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Preface:

I am neither of the East nor of the West, No boundaries exist within my heart. Jalaluddin Rumi

I thought I would take this opportunity and tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Tehran, Iran, in 1979. In 1992, I moved to London with my parents. After finishing my A level, I went to the University of Surrey in Guildford pursue my education in Biochemistry. I finished my PhD in Biochemistry (foc. safety) in 2005, and my job at Unilever, UK in 2006, as an analytical chemis. In 2008, I moved to Memphis (USA) to do a post-doctoral degree in Autis. In the University of Tennessee. Then after I joined St. Jude children hosp all and I was engaged for two years as the Research Project Coordinator. The first in Austria working as a research fellow. Then, was engaged to do job as a volunteer at Nasio Trust in Oxford doing a shall enging job in Kenya sometimes between the September 2013 and Jun. 2011. On June 2014, I was offered a job from UNIDO working in Iran for shout ten months. For the time being, I am in UK engaged in teaching the scienc.

Travelling is my for a lot just to tick off the box to say I have been there and seen that. I want to rave I to connect. To connect to nature, people, history or the road I am travelling and I try my hardest in respecting people and places I go to and learn to adapt instead of expecting things to be done according to my needs. I began travelling over 10 years ago and did an extensive travel for almost 2 years around the world. You can see that in my book. I hope you enjoy reading my diary as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

Now, this is a diary of my trip to Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand & South, Central and North America, Europe and of course some years later to Iran. We are supposed to travel in a group, but some of us will change during the journey, so I will experience different people and different cultures. What happens next is a mystery to me. So come and find out! I hope you enjoy reading this diary.

Thank you mum and dad for your encouraging words during my tra els (even though we managed to talk maybe once every two or three month.) N'um you have been with me to all of the countries I have traveled to; you just don't know it!

This book is dedicated to all the travelers I met whith on the road, to all the female travelers who inspired me to keep going and only friends who met me while on the road and who travelled with me.

Start of travels: Jun 04, 2006

End of travels: sometime. at the end of 2007 or after that, who knows! Travel continues.

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