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Peak flow 47Ml/sec 2014
Today 9.3Mlitres/sec 11/10/24
Drought mar-jun down to 400kl/sec
Foz de igaucu (Big water) Parana state contains Iguacu. Head water far east near the Atlantic coast but flows west to form the Igaucu river.

Jabuticavua
Large plum size and colour fruit whith white insides

A solid nights sleep. Woke about 5:00 local so 9:00 in £'s.

Shower and a good breakfast and we were ready to head to the Iguacu Falls.
Marko our driver rocked up at 8:30 and drove us to the national park.

The trail down to the falls is quite short and very wet as one might expect. After the recent rains the river is runnig higher than usual.

Approximately 9.3 million litres of water every second.... That would fill your bath tub quickly, 5.37634409E−7 seconds or 0.0000000537. I think that's 5.376 nano seconds. For comparison, light travels about 49 CM in that time, provided it's in a vacuum of course.

Back to the water falls. In 2014, after some heavy rain, the record throughput for to falls was 49M litres/Sec.... Pretty much 10 times more.....

Lots of folk walking the course, mostly in ponchos. It wasn't raining, at least it wasn't raining much but the spray from the falls more than made up for the lack of rain.....

There's a point in the walk where the the floor is open mesh over the splash down for the one of the main falls. Quite regularly, through whatever auspices control this sort of thing caused an additional spurt thereby soaking the un-suspecting target with a huge deluge...

The geography of this world heritage site is quite complex.

The Iguacu Falls from the border between Brazil and Argentina running roughly North to South with Paraguay sitting just to the West. Everyone has "The Best" bit of the falls. From a consumers point of view, the best vantage point is probably the Brazilian side....
Tomorrow we will know for sure when we visit the Argentina side....

I'll report later.....

Interestingly, the headwaters of the Foz do Iguacu (Foz means delta) start almost at the Atlantic to the East but instead of running straight into that body of water, it flows West, collecting

more and more volume as it goes, ending up in the Iguacu. Ultimately, it ends up back in the Atlantic by way of Parana river having navigated 4880kM South.

We arrived back at the hotel at about 10:30 so it's not a massively consuming trek. The breakfast continues to 11:00 so we snuck in a second sitting....

We then took a walk, though the hotel back estate that takes one down to the river though what is essentially Amazon jungle. Quite a few exotic birds and signs telling you what to do in the event you run into a jaguar..... Like most predators of that ilk, back away slowly, don't act aggressively or you will lose. The path was quite long and the recent rains had made them all pretty slick.

Our last outing today was to take in the local privately run bird park/sanctuary.

I hesitate to use the second term as it is essentially a bird zoo. Everything in cages with sealed entrances and exits done with magnetic door locks on entry and exit of the entry cage..... It's amazing how people cannot understand how this works and will stand holding one door open, stopping the other door from opening.

"Come on people, it's not that difficult "

Lots of colourful birds, some not so colourful mostly in cages but large cages.

Frankly, by the end, I think we were both birded out and trudged, I think trudged is the right expression, back to the hotel.

Tried to blag a couple of larger mugs from the breakfast restaurant. It's the only place here that has a half decent size mug. The cups in the room are useless for people that use half litre mugs for tea at home. An officious 'short' manager maintained that they were only available for use in the breakfast restaurant..... Arse... Will steal a couple tomorrow morning when he's not looking.....