

## **My Little Travel Closet**

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## **Chapter 1 : Maine**

It was a hot summer and my family made a plan to travel to Maine. We purchase a travel plan from the travel agency. We ride the bus to Maine instead of driving because it takes six hours drive to arrived the place which is a suffer for my dad if we are driving to Maine. In Maine, we have been to many places like Portland, Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park and Portland Head Light: Cape Elizabeth. One if my Instagram post photo was taken in Portland Head Light: Cape Elizabeth.

I was wearing a sleeveless flare dress in Ocean Blue color. The dress is design with little bubble prints in baby blue and pink color. The dress is made of soft cotton, when the wind blew my dress look flowy like ocean waves. Also, I wore with my cute little flower summer straw hat, the flowers are decorated with a white silk fabric on the hat. For shoes, sandals are the best for summer, I picked a low heel dark brown ankle strap sandal to match with my dress.

I wanted to look prettier in the picture so I spend some time and tears preparing and fixing myself purposely. I waxed my two hairy legs and fixing my eyebrows even though it is suffering. Besides that, I spend some time to do my makeup, I used peach eyeshadow tone and apply on my eyelid. Also, I drew a puppy eye with brown eyeliner and curled my eyelashes to make make it look innocence. Last, I applied my favorite Dior Addict color 102 Matte Raspberry lip balm.

I pick this outfit because Maine reminds me of seafood, the ocean, and summer. My ocean blue dress is matches with the location. Besides that, there is a small detail on the waist, it is fitted on the waist and flare at the skirt which shows that I have a very small waist. Due to my height, I heels often and want to make myself look taller and confident at my height. The heel is very comfy to walk for all day long because it has memory foam.

## **Chapter 2 : Universal Studio & Disneyland, Orlando**

In the past summer, I traveled to Orlando by plane with my family for a week getaway from busy city (New York City). We rented an Airbnb and planned to do four days in Disney and two days for Universal studio. I carried a hand carry size of luggage to Orlando. There are eight type of outfits were fitted in the luggage. I was so excited to wear the new outfits I bought in ZARA and Urban Outfitters. “Minion” and “Princes” were the most catchy outfits I have wore.

I wore a “Minion” outfit when I went to Universal studio and I didn't notice until my sister laugh at my outfit. My overall jeans pants have been hidden in my closet for a while. So, I decided to brought them with me in my little luggage. Also, I bought a lot of crop tops from SHEIN that year when crop top was in current trend, one of them is in mustard color. I was so excited to wear new clothing and pick it up randomly. Therefore, I wore the blue overalls jeans with the mustard tank top. The funniest thing is, I have my Dr. Marten black ankle boots on. I'm blended in the character “Minion” which makes me feel speechless.

Disney is a place for all the girls that dream of to become a princess, no exception I'm one of them. I bought a cute babydoll dress from H&M and it cost \$59.99 which is considered very expensive for a college student who works for part time minimum wages \$10. But I think it is worth it. I took a while to dress up before we head to Disney World. I wore a white cute puffy sleeve babydoll dress with a slim cut on the waistline that shows the curvy line of feminine.

The day to Universal studio, I didn't really spend time on my make up but, I did french braided on my hair with a navy blue bandana crossing together to make me look Grunge. The day to Disney, I woke up early to curl my hair and did a light peach tone makeup to look natural. I pick a nude kitten heel and bought a pair of sandal for changing after taken the photo.

I was not upset the outfit I picked to wore to Universal Studio, even though in the end I look like a “Minion”. It actually make me feel like “Ahhh... I did pick the right outfit accidentally.” And for Disney outfit I really do like it because I did took a lot of pretty pictures at the Cinderella Castle. This dress is expensive but it does make me look good especially I have a tiny waist, it does enhance the feminine side of my body.

### **Chapter 3 : Washington DC**

Planning a trip to Washington DC every summer is one of a thing with my best friend Jess. We have been doing this two years in a row before the pandemic start. Both of us are food hunter, we like to explore different restaurants at different states. Also, taking pictures for social media is one of our habit. A place in Washington DC is an unforgettable hidden spot for Instagram post which is “Culture House DC”. It is a colorful church building created with psychedelic art.

The weather was humid and hot in Washington DC during the summer. I planned to wear my cute romper that I bought the last thanksgiving. The romper is printed in check with baby blue and white. The romper was designed in fitted silhouette and flare at the bottom which created an illusion of skirt. There is a small detailed at the back of the romper, it is actually a bare back designed with a bow in the center of the tailbone. Also, I wore my Birkenstock sandals to walk comfortably while looking for the restaurant.

