

## Carib-Cruise-Haiti

This is a satellite view of the resort and village of Labadee in northeast Haiti. The large city of Cap-Haitien is several kilometers to the east. Our ship was docked as shown in this view. Tourists were confined to the resort area and were not allowed to enter the forest or visit the village. Our only contact with local people was with the



vendors, guides, and resort workers. So we missed seeing normal conditions in Haiti. The large earthquake of 12 January 2010, 4:53 PM, was nearly not detectable here, while in the capital city and surroundings of Port-au-Prince more than 200,000 people died.



Haiti has tall mountains in many areas. As we went along the northern shore I noticed one region in which the land was naturally terraced. There were multiple horizontal steps in the hillsides. They were likely formed by numerous risings of the land out of the sea, with the waves carving new beaches between the uplift times. The guide during our tour said that there were large gold deposits in the region, which seems reasonable for this geologic environment.



Labadee harbor, dock and rear village

Dock and resort

Beaches and water playgrounds



Our ship at Labadee. Our room was on this side, near the middle both horizontally and vertically.



Gail enjoyed this beach after our lunch under the trees.



Our guide told us that this Neem tree has great medicinal value. The leaves are slightly bitter.



Rocks eroded like those at "Hell" on Grand Cayman Island



Black-whiskered Vireo singing



Gray Kingbird



Hispaniolan Woodpecker, female



Hispaniolan Oriole



Oriole nests



Palmchat



Plain Pigeon



Another dinner with Ying and Irene after Haiti



White-winged Dove

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