

Tragic traveller: her final diaries



Extracts from Liz Hardwick-Smith's blog *Eat, Surf, Love*

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"I've changed. I was thinking how not long ago I wouldn't have allowed the opportunity for this to happen because I would have been too insecure and intimidated. I'm learning that the world is a very welcoming place if you allow yourself to be welcomed. I'm learning that I don't have to be stuck with being the scared, insecure person I used to be."

April 13

"I am enchanted by Mexico. None of the things I was worried about have been an issue. I have not been lonely. I have not felt in any danger. I'm learning to surf. I'm learning to speak Spanish. The progress of both of these feels too slow, but I'm also learning patience. "It will be interesting to see what happens next."

June 2

"Surfing aside, my goal for this trip was to find the thing I want to do with the next part of my life."

June 4

"I'm wondering (not for the first time) what the hell I am doing and why. I'm definitely out of place here, the only blonde, the only tourist, no-one else looks like they are here out of choice. What am I trying to prove? That I'm not scared? Well maybe I should be."

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