The romper is sleeveless and it looks empty around my collar bone. Therefore, I added a gold pendant necklace and a bone necklace chain to create layers around my collar bone. It doesn't make my outfit look better and gorgeous. Also, I insert a gold crystal dangle earrings in to my main earlobe and the second earlobe I have a pairs of 24k gold crystal stud earrings with me all the time.

The small detailed at the back of the romper created the alluring look which makes me feel confidence and proud of my body. At first I was worried about the fitted silhouette because if I relax my belly, my belly bloat like I'm pregnant. But, it came out with a nice picture when it was took it at the “Culture House DC” the fitted silhouette enhance the S curve from my straight body line.

#### **Chapter 4 : Philadelphia**

The day I went to Philadelphia was winter and it was snowing a lot which makes me remember that day. I went there with my friend Jenny and her younger brother who came to the US for vacation. We have planned this mini-getaway a month ahead and decided to ride the greyhound bus to Philly. We have been to many places like museums and restaurants. The most interesting place is Philadelphia's Magic Garden. We spend a lot of time taking a photo inside, it's a folk art museum created by using recycled items such as tiles, bottles, bicycle wheels, mirrors.

Due to the weather, I was wearing a fuzzy thick pearl white sweatshirt and denim blue jeans pant to cover up my skin. In the outer layers, I have my knee-length long dirty gray puffer jacket to keep my butt warm. The jacket was made with 30% of swan feather and come with a fuzzy hoodie. I even wore a black knee-high boot for extra protection from the cold weather. Also, never forget my black beanie in this cold weather. The beanie is embroidered with a kitten face on.

In this outfit, I look like a dumpling, because I was wearing thick clothes and less layered which looks like a dumpling filled with grounded meat. What makes me stand out from this outfit is the color and design of the jacket and the cute beanie. The dirty gray color was designed with magnet pockets in front of each side. Also, the look is similar to Moncler Streetwear Jacket which matches any style beanie. Therefore, I picked a cute one, a kitten face beanie to make it look casual streetwear style.

I wouldn't say the outfit is gorgeous or stylish, but it works well to bear the cold in the winter. Especially my puffer jacket, it does keep warm under negative degrees celsius. The only thing I regret to wear is the boots. My legs are warm but my feet are frozen while walking in the snow because it's not waterproof, I'm so disappointed at it. Even Though the weather is bad it doesn't affect my dressing up while I'm on my trip



## **Chapter 5 : Sekinchan, Malaysia**

Malaysia is a tropical country and this is where I grew up. My best friends LC and Amy were planning to go on a trip since I told them I'm coming back to Malaysia for vacation. It was nice weather to go to the beach that day. We booked a container theme Airbnb near paddy field and booked a time slot to Sky Mirror which is a new attraction in Malaysia. It's a mysterious beach in the middle of the ocean and it causes by low tide. The water is at low tide and almost gone which reflects the sky like a mirror.

Due to the location, I decided to wear something comfy. I wore a black torn denim short with an army green crop top basic tee. And the outer layer, I have my knitted tan cardigan to prevent the cold while riding the boat to the ocean. For shoes, I have a black and red combination colors flip flop on to have easy walking on the water. I was dressed in a basic category outfit and played with colors, to pop up in white and baby blue sky background when taking the picture.

I didn't dress much because it is going to be wet, so I added some accessories to look good. I carried a handmade straw sling bag with me and filled it with small items like a wallet, lens drop, lipstick, and cushion foundation. Besides that, I wore a pair of handmade earrings. The earrings are a straw summer hat, it is hanging dangling on my ear. Straw-made accessories are popular and it's fitted the tropical country image. These accessories make me look unique and not overdressed.

My look on that day was casual but cute and unique due to the handmade accessories. I think it's interesting that handmade straw accessories suit me well and look unique on the basic outfit. I thought that I will look bad in straw-made accessories because I was always taught that handmade items are lame or out of trend. People in Asia usually dressed simple and basic, I have barely seen people dressed in unique outfits back then.





## **Chapter 6 : Melaka, Malaysia**

Melaka is one of the states in Malaysia. It is a historical place where many different countries were taken over this strategic location such as Holland, Portugal, British, and Japan. LC and I have planned a mini getaway to Melaka for two days one night. Since I grew up in Malaysia, I've been to the local museum and architecture building a lot when I was on a school trip. So, we were planning for a one-day photoshoot on local traditional wear that rent from a store and one day for local food hunting which is the "Nyonya cuisine". Also, we are doing the night market shopping at the popular street "Jonker walk".

