

Esther, Mi Amor!

Dear Esther mi amor,

Getting the opportunity to spend the last 50 days has been a blessing from God! Every moment is cherished deeply in my mind, body, and soul. You are not only truly infatuating but wholeheartedly captivating. Through this endeavor we've partaken on, a future without you is one I do not wish to imagine and furthermore experience. So, to give breadth and depth to our future together, let us first reflect on the beauty of the present moments we were able to experience together!

Rewinding back to our first two weeks in India together...



These two weeks were unforgettable as you confirmed all I already knew about my love for you. This was our first time together in over 3 years, and it started with so much uncertainty as well as nervousness, but quickly you showed me that same love I've been feeling all this time on the first day. This showed and proved that you don't wait for things to happen to you but instead

make them happen in the way you want to guide your life. That first day your kiss showered me in love and washed away all my worries, immediately bringing me an overwhelmingly surprised sense of joy. From the moment I met you, I thought my life changed but from then on your kiss showed me that life will never be the same with you and me in this world together.

After this life-altering moment, my mind lagged behind my body as it was still in shock, but our souls together made my mind understand what was meant to be, for the reason it was happening. This is meant to be an adventure of a lifetime for the reason of exploring everything this world has to offer and having the further luxury to share that closely with someone you love more than life itself. A unique experience given to you as a gift that, if not appreciated and accepted with gratitude, will be lost possibly never to be found again in our lifetime. From that first moment of waiting for you at the arrivals, waiting ever so impatiently to see you with so much emotion rushing through me, to the moment you washed my worries away with one small act all in less than 24 hours of spending time with you again, regenerated all the meaning that was being lost and more in this relationship between us.

Now the rest of those 2 weeks became heaven on earth, from the small moments of making the bed in the morning and going on our run together, to riding in the rickshaw with you and holding your hand on the street, as letting go would be the last thing we would do. Simple things like cutting fruits and veggies to enjoy a meal together, to sipping tea (or in your case, chugging, jajaja) meant the world to me and overly intoxicated me with your love in the way of you just letting me share those moments with you. All these small moments made myself truly understand how what I want in life will look and the extra bets I need to place in order to sustain and achieve it. Now that's what these moments added up to and it was more than a guy like me could ask for, but then these big moments came into play, like going to Irthu's wedding with you being there together, showing our strong bond between each other. Seeing you dance like a queen, catching every eye including mine every second in your lehenga and saree, had me in constant awe and made me so proud for you to be my love.

Every second of that wedding was a big moment for me because we were celebrating the love of two very beautiful people in this world, and I was able to experience that celebration along with a very beautiful person that I love. Such beauty life has to offer, and you are constantly being put at the center of the beauty for me, that it felt like an eternal dream that I never needed to wake up from. This feeling had taken over me and held me hostage, with the only chance of being released into our reality by not leaving you and following you to Bali. I saw no other choice, and the decision was clear yet difficult, because this was me placing the first big bet on something where the risk and return were uncertain but necessary to explore and impossible not to!

Now coming to Bali where the plan was no plan, yet what panned out was muy bien..



Our first international travel together led us to places unknown together. Stopping in Malaysia was the best detour ever because you encouraged us to make the best of it. Dancing throughout the Kuala Lumpur botanical garden was filled with immaculate vibes that made me know you're not only mi amor but my best friend. Our trip had barely even begun yet, but I knew my bet was already paying off in ways I never could have imagined! Even though it was the longest plane travel over the shortest distance in my life, it was legitimately the best I've ever experienced and it makes me realize why I love slow traveling so much more than regular traveling. We got to Bali with no expectations and arrived at a beautiful accommodation that had more than we could ask for!

As we began our journey in Bali, each day unfurled like a chapter in a book written just for us. The sunsets there, with their vibrant hues, remind me of the warmth and brightness you bring into my life. Each morning, as the first light touches the sky, I find myself grateful for another day by your side. Our mornings spent running through the rice fields and secluded areas have become treasures in my heart. There's something magical about discovering paradise with you, where the only sound of footsteps is ours. The afternoons spent working hard to push each

other to be productive gave me even more motivation to think deeply about the work needed to be done.

In the evenings, as we enjoyed the cool air, our conversations flowed like gentle streams, sometimes meandering into deep, unexplored territories of our hearts and minds. These moments, under the canopy of the cosmos, have not only deepened my love for you but have also shown me the vastness of our potential together. I remember one particular evening in Ubud. The way the candlelight danced in your eyes as we dined in a quaint little restaurant, tucked away from the world, it was as if time stood still. That night, as you laughed at my words and we enjoyed a great meal, I realized that these simple, unguarded moments with you are what I cherish the most.

