

# Where You From, From?

**30 countries, 10 schools, 6 languages (okay, not totally fluently, but who's counting?) ...so, where am I from? Good question.**

Aliya takes us on a turbulent journey around the world with tales of fitting in, sticking out and standing up. Her pleasant nature, combined with her fiery spirit, leaves you energized and uplifted.

So, how does one find a place of belonging in a place they don't fit in?

Using humour, Aliya learned to adapt and take up space in her ever-changing surroundings. Constantly moving meant she was always the new kid and an easy target... until she learned the best way to handle a bully is to beat them to the punch! By virtue of circumstance, she developed thick skin and a quick wit. Aliya relocated with her family from one Canadian city to the next, and when they ran out of places to move... they went to Africa!

Growing up with this nomadic rhythm contributed to her taste for movement and adventure. Embracing her vagabond lifestyle, naturally she went on to become a flight attendant!

Visiting over 30 countries, Aliya immersed herself in different cultures and learned about life through the people she encountered. Her curious nature meant she sometimes got herself into trouble, but somehow always talked her way out... usually by making people laugh... sometimes without even speaking their language!

After all her roaming, Aliya still can't figure out how to answer the one question she's asked every place she's ever been:

"Where you from?"