I was wearing the local traditional outfit for a day to experience the "Peranakan" culture. (Peranakan is people who are influenced by many ethnicities such as Malay, Indonesia, and Dutch.) "Kebaya" is a two separate pieces outfit, the upper garment is a sheer long sleeve blouse made by voile and decorated with lace at the sleeve cuff line and the button and hemlines. The lower garment is a "Sarong" which is a "Batik" printed fabric. It is supposed to wear like a long straight line skirt but using wrapping method like how girls cover themselves after showering. I choose a peach-orange tone color "Kebaya" and a wine red base combined with different pigmented colors on flora and fauna printed "Batik Sarong" to match with it.

The sheer long sleeve top enhances the feminine form which can be seen from the structured shoulders and v-neckline. To add more beauty and glamor to this oriental-inspired outfit, I put on the beaded shoes and beaded purse to match this outfit. The beaded shoe has a pointed toe design which makes an illusion vision that I have petite feet. The whole outfit looks curvy because it has a fitted waistline and bust dart on the blouse. It fixed all the problems from my straight body line and turn into a curvy line.

I look so skinny and pretty in this outfit. I always wanted to try on different cultural traditional wear because I'm so curious about what I look like in different cultures and different ethnicities. So, I picked this outfit to experience my local culture and know more about their lifestyle. It is special and unique because Southeast Asia culture is so different from any other Asia country.



## **Chapter 7 : Pulau Perhentian, Malaysia**

Pulau Perhentian is one of the islands in Malaysia. The islands are well developed with shimmering white beaches and crystal-clear waters that are perfect for swimming, diving and snorkeling. Pulau Perhentian comprises several islands, two of which are large and developed for tourism. LC and I have planned ahead to this island since last year, we decided to stay for four days three night on this island.

This is a tropical island so I bought three set of bikini: leopard printed, basic black and floral printed. The bikini were cute, the leopard printed bikini is wild yet cute. There is a ribbon knot in the middle of the bustline. The floral printed bikini is a one piece and it is a bare back designed. I bought a beach wear dress on the island. It is designed on a cotton fabric with batik printed. This is a tube dress and the silhouette is lose and flowy. I borrow a straw hat from one of my friends to create a beach look for the day.

The straw hat was designed with a cute little white lace ribbon. When I put it on, it looks cute with summer vibe. Besides that, I braided the french braid for snorkeling. When I put on the goggles, it doesn't make a mess and easy for me to look into the ocean.

I like the floral printed bikini and the batik dress. The floral printed bikini is a one piece designed with bare back created the sexy and cute look when I put it on. It also makes me feel confidence and proud of my body. The batik dress is lose and flowy, I'm better in this outfit because I gained a little weight after I went back to Malaysia. It does covered up some of the part I didn't want to show especially after having a meal.

## **Chapter 9 : Vancouver, Canada**

In 2019 winter while I visiting my aunt in Arizona at the same time I visited my cousins in Vancouver. I am a traveling companion for my aunt to visit her daughter in Vancouver. My cousin Cybil bought me to the attractions in Vancouver downtown such as Gas Town, Vancouver Revolving restaurant, Granville Island etc. The most attractive place is Granville Island because I'm interested in artisan products and Granville Island have a lot of artisan stores.

It was a nice day and I wore a bright orange knitted sweater with printed teddy. Besides that, I wore a black heat tech stocking and fuzzy short underneath. My orange oversized sweater is slightly above knee length and it does covered my butt. For outer layer, I wore the same army green puffer jacket from the day I went to Grand Canyon in Arizona. The outfit I wore to Granville Island is a popular among the Asian. It's grunge and street wear combination style.

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I remembered Cybil told me that I'm totally blend in at Vancouver when I just arrived, because the population in Vancouver mostly Asians. My outfit colors is based on my mood of that day, I'm happy to visit my cousin in Vancouver at the same time I feel comfortable when most people used the same language I speak.

## **Chapter 10 : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

I went back to Malaysia after the pandemic started because all the classes was in hybrid. One of my friend came back from Maldives and taking her vacation leaves during that time. So , we decided to hang out around the center of Kuala Lumpur and planned to take pictures on the street. There are many cases of harassment happen in Southeast Asia countries. Besides that, human traffic crime rate is high across the Southeast Asia.

I picked an outfit that have less skin showing, a pair of blue high rise jeans and a peach color long sleeve blouse. The design of the jean is high rise and bell bottom and the blouse is made of chiffon fabric. Due to Malaysia hot and humid weather, breathable fabric like chiffon and cotton were commonly used in garments. For shoe, I'll never left my heel behind. I wore a white kitten heel with a strap buckle on the ankle.