Getting the opportunity to spend our moments as well with your sister and Freddy gave me an immense amount of joy. From going to dinner together to experiencing parts of Bali with each other, I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to have found more family in this world because of you! Getting to see the endless unconditional love your sister and Freddy have for each other is truly inspiring, and with every moment spent with them, it brought me closer to realizing that this is a reflection of the love I feel for you and the meaningful work I am willing to put in to make sure it is shown throughout my whole life.

The time in Bali with you grounded me in a way that gave me a further sense of purpose in this world where I believed there was no more purpose I needed besides the one that I found in my work. You found me, encouraged me, and furthermore strengthened what it means to be me. I thought a little more thoughtfully, I loved a little more lovingly, and most of all, I grew even more strongly. Taking this time together was not a chore nor a regret. I felt as if the sacrifices we made to make it happen were ever so worth it as we will be reaping what we sow from the seeds that we planted to grow together for the rest of our lives.

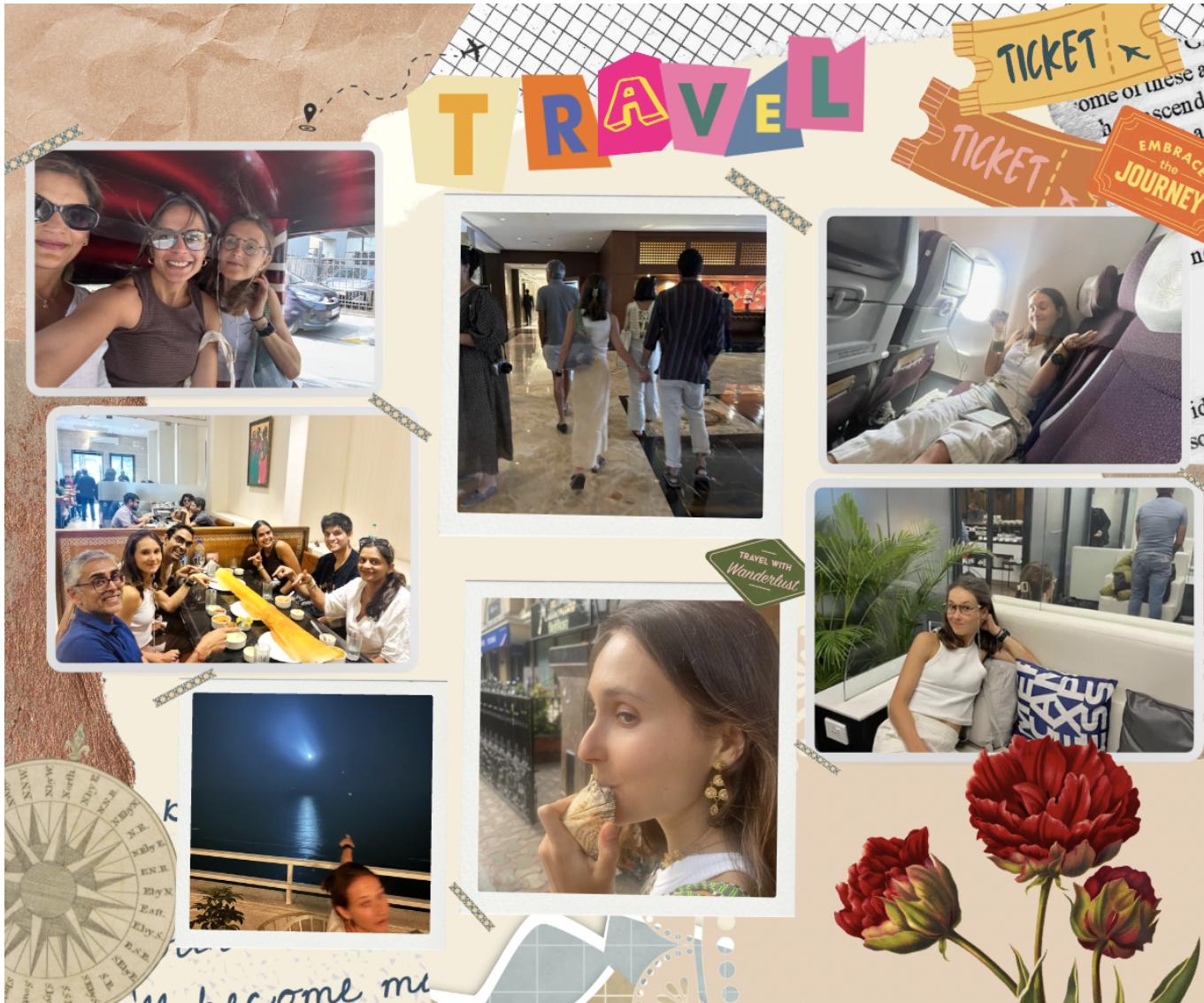
Reflecting on our time together, I am struck by the profound impact you've had on me, Esther. Your unwavering optimism has taught me to view life through a lens of hope and possibility. I remember how, during a particularly challenging time in my work, you saw an opportunity for growth where I only saw obstacles. Your perspective shifted mine, and since then, I've learned to embrace life's complexities with a more positive outlook. Your compassionate nature has also deeply influenced me. You have this innate ability to understand and empathize with others, even in situations unfamiliar to you. Observing this, I've become more empathetic and patient, not just with others but with myself as well. You've shown me the beauty of kindness and the strength it carries.

