

The Reluctant Traveller

I have been on a journey, I would never have chosen.

Not a journey you book,
or a journey you look through the brochures for,
Nor that you'd google on the internet.

A journey that's cost me more than I ever thought.
A journey I didn't pack for.
I didn't prepare for it.
A journey that has changed me.
Changed my relationships.
Changed my outlook.

This journey cost me so much.
And yet what I have learned and the experience it has given me
is beyond anything I could ever have imagined.

The wonderful and terrible people I have met on the way,
The kindness shown by strangers.
The things I've seen.
The things I've learned and knowledge of subjects I didn't know existed.

Yet here I am.
I went on a journey, not chosen, not prepared for.
I didn't know anybody who had been there before me.
It's been the biggest journey of my life.

Am I a better person for going there?
Have I discovered more about myself, because of it?
Can I use this journey for the better, to help others?
These are the questions I ask myself,

Yes, we don't always choose our journey, this is life.
But we can become better, wiser, and kinder for them.