The public security in Malaysia is bad, therefore, I decided not to wear any metal jewelry. I choose a black lace choker handmade by myself wrap across on my neck. I poked in stud earring into my primary earholes to give a tiny touch of decoration to my basic outfit of the day. Also, I tied up my hair and it formed into a long wavy ponytail, surprisingly it giving a plus on temperament aura.

Even Though the weather is hot and humid, I choose to protect myself instead of styling myself in unique way. But, the outfit I wore makes me look tall and skinny which is I didn't expected. I like the way I dress in basic and played with accessories with a touch on different combination style.

## **Chapter 11 : Cameron Highland, Malaysia**

Cameron Highland is located in one of the states from Malaysia. It is a popular hilly and offers pleasant cool temperatures due to its higher altitude when people get sick and tired of the hot Malaysian climate. The temperature in Cameron Highland is similar to spring weather. I went there with my cousins, we planned there for one day trip to BOH Tea Center, garden and cactus valley. The most attractive place is the BOH Tea Center, it introduce the progress of how the tea leaves process. Also, it is a good spot for taking picture at the tea field.

I wore a floral printed long sleeve dress that made from chiffon. The dress is in nude color and there is a ruffles on the hem of the dress which similar to a vintage A-line dress. The cuff of the sleeve is gathered and created flare cuff designed. The dress printed with red roses and green leaves. Vintage floral printed dress was a trend from 2018 in Asia, most of the store were selling the similar dress around the time.

The dress created a lady look. So, I matches with a mini sling bag in emerald green. Also, I wore my gold accessories such as a thin bracelet around my wrist, a purple floral crystal stud earring inserted my primary earlobe and a gold butterfly necklace to make me look “classy”. The “classy” look accessories does matches the “lady look” dress and it look good on me.

I pick this outfit because it shows a different style of me. I’m used to basic outfit in a while and I think it is time for me to explore a different style outfit , especially in mature look. I’m no longer in early twenties, so it is a good time for me to explore something new. Surprisingly, I found it and classy feminine look does suits me well.

## **Chapter 12 : Aquarium, Malaysia**

One afternoon, I was on social media, something caught my attention “ KLCC Aquarium ticket half price ”. My eyes was staring at it for a while, I decided to share it to my friend LC. We ended up going to the Aquarium in one of the ordinary day which is weekday. Before that, we were searching outfit online and picked our favorite outfit for Aquarium one day trip. Finally, our dresses was delivered before the trip.

We bought white long dresses to the Aquarium trip because the lighting is blue and white can be see easily under blue light. My white dress is similar to beach wear dress. It is a tube layers A-line dress. The detailed design is gathered under the bust line and it follow the body structure flow down to the ankle length with three gathered layers. LC picked a white A-line dress detailed on the back. She had a bare back dress with a ribbon tied in the middle.

To make it match the theme, I wore some of the pearls and mermaid tail accessories. I did waterfall braided on my hair with a mermaid tail clip in between the two sides of the braided. Besides that, I insert a pair of dangle pearl earrings into the earlobes and a thing herringbone necklace chain with pear pendants wrap around my neck.

I choose this outfit because it matches the theme. Also, I was inspired by mermaid so I decided to add pearls and mermaid tail accessories to give a sense of touch of the ocean. It is interesting and fun to dress up randomly once in a while.



## **Chapter 12 : Grand Canyon, Arizona**

2019 Winter I planned to travel to Arizona to visit my aunt which is my mom's sister. I booked the air ticket and traveled by myself. My aunt picked me up from Phoenix airport, I was so excited to see her because the last time I saw her was 10 years ago. She brought me to Grand Canyon and wasn't expected something fascinating will happen. I didn't know that Grand Canyon snow during the winter before I went to the place.

My aunt told me that it will be cold on Grand Canyon, so I decided to wear my army green puffer jacket while visiting the place. But wasn't expected it snow when we were driving half way to Grand Canyon. I dress in active casual wear, a gray crop active long sleeve top and a black legging. Besides that, I wore a pair of black running sneakers from nike and a black knitted beanie.

Besides the black knitted beanie, I wore a gold herringbone chain around my neck as a additional deco for my outfit. Also, I slipped a rope band on my middle finger to gave a little touch of street wear style to my outfit of the day. So, my outfit doesn't look too plain and given a little street wear style.

The look of the day is active and casual which is the most comfortable outfit from this trip. The material of the jacket kept me warm and it is a light weight jacket which convenient for me to carry it. I feel better in this outfit because it does suits for the activity I was doing and it also protect me from the cold.

