

5: Load shedding, beaches and friends

Its very interesting! I think I am pretty chill but then two weeks back in south africa can really test my patience skills and send me into a flat flap! When you live here , your answer to everything not working is " Well its Africa! We deal. We are hard core!"



What would you do if your lights went out, the water running out the tap was grey and your internet bounces on and off at nauseum??? I hit my peak of all this today and had a meltdown. After my meltdown, I pulled myself together and realised i was still in Africa. Tomorrow is another day!

What is amazing is reconnecting with my old friends, South African and Zimbabwean. We pick up where we left off and love that we can bounce between past and present. Our favourite visits usually involve eclectic old coffee shops, african markets or a "keepcup" coffee at the beach. I never get tired of looking at the art, design and cultural products of this country.



Staying with mom is a great lesson for me in learning to be calm, quiet and flexible. My time is HER time and we do what ever she would like to do. She thinks my online classes are "raucous" and doubts any one can do what I do! Ha ha! That is a great compliment to all of you for hanging in there and being usefully fit!



The beaches are still amazing but unfortunately seriously polluted when the tide and the wind blow the wrong way! This is where you see how we fail as the earth's patrons to clean up our "shit"!!! The endless plastic and rubbish is overwhelming washing in with the tides. There is an effort but when you see how this country struggles to just supply basic needs like water and lights I think garbage is the last thing on the list.

