must have been really experienced at flying fully occupied aircraft. Because he fumbled the landing of the empty plane shortly after 11pm. After it had finished kangaroo-hopping down the runway I rearranged my bones and everybody left the plane. Immigration was deserted, so we helped ourselves through the closed but not locked doors and picked up our luggage. On the way to customs I picked up an english couple headed to Fuengirola. I had arranged for a airport transfer to Gibraltar. Fuengirola is on the way and I had two empty seats. The driver waited after customs, happily waving a sign with my name. We threw our luggage into the car and the rest of the trip went in a blurr of lights and fast corners. The driver explained, in very good english, that the police doesn't control the speed limit at night. So there is no need to be worried about speeding along with 200 km/h - through towns and all (3 year old Merc E320 with 470.000km!). He dropped me off at the border to Gibraltar, and I walked well past midnight through a deserted (of course) immigration and customs building and across the runway into town. After another 30 minutes of walking I was back on Vespina - oh joy . Now I'll visit Gibstainless to pick up the extension to the equipment mast, and at two the mechanic from Sheppard's will come around to service the engine.

Posted by Axel Busch at 03:43

Glad you've made it back!

I look forward to seeing your new mizen mast We're at the bottom of the Guadiana now, had one trip a little way upriver and it is beautiful.

Anonymous on Apr 22 2010, 04:07

lauter Wilde...(really 200 km/h?)da kannst ja froh sein, dass du wieder gl¼cklich und gesund auf der Vespina angekommen bist! Hasta pronto!

Anonymous on Apr 22 2010, 04:59

Hey Anke! Na, in der Ortschaft sicher nicht 200, aber er hat es versucht. Ich war zu besch¼fftigt nicht hinzuschauen, haha. Aber immerhin 130km in deutlich unter einer Stunde ... da muss man es schon krachen lassen. Bin froh dass alles gut gelaufen ist.

Anonymous on Apr 22 2010, 14:31

nice drive, but to be honest: come here and experience the scary rides in China. At least your drive knew how to drive

Anonymous on Apr 26 2010, 23:16