

Time to read!



1) Read the following blog post. Make a list of the adjectives she uses to describe the different styles.

Does your style adapt to the country you live in?

Do you have a clear sense of your personal style? And does it change, depending on the country you live in? I have lived in more than 7 countries, and looking back on living in all those places, I would say that the place you live in always has an effect on your style. For example, while Italians look trendy and smart, Australians don't care much about fashion. Here goes a description of some of the typical styles I've seen around the world



The Netherlands

The Dutch are relaxed people, who do not like to **show off** their possessions too much. Society is very much based on equality and millionaires could just as easily own a simple car, rather than a big Mercedes. This is also reflected in the way they dress. Big **brands** are not the norm there and there aren't many big shops. One saying in the Dutch language is "Act normal - That's crazy enough". That is how I used to dress there. Reasonably safe, comfortable and a bit fashionable.

Characteristics:

- * Comfortable clothing, jeans and jumpers are very common.
- * Layers. Tunics over trousers, cardigans, and lots of jackets are very common in winter.
- * Practical accessories: For example little backpacks. Easy to take on your bike.

Singapore

I have now lived in Singapore for more than 5 years. Here people are pretty **laid-back** in terms of clothing during the daytime (although at work dressing is very traditional and formal) but they really dress up for parties. I have learned to dress more ladylike here, got some good **leather** hand bags and bought some glamorous high heels!

Characteristics of Singapore style:

- * Fashion is important.
- * Showing off your wealth with possessions and clothes is common.
- * Formal clothes for work like suits and dresses.

Australia (Sydney)

I spent 7 years in Sydney, Australia. Have you ever heard about the relaxed Aussie lifestyle? Well, it is true. Everything tends to be more laid-back here and that is reflected in people's style. Although a few people wear trendy clothes, the majority prefers dressing comfortably.

Characteristics of Australian style:

- * Baggy trousers
- * Sneakers, sporty outfits

This sums up my style journey across the countries. Some key elements of my style have remained the same (minimal, a bit of fun, asymmetry; fashionable but comfortable). However, I have found that you always adapt your style at least a bit in each country. Dressing and style is very much influenced by your environment, and you tend to go with the vibe in each country. What about you? Do you change your style when you travel? Leave your comments below!

Amy



2. Read the text again. Then read the sentences below and complete them with the name of the city.

- 1- _____ and _____ do not care much about trends
- 2- In _____ middle-class and high-class people look the same.
- 3- Loose clothes are very common in _____.
- 4- _____ is the most fashionable city Amy has mentioned.
- 5- In _____ people dress very differently at different times of the day.
- 6- People wear a lot of clothes in _____ because of the cold weather.
- 7- In _____ Amy stopped dressing in such a relaxed way.

3. Find the words in bold in the text and match them with these definitions:

- A- material made with the skin of animals and used to create bags, shoes and jackets. _____
- B- loose (adjective) _____
- C- a type of product made by a particular Company. _____
- D- relaxed. Not worrying about anything. _____
- E- A large bag that you carry on your back. _____
- F- (disapproving) to try to impress others by talking about your abilities, possessions, etc. _____

Linkers of contrast

Here people are pretty laid-back in terms of clothing during the daytime, **but** they really dress up for parties.

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