

Dear Bojandzi,

Thank you for this whole experience.

It has meant a lot to me. It has brought me to experiences and realizations that I didn't expect at all. I really appreciate the places that I got to visit thanks to you, from the mountains of Ikaria to the three Mediterranean seas. I'm grateful that Agios Kirykos and Stari Grad could have become my home for a short time. I am also really grateful for all the interesting people that I would've never met without you: from Leila, Yiannis and the people that I got to know through the interviews, to Ayane, Ivana, and, of course, Gregi. But most importantly, this summer has taught me a lot about myself.

Firstly, it was the sailing. I know it must sound strange to you, but when I was coming, I didn't expect (or perhaps imagine) it at all... And then we sailed through three seas in thirteen days! Life on Nalu (or maybe life with you?) teaches you to be flexible, to always be ready for a change of plans. It has taught me to let go of preconceptions about what I can and cannot do, to trust myself, to be more adaptable, more physical, more fully with other people. And sailing was beautiful for me. I loved seeing nothing but the open sea and the sunset in front of me. I had some very emotional moments there, standing at the front of Nalu. And spending hours just sitting in the cockpit in silence and observing the waves was almost like meditation. It's great that we were able to have this silence between us four.

Secondly, some things that I have realized about myself were often connected to you. I loved the conversations that we had. You are such an interesting person to me, ever since we met and shared a salad together on the boat, talking about Israel and Palestine. I think that you have this ability to somehow be harsh and very gentle at the same time, and they were both a part of my progress. So thank you for both. Thank you for all your love. I have felt it a lot, in little details and also when you were giving me insights about life. Last time we saw each other, after the dinner in your apartment with Grega, I have wrote down everything you said to me – that I have to figure out what it is that is important to me - and I'm really trying to observe and notice it.

You and several other people have told me that I am very rational. But I must have gone through some changes, because I had quite a lot of emotional moments during our time together – I'm sure you know. Maybe somehow you opened me up. I don't know if I told you, but on my first night on Nalu, I had a dream about my parents and their expectations of me, and this dream made me wake up in tears, sobbing. I think it was because on that first day I could feel a lot of acceptance from you and Grega. To meet someone who is the same age as my parents or older, but who has completely different perceptions of life, was really important to me in this part of my life.

Overall, this experience turned out to be much more personal to me than I expected. Personal in a sense of what I learned and where I've been challenged,

but also personal in a sense that I really feel a lot of love for you, for our time, for Nalu and for the people we encountered.