### **Chapter 13 : Ruins of St Paul's, Macau**

The Ruins of St Paul's is a church was built by Japanese Christian craftsmen under the direction of Italian Jesuit Carlo Spinola located in Macau. The church was made of wood, and it was brilliantly decorated and furnished. It is an a popular attractions for tourist due to the history and the facade design of the church. I traveled to Macau while I was in high school with my family and relatives. The facade of The Ruins of St Paul's is stunning and interesting.

It was summer and the weather is humid. I was wearing a A-line blue jeans skirt and a short sleeve white blouse. The A-line skirt was decorated with floral embroidery. The white blouse is made from chiffon and lace was sew on the edge of the seam. Also, I wore a pair of elastic braided ankle sandals. It is braided in between the first two toe.

Due to the weather, I twisted my hair and tied a bun. I decorated my bun with a gray bow on top. Besides that, I applied sunscreen over my skin that exposes under the sun for protection to prevent sun burn. Also, I wore a cap from adidas, it makes me feel good and cooling after doing the protection from the sun.

I was good in fashion sense back then in high school. So, I wore this outfit because this is the basic style and it will not go wrong with any matching style. It's plain and basic, I feel safe and secure because I don't have to worried about how people look at my style with different perspective.

## **Chapter 14 : Mong Kok, Hong Kong**

Mong Kok is the busiest place located in the center of Hong Kong. This area is a great place for shopping, food hunting and party. I traveled with my friends in high school in the October 2017. I have been told by cousin to come over Mong Kok for food hunting especially Hong Kong “Dim Sum” which is dish served in a steam bamboo container. “Dim Sum” include steam buns, dumplings, fried rolls, noodles etc.

It was fall season, I packed some long sleeves and jeans to this trip. I remember clearly that one of the day I wore a pair of long black jeans skirt and a red and white strip long sleeve tee. I tugged in the long sleeve tee into the long jean skirt. Besides that, I bought a knitted long cardigan with me, it is in gray color. I wore a black ankle waterproof boots, because Hong Kong rains a lot during fall seasons.

I bought a few accessories with me to this trip. I choose to wear a large size silver hoop earring hoop into my earlobe and a silver roman numeric bangle cuff around my wrist. These accessories makes my outfit look better than usual. I carried a transparent umbrella all the time just incase it rain suddenly and transparent umbrella looks pretty while carrying it during raining days.

This outfit make me looks like a little girl from animation. I wore this outfit because it is suitable for food hunting especially after eating a lot of food, I don't have to worry about my belly shows bloated size. Also, it is a perfect outfit for raining days, because I have my waterproof boots and a transparent umbrella.

## **Chapter 15 : Gardens by the bay, Singapore**

There is a party scene was show in the movie from “Crazy Rich Asian” is the Gardens by the bay from Singapore. It is a showpiece of horticulture and garden artistry that presents the plant kingdom in a modern way. My family planned a trip to Singapore during the summer break. I took 24 hours flight to Singapore. The Gardens by the bay caught my attention because the architecture is interesting. The exterior was build like avatar world with the weird tree structure.

Singapore weather is the same as Malaysia, it is hot and humid. I packed a lot of shorts, tees and dresses with me. I wore a mint color dress to the Gardens by the bay to match with the theme. The dress I picked is a bodycon dress which mean it is fitted. The dress was made in elastic cotton fabric, it is a breathable fabric for skin. The dress is printed with white leopard spots.

I inserted a loop earring into my earlobe and a leopard head ring on my middle finger. I applied falsey onto my lashes and oxblood matte red lipstick to make it look glamor with this outfit. Besides that, I tied a semi ponytail high up on top of my head to make me look a little bit taller.

This bodycon dress show my figure in S-line after I have been working out for months. Beside that, my collar bone is showing obvious without fabric hiding it and it actually look good after suffering working out the past months. I think it is worth the sweat and tears working out in exchange a good and healthy body.

Emily is a first generation Chinese American amongst three of her brothers who was born and raised in New York City. Her life begins in the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the late 90's then changes as her family moves down to Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. Emily talks about her struggles growing up in a moderately Italian dominated neighborhood as she felt left out and racism throughout her life like when she attended Catholic school. Feeling like an outcast, Emily decided to turn to the internet to express her feelings and that is when she found the platform, Tumblr. From there, Emily learned about her interests in fashion, beauty, and lifestyle related topics.

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This compelled Emily to go to a fashion college after her high school academics which then led to her creating social media blogs respectively for herself. After years of consistent posting, Emily was able to get a network of over 40,500 followers and a growing YouTube channel where she is able to express her interest in home decor projects, fashion, and lifestyle content. With still much to learn, Emily decided to join retail and work in showrooms to learn more about the fashion industry. Learning from her childhood struggles, Emily utilizes her past as a story to tell that for those who felt similarly, as a virtually safe space to join and connect.