

Top Ten Most Depressing Sights in GTMO

10. The sight of Camp 6—looming up like a windowless Wal-Mart with an unfinished parking lot.
9. “Honor Bound to Protect Freedom.”
8. Having your client teach you how to open and drink from a juice box without a straw and then teaching it to your four year old when you get home.
7. A lawyer trying to get a Blackberry signal.
6. The patch of dirt in Iguana where the Uighur NECs used to garden.
5. The Cuban guy with no legs.
4. Having the escort tell you, once again, that you will be meeting your client in Camp 6 because, “That’s affirmative, sir, he’s still in there.”
3. The base workers’ little kids travelling to school on the bus and ferry.
2. Your client’s face when you leave.
1. The American flag flying above it all.

Top Ten Ironies in GTMO

10. You cannot walk across the parking lot from the NEX to McDonald's without an escort.
9. Gilcrest & Soames shampoo and soap in the CBQ.
8. Alcohol (a bad thing most prisoners don't want) is not prohibited in the camps but tobacco (a bad thing most of them do want) is.
7. The view of the ocean through the chain link and concertina wire when you first walk out of Camp 6.
6. The totally random level of thoroughness in searches.
5. Habeas attorneys cannot talk to the press on Windward during the day even though all of the press and all of the habeas attorneys stay together in the Leeward CBQ in the evening.
4. Military commissions.
3. The phrase "we regret we cannot accommodate your request at this time"—implying, contrary to all objective indications, that the request stands a snowball's chance in hell of being granted at a later time.
2. Feeling the sun in your face as you leave Windward on the fast boat—knowing your client cannot do either.
1. The list of things that are prohibited in the camps is, itself, prohibited in the camps.

Top Ten Funny Occurrences in GTMO

10. The guard thinking “Escort” was the habeas escort’s last name and asking him how to pronounce his first.
9. The Sunshine guy blaming the woman for drowning, after his plane crashed in twelve feet of water, because she could not swim (“who would have thought, she was Bahamian”).
8. Client picking up military lingo and telling the FNG guards that he is the FDG (“Fucking Detained Guy”).
7. The van breaking down.
6. Feral dogs eating road-kill crabs.
5. The hamburger, two pizzas, twenty candy-bars, diarrhea story.
4. Submitting grocery store receipts on your expense report.
3. Hearing lawyers talk about how good of a deal they got on something they bought from the NEX.
2. Seeing high-profile lawyers grill hotdogs for other high-profile lawyers (who then wash the plates).
1. That the Mayor was allowed to travel to GTMO 140 times in the years, all apparently without a security clearance.

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### Top Ten Guilty Pleasures in GTMO

10. Going to the beach.
9. Ordering a roast beef sandwich with extra meat, cheese, and real mayo from Subway—has to be better than dying from depression.
8. Homemade Uighur food.
7. Surfing on the Coast Guard WiFi.
6. Going fishing.
5. Eating ice cream bars in the NEX breezeway.
4. The Cuban Club.
3. Smoking cigars at the picnic area (Dominicans, they are Dominicans).
2. Three pieces of Sbarro pepperoni pizza before you get on the plane.
1. Leftover baklava washed down with single-malt scotch.