

Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



**Celebrity stylist
Karen Ng
answers
your fashion
queries.**

Q I'm planning a vacation to Europe. How should I dress and what should I pack so I won't stick out like a sore thumb?
— Dianne

I've long been waiting for a question like yours. For goodness sake, my fellow Singaporeans, you are all so easily identifiable in a foreign country, wearing basic outfits that are casual and bland. Do make an effort to look snappy overseas, especially in Europe — the most fashionable continent in the world.

The trick to Euro-chic is to don snazzy accoutrements. Bring scarves to throw over an outfit or to wear as a bandanna. Hats are great, too. Pack a Panama hat for the day and a beret for night, and you'll look instantly stylish. Personally, I can't live without accessories when I travel. They can transform an outfit, from edgy to elegant, from incomplete to complete. Best of all, they don't take up that much space in the luggage. Bring along many different bracelets and bangles, and a few great necklaces to layer or pile on. Don't be afraid of mixing and matching. Avoid going overboard by remembering the great Coco Chanel's rule, "always take off the last thing you put on".

With gorgeous clothes and accessories, the next essential item you need is a statement bag. Think Gucci's exotic skinned options, Louis Vuitton's oversized totes for day and a clutch by Alexander McQueen or Marc Jacobs for night.

Try gladiator sandals and comfortable wedges for walking in the day and switch to an elegant pair of five-inch platforms for evenings. Believe me, it will turn out to be an unbelievably memorable trip for you! ❖

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Silver, gold and rose gold Emotions pendant, by Folli Follie.

Leather shoulder satchel, by Gucci.

H En Voyage Carre 70 in "vintage" silk.

Actress Christina Hendricks.

Wedge heels, by Bottega Veneta.

H En Voyage scarf, by Hermès.

Bottega Veneta

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