It’s those little innovations that make the big difference — the hidden pocket, rotating pack, unexpected expandability, multi-compartment yet compact organization, a beautifully textured finish that is also scratch-resistant. It is these original and extra touches that speak to a traveler’s need for utility, convenience and a little something more in their luggage and travel goods. Even the littlest travelers are not forgotten, with luggage inspired by that old Disney adage, “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

— Modern, sophisticated and a little whimsical, Haiku's Passage Duffle is a carry-on with character. This crescent-shaped travel bag is made with 100% CYCLEPET™ fabric and has enough room for several changes of clothes and travel supplies, plus front and back zip pockets for phone, passport and other necessities, and a separate ventilated shoe compartment. The cactus style features gray herringbone-patterned recycled polyester with vegan leather appliqué and detailed embroidery. MSRP $128

— Travel with peace of mind with the Tech Case by Planet Traveler from HONTUS. This 100% polycarbonate hardside with speckle glossy finish features double wheels, a built-in TSA-accepted lock and a Global tracker. This device lets you track your bag at all times with a Planet Traveler Global Tracker app for both iPhone and Android smartphones. A built-in self weighing scale is included on middle and large sizes. MSRP $480/20”; $560/24”; $640/28” (shown)

— Versatile and diverse, Pacsafe’s Metrosafe LS140 stays true to its classic design heritage while offering new, improved silhouettes, colors, functionality and seamlessly integrated security technologies. Each bag comes with contemporary hardware, detailing and security features such as an RFIDsafe™ blocking pocket for protection against identity thieves, eXomesh® slashguards, as well as the new Lockabout™ security clip to help prevent your valuables from falling into the wrong hands. It is available in black, sandstone and vintage red. MSRP $75

— Groove on with Sakroots’ Artist Circle Spinner Carry On in crimson flower power, a stand-out pattern on a lightweight case in coated canvas and accented with antique brass tone or black hardware. With 360° maneuverability, this wipe-clean carry-on has a side padded handle and a top padded retractable handle, a four-wheel caster system and a front full zipped compartment and front zipped pocket. A padded tech pocket protects your laptop or tablet. MSRP $129

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Photographed at Icona Diamond Beach, Southern New Jersey’s premier beachfront resort. Located on an exclusive private beach, nestled between Cape May and Wildwood Crest, Icona ushers in a new level of service and style. This all-suite property delights with fresh, elegant accommodations complete with galley kitchens and ocean-view balconies. The resort also features award-winning Coastal Blue Oceanside Bar & Grill, Bungalow No. 7 Beach Bar, and venues for weddings, events, corporate meetings and retreats. www.iconaresorts.com
From RONCATO’s UNO Soft Deluxe Collection is the 22” Carry-on Spinner in champagne. This case, constructed of advanced ballistic nylon with stain resistance, has all the amenities: patented injection molded frame; double security zippers; integrated TSA-accepted lock; and a premium interior with removable organizer. MSRP $330

The embodiment of timeless contemporary styling and functionality, Mancini Leather’s NEVADA Collection fulfills business and personal needs with style. Shown is the luxurious and versatile Carry-On Bag, handcrafted in top grain pull up leather and featuring a large zippered compartment, front pocket, small interior zippered pocket and a detachable shoulder strap. It is available in burgundy, brown and black. MSRP $499

Inspired by the advent of space tourism, Lojel’s Kozmos Collection makes a futuristic fashion statement backed up with high performance. Featuring a lightweight magnesium alloy frame sheathed in metallic-filmed Advance PC for high strength with a low-gravity feel, it has a premium Aztec gold finish, three-point single combination TSA-accepted lock, retractable handles and an ultra-plush interior lining with stainless buckle. MSRP $459.95/22”; $529.95/26”; $599.95/29”

Piel Leather’s Multi-Pocket Carry-On in Colombia full grain leather offers three unique front pockets: one with a magnetic flap closure; one with a top-zip opening; and one with a front-zip opening. Measuring 16.5” x 11.5” x 6”, it has a top-zip opening to the main compartment with an interior zip pocket, double straps for easy carrying, a back strap that attaches to a telescoping handle and an adjustable/detachable shoulder strap. Sleek and stylish, this carry-on is available in saddle, black and chocolate. MSRP $406
baggallini’s gorgeous Getaway Roller is a professional business woman’s greatest asset. Stylish and versatile, it secures all essentials for a weekend getaway or overnight business trip. The main zippered compartment compresses or expands to hold a little or a lot; plus, the front padded pocket keeps your laptop safe. It is available in lightweight, water-resistant material in both solid and print colors. MSRP $198

