

# Your Possible Home

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## AI Prompt: Living Abroad Planner

*A starting prompt for building a wardrobe that has to hold up across a long stretch in another country*

When we lived abroad, the wardrobe problem was different from packing for a trip. A trip ends. Living somewhere else means you're building a life inside someone else's climate, culture, and shopping landscape, often with a luggage limit that feels personal. What you bring has to last, fit in, and stretch across seasons you may not have lived through yet. Don't skip the constraints — they are what make the answer useful. If you tell AI you're moving somewhere humid for two years with two suitcases, where dressier clothes are the norm and air conditioning is unreliable, you'll get a real plan. If you say you're moving abroad, you'll get a list.

### Copy and Paste

I'm preparing to live abroad for an extended period.

Constraints:

- Country and city:

- Length of stay:

- Climate range across the year:

- Luggage limit getting there:



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- What's available to buy locally (and what isn't):
- Cultural norms around dress:
- My daily life — work, school, church, caregiving, social:
- Budget for replacing or adding pieces once I'm there:

Help me design a wardrobe that:

- Works across the full climate range
- Fits the local culture without losing my own style
- Mixes easily across daily life
- Lasts the duration without constant replacing
- Prioritizes function, comfort, and longevity

Ask clarifying questions if anything's unclear.



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## Filling In the Constraints

The constraints do the work here. Most wardrobe problems abroad trace back to constraints that weren't named clearly up front.

<b>Blank</b>	<b>What to put there</b>
Country and city	Be specific. A coastal city and a mountain town in the same country can need completely different wardrobes.
Length of stay	Six months reads differently from three years. Say whether you'll be home in between.
Climate range	The actual lows and highs across the full year, plus monsoons, dry seasons, humidity, or wind if they matter.
Luggage limit getting there	The bags you can bring on the plane, plus anything being shipped separately and when it'll arrive.



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What's available locally	What you can buy in country, what costs more, what's hard to find in your size, and what just doesn't exist there.
Cultural norms	Modesty expectations, how dressy daily life is, what stands out as foreign, and what helps you blend in.
Daily life	The actual list — work, language school, church, school pickup, market days, caregiving, social events.
Budget once you're there	Whether you'll add pieces locally as seasons turn, or whether everything has to come with you.



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## Common Living-Abroad Situations Worth Naming

Some moves have predictable shapes, and naming the shape helps AI give you a better starting point.

<b>Situation</b>	<b>What to add to the prompt</b>
Family move for work	Office dress code, school requirements for the kids, climate transitions across the year
Mission or extended service	Modesty requirements, mission dress code, climate across many months, laundry access, walking distances
Long-term study or sabbatical	Classroom or research norms, social life, weekend travel, formal events, weather across full semesters
Caregiving or family support stay	The pace of daily life, the activities involved, indoor versus outdoor time, hospital or care setting if relevant



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Faith-based or pilgrimage stay	Modesty expectations at sacred sites, walking distances, layering for variable indoor and outdoor temperatures
Tropical or hot-climate post	Breathable fabrics, frequent washing, modesty inside air-conditioned spaces, rainy season layers
Cold-climate post	Real winter gear, layering systems, indoor heating differences, footwear for snow and ice

## A Note on the Follow-Up

The first list AI gives you is a draft. Walk through it piece by piece and ask what each item is doing across the full year, not just the first month. If something is there for a single use, ask whether it earns its space in your suitcase. If something's missing, say so. Ask what you can wait to buy locally and what has to come with you. The wardrobe that actually makes the move with you is the third or fourth version, not the first.

