



Clockwise from top left: Viva O Sol owner Claudia Diniz; Viva O Sol's chic offerings are sure to be the stars of your vacation ensembles; inside Viva O Sol.



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Design your vacation wardrobe from head to toe at these chic local shops.

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Viva O Sol

With a name that translates to “celebration of life in the sun,” it’s no wonder that this boutique carries a wide selection of pieces fit for a luxe getaway. The boutique’s style is vibrant and tropical, inspired by founder Claudia Diniz’s Brazilian heritage. Vivid colors complement flattering cuts throughout Viva O Sol’s selects, ideal for achieving a chic and festive look. Likewise, browse the store’s selection of floral dresses, ranging from mini to maxi length,

made from cotton, silk and other top-notch materials. 155 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos, vivaosol.com

MÉLANGE

MÉLANGE boasts a collection of dreamy tops, dresses, skirts and pants, all with unique designs: Think striking florals, delicate white lace and bold blocks of color. The boutique is inspired by CEO, founder and Creative Director Chandan Allen’s travels, as well as local wildlife such as hummingbirds.

She focuses on seeking out quality fabrics and talented craftsmanship for the selects, all sustainably produced at Chandan’s family-run factory in Mumbai, India. 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Ste. 136A, Palo Alto, melangestyle.com

Time Out Clothing

Nestled in Los Gatos’ downtown shopping district, Time Out Clothing is overflowing with effortless, classy summer staples. A mix of cover-ups and swimwear,

including mix-and-match bikinis and chic black-and-white one-pieces, are just some of the items you’ll find on the racks of this 25-year-old institution. Shoppers will also spot eclectic beach bags and statement jewelry that aptly complement a beachy wardrobe. 108 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos, timeoutclothing.com

Bella James

Packing for vacation is a breeze after a shopping spree at

Bella James. The shop’s versatile dresses are airy and light, made from cotton and chiffon, with some featuring woven, crocheted trims. Similarly, loose-fitting jumpsuits with bright tropical patterns are frequently available at the boutique—perfect for looking stylish in hot weather. To finish off a look, browse the selection of flip-flops, leather sandals and stunning wedges that pair beautifully with any outfit. 1371 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, bellajames.com