With its Essentials Deluxe Garment Carrier, Ricardo Beverly Hills offers an ideal packing solution for easily wrinkled clothing. The protective cover keeps suits or dresses in place while in transit and a zippered front pocket provides additional storage capacity. Weighing fewer than 2 lbs, this carrier is easy to handle even when packed full – and the purple paisley design is a stylish way for travelers to express their fun side. MSRP $80

Travel safely with Travelon’s Anti-Theft Signature Slim Day Bag with locking compartments that prevent pickpocketing. Features include slash-proof body panels to prevent slash-and-grab theft and slash-proof, cable-reinforced shoulder strap to prevent the bag from being cut off your shoulder. In black, cayenne, cobalt, khaki, purple and pewter, the bag has an interior organizer with RFID blocking card and passport slots, a roomy main compartment for an iPad mini and a front smartphone drop pocket, among other features. MSRP $40

Heys’ Heritage is a hardside sophisticate in 100% polycarbonate. Lightweight and expandable, this three-piece set (21”, 26”, 30”) features a telescopic handle, built-in TSA-accepted combination lock, 360° spinner wheels and a fully lined interior with zipper divider. The set comes in burgundy, midnight blue and olive with contrasting trim. MSRP $684.97
- In full grain cowhide, Canyon Outback Leather's Duffle is sized for carrying on (22” x 12” x 8”) and features a full leather non-footed bottom. With a protective 420D/PVC-backed lining and matching luggage tag for identification, the bag shows its versatility with both a shoulder strap that adjusts from 36” to 54” and two Velcro® brand closed handles. It is available in black and brown. MSRP $190

- Travel with ease with Hang Accessories’ Tech Organizing Convertible Backpack that can quickly transform into a cross-body. A unique bottom zipper compartment has organizational pockets for chargers, mouse, USB sticks and other must-have techcessories, or use them to stash your make-up. An interior pocket holds tablet, credit cards, pens and more. Color options include fuchsia, black, blue and green. MSRP $119

- J World’s two-piece Bella set (20”, 24”) is offered in a variety of eye-catching colors and patterns, including pink forest, flower seed and seasons. Featuring top and side grip handles and a recessed locking handle with push button, the cases have four corner wheels for smooth maneuverability. The carry-on is designed to fit under the airline seat or in the overhead bin. MSRP $350/set

- Practical organization is yours with the 3-Compartment Travel Companion from JUMP Paris. Three separate compartments hold your laptop, your travel necessities — scarf, cosmetics, wallet, slippers, etc. — and your magazine. A special pocket allows you to hang it on a trolley handle system. MSRP $160
Disney fans of all ages can pack more magic with American Tourister’s co-branded Disney licensed luggage featuring everybody’s favorite characters, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. Shown is a 21” Spinner Hardside with single spinner wheels and American Tourister-branded push-button locking pull handle, zipper pulls and ID tag. Cases feature a split construction with a large mesh pocket on the interior panel and cross straps with a fun printed lining. MSRP $139.99

Hidesign presents the stunning and masculine Vespucci Cabin Sized Duffel in thick buffalo skin Khyber leather. Compact enough to use as cabin baggage, it has an adjustable webbing shoulder strap and two leather top handles and a zip-top closure. The bag offers a zip pocket inside the main compartment and the front flap pocket has one interior slip pocket. It is lined in Hidesign’s signature 100% cotton green striped material. MSRP $289.99

Versatile, lightweight and backed by a 10-year warranty, Atlantic’s Unite™ 2 Collection, from Travelpro, featuring a 21” Spinner (MSRP $240) and a 25” Spinner ($280), is available in black and white. The two pieces shown demonstrate the innovative Link2Go™ feature that allows you to connect luggage back-to-back in seconds with Velcro® brand straps so you can roll two pieces of luggage with one hand. Collection pieces are well-equipped with a dual wheel spinner system, expansion capabilities, abrasion protection throughout and a fully featured interior. An external USB port and integrated battery pocket in the carry-on model provide convenient access to charge your phone and tablet on the move. Collection pieces range from $80-$320.

Merging the modern day needs of students with the time-tested classic backpack, AfterGen’s lightweight and spacious Back to School Backpack with laptop sleeve (fits most 15” laptops) offers plenty of organizing pockets, including AfterGen’s exclusive rear pocket. Built into the backpack’s rear cushion, this hidden pocket is the perfect place to stow your smartphone (you can feel the phone vibrating), as well as wallet or passport. MSRP $40
MindShift Gear’s rotation180°® Travel Away™ Backpack is the first travel backpack designed so that travelers can access essentials easily without first having to take off their backpack. In one swift motion, wearers can rotate the bag’s concealed beltpack to the front for instantaneous and secure access to cameras, passports, guidebooks, tablets or other essentials. The backpack has dedicated pockets to conceal up to a 15” laptop and a 10” tablet, the rotating beltpack can hold an 8” tablet. MSRP $199.99