Moreover, your relentless pursuit of your passions is incredibly inspiring. Whether it's your dedication to your health or your commitment to personal and professional growth, you approach everything with such fervor and determination. This has motivated me to rekindle my own passions and pursue them with renewed vigor. But, perhaps the most significant change in

me, brought about by you, is in how I love and value relationships. Your ability to love unconditionally, to forgive, and to nurture relationships has reshaped my understanding of what it means to truly care for someone. You've taught me that love is not just a feeling, but a practice - one that requires patience, understanding, and effort.

In essence, Esther, you've not just been a part of my life; you've been a catalyst for my transformation. With you, I've grown in ways I never knew I needed to. You've enriched my life immeasurably and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Coming back to India, marking the end of the beginning of the first part of our journey together, celebrating full circle with my family meeting us together!



Words can't describe the feeling of you mustering up the courage to see my family as the love of my life. They wholeheartedly loved getting the chance to meet you once again and this time under much different circumstances. You gave me the courage to be even more honest with them in a time where I didn't want to and you are giving me the push to be more patient and understanding to even more deeply value the importance of family in my life. Esther you are my

family and you spending time with us proved that even more to me and definitely to them. Even though proof is not something we needed, it is something we will cherish as it will give us that extra feeling of freedom we are fighting for and inspiration in further creating our family as we grow together!

As I think about our future together, my heart swells with anticipation and hope. I envision us not just traversing the globe, exploring every hidden nook and vibrant culture, but also journeying through the landscape of life side by side. I dream of us building a home filled with laughter, understanding, and endless support, where every room echoes with the stories of our adventures and the warmth of our love.

In the years to come, I see us both growing – not just as partners but as individuals. I am committed to supporting your dreams, be they personal or professional, just as fervently as I pursue my own. Together, we'll be each other's cheerleaders, confidants, and pillars of strength. I eagerly anticipate the myriad of experiences we have yet to share – from the thrill of new achievements to the quiet joy of a shared silence. I also aspire to deepen our connection at every level. To communicate more openly and listen more intently, ensuring that our bond only strengthens with time. I wish for us to continue to learn from each other, challenging and inspiring one another to be the best versions of ourselves.

Most importantly, I dream of the day when our love, already so profound, reaches new heights as we perhaps decide to expand our family. The thought of nurturing a life, or lives, that are a blend of both of us fills me with a sense of purpose and joy. Together, let's turn these aspirations into our reality, painting a future that's as bright and beautiful as the love that binds us. With you by my side, I am confident that even the wildest of dreams can come true.

Amidst all these reflections, I realize that my most profound sentiment from this trip and my time knowing you is gratitude. Esther, thank you for being the light in my darkest days and the joy in my happiest moments. Your presence in my life has been a continuous source of peace and happiness. I am immensely grateful for your patience and understanding. In moments when I've been lost in my thoughts or tangled in my worries, you've been my unwavering support. You've listened, advised, and stood by me, teaching me the true meaning of partnership. Thank you for sharing your world with me. Your passions, your dreams, and even your fears. You've trusted me with the deepest parts of your soul, and that trust has been a precious gift. It has given me a sense of belonging and purpose that I had never known before.

I am also grateful for the laughter and joy you bring into every day. Whether it's your delightful sense of humor, your infectious smile, or your ability to find happiness in the smallest things, you've made my life richer and more enjoyable. Most importantly, thank you for your love – a love that's kind, selfless, and all-encompassing. It has transformed me, given me a new perspective on life, and opened my heart to depths of emotion I never knew existed. Your love has been my strength and my sanctuary.

Esther, my gratitude for you knows no bounds. You are not just a part of my life; you are the essence of everything beautiful in it. For all these things and more, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In closing, my dearest Esther, words often fall short to express the depth of what I feel for you. Every moment we've shared, every laugh, every adventure, and even the challenges, have stitched an unbreakable bond between us. You are not just a part of my life; you are my life's most beautiful chapter. I promise to cherish, respect, and love you with every fiber of my being, in every moment we have, whether bathed in sunlight or shadowed by challenges. With you, I have found not just a partner, but a soulmate, a best friend, and a guiding star. As we continue our journey together, know that my love for you is as vast as the skies and as deep as the oceans. In your eyes, I see my today, my tomorrow, and all the tomorrows that follow. You, Esther, are my love, my heart, and my eternal home."

With all the love in my heart and the joy of our shared journey ahead,

Yours truly, Shaan ❤️