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The Best Travel Gear And Clothes For Hitting The Road This Summer



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Before you hit the road this summer, make sure you pack the right gear. GETTY

After more than a year of limited travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic, things are finally opening up. To make sure you are prepared to hit the road (or skies), we put together a list of must-have items for your next trip.

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Chargers, Cables, and More



The PowerPort Atom III Slim ANKER

The [PowerPort Atom III Slim](#) charges four devices simultaneously with four ports. It's one of the slimmest chargers to be found and it doesn't compromise power. (You'll be pleasantly surprised at just how quickly your devices are charged.) In fact, the universal compatibility of the Anker technology means it provides high-speed charging to virtually any mobile device. This is an ideal charger for travel and fits nicely into your luggage and carry-on bags.



Powerline+ II Lightning Cable 3-Pack ANKER

Another great product is the [Powerline+ II Lightning cable three-pack](#), which comes with three-, six- and ten-foot cables. What's special about this pack is that it lasts 30 times longer than ordinary cables because of the way it's built. It can withstand 30,000 bends (and twists and turns). Plus, it is one of the toughest cables out there, with strength capable of withstanding 175 pounds. For all the Apple users out there, the MFi certification means it has flawless compatibility with Apple Lightning devices, ensuring the highest possible charging speeds.

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Anker PowerCore III Elite portable charger ANKER

[Anker PowerCore III Elite](#) portable charger and power-bank bundle is another good travel option. It has great charging powers (25,600mAh cell capacity), which means you can keep multiple devices charged for days at a

time. It's equipped with dual USB-C ports for a powerful 87W charge to a single device or simultaneous high-speed charging to two devices. With an additional two USB-A ports, you can even charge four devices at the same time at a combined output of 78W. It comes with a portable charger, wall charger, and USB-C to C cable included. So you've got everything you need to power up your devices—no matter where in the world you are traveling.





PowerPort Speed 5 Ports ANKER

PowerPort Speed 5 Port is especially ideal if you're traveling with the whole family and have lots of devices that need to be charged at the same time. What we love about this product is that it charges almost any USB device in record time. The hard-wearing matte finish, high-gloss detailing, light-blue LED, and cool-blue USB ports combine to make this a truly premium charger. You can charge multiple phones and other devices all in one spot.





Fast-charge power bank OTTERBOX

The [fast-charge power bank](#) from Otterbox is a sleek, durable battery pack that charges devices fast. It's easy to pack and allows you the confidence knowing your devices won't run out of juice.

Must-have Accessories



Reef One Slides REEF ONE

For easy on-off foot action at airport security, it's hard to beat slides. **Reef One slides** are super comfortable and have anatomic contouring for the ultimate fit. The soft padded strap makes it easy to remove and replace. They are lightweight, easy to pack, and great for the beach, pool, or just walking around in the nice weather.



Milk Marble packing cube set CALPAK

Packing and unpacking is a breeze with the five-piece [Milk Marble packing cube](#) set from Calpak. These travel cubes let you separate and organize your clothes, making it easy to do the initial packing—plus, it's easy to pack and unpack at various stops along your travels. The water-resistant envelope pouch is a nice touch. The five-piece set fits perfectly into your luggage and drawers. The mesh fabric is durable and strong, and the different sizes make organizing your travel clothes easy.



The neck pillow CALPAK

The [neck pillow](#) from Calpak is great for long flights, road trips, or traveling by bus. It has great support for the head and the super-soft jersey material is soothing to the skin. The fabric is durable and the pillow itself is made from memory foam. The cover is washable, so it can easily be cleaned between trips. The security strap allows you to attach it to your luggage or travel bag.

Best Travel Clothes





Women's Mazama Trail Woven Long Sleeve Shirt COLUMBIA

Columbia has been producing great outdoor gear for over 50 years. (They launched in 1938.) Their **Mazama Trail** woven long-sleeve shirt has wicking technology to keep you cool and comfortable no matter the weather; the mesh vents are also a nice touch. The built-in UPF 50 sun protection means you're protected even on the sun's strongest days. We especially like the zippered hand pockets for easy storage and cinchable waist for adjustability.

The **PFG**



Women's PFG Respool Knit Short Sleeve Shirt COLUMBIA

Respool knit short-sleeve shirt has the same UPF sun defense and moisture-wicking technology, but as an added bonus it's made from 100% recycled materials, including recycled fish nets and landfill waste. So you'll feel good about doing your part to help the environment.



Women's Sun Deflector Summerdry Long Sleeve Shirt COLUMBIA

The **Sun Deflector Summerdry** shirt has the protection of long sleeves (and UPF 50 built in) while deflecting the sun's UV rays with its tiny weaved fabric. It is also made with the cool technology and wicking features

Columbia is known for. The side seams cinch for comfort and the thumbholes are a nice touch. It's 100% polyester, which means it dries quickly.



Women's PFG Tamiami II Long Sleeve Shirt COLUMBIA

The [PFG Tamiami II](#) long-sleeve shirt (it also comes in a [short sleeve](#)) is ideal both on and off the water. Great for fishing, hiking, or any outdoor adventure, the shirt's snaps make it easy to dress in a hurry. The sun-shielding technology is a great addition for protecting your skin. The mesh-lined back ventilation allows you to stay cool even on hot days. The

antimicrobial treatment protects this shirt from bacterial growth, which means it won't get smelly.



Essential Elements cardigan COLUMBIA

The Essential Elements **cardigan** is lightweight, ie., great for travel, and can dress up any outfit while still being very practical. It's made from moisture-wicking fabric and has UPF 50 sun protection. The fabric is soft and soothing against the skin, plus the fabric stretches, which is ideal for comfort. The roll-up sleeves with tab holders is a nice feature.





The Salmon Tonal Sunburst Print dress COLUMBIA

The **Salmon Tonal Sunburst Print** dress is as cute as it is versatile. It can be worn over a bathing suit or by itself. The stretchy polyester-blend fabric is quick drying, comfortable, and made with both wicking and UPF 50 built in, so you'll be cool and dry and your skin will be protected. The hand pockets are very useful, and the fun design signals that you're ready for some summer fun.

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