The Barnet 2.0 Collection from Travelers Club is a three-piece set of expandable hardside luggage in 100% ABS and featuring a color palette of blue, green, silver and black. Comprising a 20” Rolling Carry-on and 24” and 28” Rolling Uprights, the set offers a push-button recessed locking handle system, built-in TSA-accepted lock, multi-directional EZ-Glide 4x4 wheel system and a fully lined interior with accessory pockets. MSRP $500/set

Eagle Creek’s No Matter What™ AWD Flatbed Duffel just got easier to navigate with four multi-directional spinner wheels. Featuring ultra-durable waterproof Bi-Tech™ fabric for extreme weather- and abrasion-resistance, this new duffle maintains its versatile rectangular shape with structured back, sturdy handle system and burly wheels, plus a few extras: interior zippered mesh pocket, exterior quick-grab pocket, #10 lockable, self-repairing zippers and multiple carry handles. MSRP $220/20”; $230/22”; $275/28”

Going on a weekend trip to Grandma’s or a longer vacation with the family just got even more fun for little ones. Miami-based TRIFORCE Luggage has entered the world of kid’s luggage with its 19” Kids Carry-on in bright road-worthy colors, including red, pink and yellow. Licensed by General Motors, this unique carry-on is shaped like a Chevrolet Camaro and sports working wheels, plus pull strap, trolley handle and a roomy interior. Not only fun but functional too, the case, in 100% polypropylene, gives kids the option of pulling it along with the included retractable strap or by the traditional telescopic handle. MSRP $70
— With a convenient packable design, smart features and weather-resistant materials, Granite Gear’s Packable Duffel Collection pushes the limits of functionality and simplicity. Each duffle comes within a compact carrying case, which can be used as a small compartment or toiletry kit, and either attached to one of the duffle’s many MOLLE lash points or tossed inside the bag’s main compartment. The duffle itself includes a U-shaped zippered main compartment with zipper storm flap and a BARRIER zipper tricot-lined quick-access pocket. MSRP $49.99/20”; $59.99/24”; $69.99/30”; $79.99/36”

— Bellemonde presents a little bit of rugged and a whole lot of style with its Washed Canvas Backpack featuring vegan leather trim and brass hardware. Practical and affordable, the backpack offers a drawstring closure and an outside pocket for easy access to a smartphone or other essentials. A top handle allows you to grab and go. MSRP $88

— Traveler’s Choice presents SILVERWOOD, a three-piece spinner collection in polycarbonate that features a diamond-cut texture finish to prevent abrasive scratches and fingerprints. This hardside trio has T-Cruiser Handle and Dual Cyclone Spherical Spinner Wheel systems – both patented – as well as an expansion gusset that boosts packing capacity by 25%. Available in purple, cases come with a built-in TSA-accepted lock with two keys and padded top, side and bottom carry handles for easy lifting. $259.99/21”; $299.99/26”; $339.99/30”
— With its Omni PC, Samsonite introduces the next generation in lightweight mobility with a collection that combines a scratch-resistant micro-diamond texture with the lightest 100% polycarbonate. Shown is the 20” Spinner in Caribbean blue, sporting re-engineered lightweight spinner wheels, a full-zip interior divider and cross straps, and a side-mounted TSA-accepted lock. Consumer-preferred expansion on all sizes is offered. MSRP $129.99

— Little ones will want to pack and pull their own luggage with Cruizers™ by America’s Travel Merchandise. Offered in fun styles and colors like YIPEE! (shown), these lightweight hard shell cases, measuring 16” x 12” x 10”, feature kids’ favorite characters. Even better: When kids are tuckered out from their travels, they can ride on their Cruizer, which has 360° front spinner wheels for easy turning. MSRP $69.99

— LCI Brands’ ElectroLight Day Pack unfolds from a compact pouch to a day pack. Featuring a large main compartment with cinch top, breathable padded back and straps and an adjustable sternum strap, the pack has internal mesh zip and flap zip pockets and an external open mesh pocket. Measuring 15” x 12” x 5”, it comes in bright blue/charcoal, charcoal, charcoal/neon lemon and red/charcoal. MSRP $34.99

— Designed with a little uptown funk, DELSEY’s EMBLEME Collection is made from BAYER 100% virgin Makrolon® polycarbonate and has a scratch-resistant, wipe-clean grained texture. Shown is the Carry-on Spinner Trolley, a hip pick for travelers wanting a resilient, lightweight case (it weighs only 5.5 lbs) that is easy to organize. Amenities include four silent double spinner wheels, integrated privacy ID tag, recessed TSA-accepted lock and a fully lined interior with two packing compartments. MSRP $380

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