



'Vintage clothing and jewellery store Bungalow 8 is 3 storeys of fashion finds'



## MUMBAI BOHEMIA

Nayantara Kilachand, 31, journalist and founder of city style site *Mumbaiboss.com*, shares her knowledge of Mumbai

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: The gateway of India in Mumbai; Alexander Wang S/S 13; the city is colourful and vibrant; a roadside mural; Bungalow 8; the executive suite at the Oberoi; NorBlack NorWhite S/S 13



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### Describe the style in Mumbai.

It's a mix of local and Western gear, sometimes layered or mixed up for a boho-meets-academic aesthetic.

### Point us in the direction of the best shops.

Head to the Kala Ghoda district for its design stores, like Filter (43VB Gandhi Marg) and Play Clan ([theplayclan.com](http://theplayclan.com)). Colaba is great for street-stall bargains and jewellery shops. Visit Phillips Antiques ([phillipsantiques.com](http://phillipsantiques.com)) for

lithographs, old prints and photos of old Bombay.

### Any local designers we should look out for?

I love everything by the girls behind NorBlack NorWhite ([norblacknorwhite.com](http://norblacknorwhite.com)), who use traditional fabrics to make cool, one-off pieces. Aneeth Arora of Péro ([pero.co.in](http://pero.co.in)) layers cotton and khadi cloth to create gorgeous flowy tunics.

### What about something unique?

Go to Bungalow 8 ([bungaloweight.com](http://bungaloweight.com)) for its vintage jewellery and dresses, Bombay Electric ([bombayelectric.in](http://bombayelectric.in)) for hot new labels, Le Mill ([lemillindia.com](http://lemillindia.com)) for international design – everything

from Alexander Wang to The Row, and Ahilaya (Ramini Building, Mandlik Road) for their embroidered tunics.

### And for accessories?

Curio Cottage ([curiocottageindia.com](http://curiocottageindia.com)) in Colba stocks great bangles, while just down the street is Santosh Popli Art Gallery (Ready Money Building, Battery Street), my go-to place for pendants and gold-plated jewellery.

### What about the local culture?

The Dr Bhau Daji Lad, Mumbai's oldest museum, ([bdlmuseum.org](http://bdlmuseum.org)) in Byculla is located in a beautifully restored heritage building. It holds shows by some of the country's hottest contemporary artists. If you're after a touch of Bollywood glamour, walk around Juhu or Bandra, where a lot of the stars live.

### And for wining, dining and dancing?

The Table ([thetable.in](http://thetable.in)) serves some of the best food in town. For drinks, Café Zoe (Todi Mathuradas Mill Compound, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel) is fun on a Friday night, while Dome, on the rooftop of the InterContinental Hotel ([intercontinental.com](http://intercontinental.com)), is the place to catch the sunset.

### Where should we stay?

I love the Oberoi ([oberoihotels.com](http://oberoihotels.com)) for its majestic interior. It feels serene even when it's packed.

### What's the best thing about living in Mumbai?

The energy. It's a cliché, but one that's true. It's a manic feeling that you can do and accomplish anything.

