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For Jessica Good, owner of Passport boutique in Harvard Square, each day is a stylish trip. In preparation for her launch last August, she explored the city looking for cross-cultural inspiration. “Cambridge is such an international place. Everyone’s always on the go,” she says. With that in mind, she gathered destination-worthy clothing and accessories – everything from wrinkle-resistant dresses and roomy weekend bags to mini-sized stain removers – and set up shop for the customers she calls “modern jetsetters.” Of course, she also finds plenty of reasons to stick close to home.

I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT

1. Fenway Park. I make sure friends who are new to the area go to a game for a true Boston experience.

2. Iced coffee from Crema Cafe. It helps me get through hectic (and hot!) summer days in Cambridge.

3. Whale watching off Provincetown. It’s my summer tradition – and an opportunity to see some amazing creatures.

4. My jeweled Mystique sandals. They go with jeans, dresses, skirts – pretty much anything – and take up hardly any room in my bag.

5. Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard beaches. After long, brutal New England winters, I try to squeeze in as much beach time as possible during our all-too-brief summers.

6. A wide-brimmed hat from Hat Attack. Whether at the beach, on a hike, or lunching alfresco, I bring one along for instant sun protection.

7. My snorkel and mask. I’m planning my next vacation to the Maldives, and I don’t want to miss any of the amazing marine life there.

8. My Nikon D40 camera. I take it on every trip so I can remember each wonderful moment spent with my family and friends.

9. An ankle-length knit dress. I can throw one on and look polished from head to toe. Plus, they’re so comfortable and easy to pack.

10. My White + Warren cashmere wrap. The ultimate year-round essential. I use it to warm up in overly air-conditioned restaurants during summer, outdoors with a heavy coat in the winter, and on cold flights all the time!
SHORE THINGS

Charlotte Ronson's gray cotton playsuit with zipper detail, $170 at the Tannery, 39 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617-491-1811, thetannery.com

Monrow's Crocodile cotton, racer-back dress in fuchsia tie-dye, $150 at Passport, 43 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617-576-0900, passsportboutique.com

Love Shop's silk pareo in violet, $70, and Sanctuary's white, lace-insert linen dress, $124 at ISLA Beach House, 77 Rocky Neck Avenue, Gloucester, 970-201-1671, isla-beachhouse.com

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Ah, summer. By the time you’re sun-dazed and blissed out on a lounge chair, the moment for rational wardrobe contemplation will have passed. So follow Lola’s lead and choose nonchalant, functional beach cover-ups that could pass as regular members of your wardrobe. (Who has the wallet or closet capacity for single-purpose garments, anyway?) For active-with-kids types, there are rompers. They look fresh fashion-wise, and you can play Frisbee in them. Or maybe you’re the kind who sulks glamorously at the Colonnade Hotel’s rooftop pool. In that case, a black bikini peeking from an ultra-long, tissue-thin cashmere cardigan is killer – and particularly useful as the sun drops. Or there’s prep-pretty: a floppy hat to shield your nose, a little flip skirt on the hips. Pareos, meanwhile, are time-honored multi-taskers. Try one wrapped around your waist or tied at armpit height for the luau-dress look. Then, before heading home in civilian clothes, toss it around your neck and let it flutter in the breeze. Consider it your flag signaling a day well spent.