



BLUFFWORKS






THE BEST CARRY ON TRAVEL BAGS

We've spoken to a lot of people about their luggage, and they told us that they often own quite a collection – but don't yet have the perfect bag.







What it suggests is that in selecting a travel bag, you may want to spend sufficient time to understand the options, and the tradeoffs of various choices. For us, this means more than simply understanding how a bag holds everything, but also thinking through what role it plays in our trip after we arrive at our destination.

Let's take a look at bags in the three significant categories: roller boards, travel backpacks, and Stefan's own duffle and backpack combo – with specific suggestions and their specs, material, and other features. For a breakdown of pros and cons and how to evaluate the best bag for you, [read our post](#).





ROLLER BOARDS

Roller Board	Specs	Material	Other Features
 <p>Briggs & Riley Explore Domestic Expandable Upright \$349</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 14" Depth: 9-11" Weight: 7.3" Capacity: 51.8 L</p>	<p>Soft-sided, strategic use of lightweight, durable 420D nylon, 600D polyester, and water-resistant tarpaulin outer fabrics</p>	<p>2 wheels 2 outer pockets Expandable</p>
 <p>G-RO Classic Carry On \$265 (reg \$445)</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 14" Depth: 9-11.5" Weight: 9.3 lbs Capacity: 37-40 L</p>	<p>Soft-sided, made with ultra-durable ballistic nylon fabric</p>	<p>2 large wheels 2 outer pockets Expandable Removable power bank Luggage strap for additional bag</p>
 <p>Rimowa Essential Light Cabin \$575</p>	<p>Height: 21.7" Width: 15.8" Depth: 9.1" Weight: 4.85 lbs Capacity: 37 L</p>	<p>Hard-sided, polycarbonate</p>	<p>4 wheels No outer pocket Not expandable Integrated TSA-approved lock</p>
 <p>Away The Carry-On \$225</p>	<p>Height: 21.7" Width: 13.7" Depth: 9" Weight: 7.6 lbs Capacity: 39.8 L</p>	<p>Hard-sided, polycarbonate</p>	<p>4 wheels No outer pocket Not expandable Integrated TSA approved lock Hidden laundry bag Option for ejectable battery pack</p>
 <p>Travelpro Platinum Elite 21" Expandable Carry-On Spinner \$299</p>	<p>Height: 23.5" Width: 14.5" Depth: 9" Weight: 7.8 lbs Capacity: 46 L</p>	<p>Soft-sided, high-density nylon fabric with Dura-Guard® coating</p>	<p>4 wheels 2 outer pockets Expandable Drop-in, fold-out suiter Removable TSA quart-size wet pocket</p>

TRAVEL BACKPACKS

Travel Backpack	Specs	Material	Other Features
 <p>Tortuga Outbreaker \$299</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 14" Depth: 9" Weight: 5.1 lbs Capacity: 45 L</p>	<p>VX21 waterproof sailcloth</p>	<p>Padded, removable hip belt height-adjustable suspension system, laptop + tablet sleeves, lockable zippers, front loading, premium weather resistance</p>
 <p>Tortuga Setout \$199</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 14" Depth: 9" Weight: 3.9 lbs Capacity: 45 L</p>	<p>900D polyester from recycled plastic bottles or 900D polyester, depending on color</p>	<p>Padded, removable hip belt front loading, laptop + tablet sleeves, hideaway shoulder straps, weather-resistant, load lifters, lockable zippers, lie-flat water bottle pocket</p>
 <p>Tom Bihn Synapse 25L \$210</p>	<p>Height: 20" Width: 13.4" Depth: 9.1" Weight: 1.8-2 lbs Capacity: 25</p>	<p>Ultralight 400d Halcyon / 420d nylon ripstop exterior or 525 denier Ballistic exterior</p>	<p>Hip belt: Removable 1" / 25 mm waist strap included Compatible with Tom Bihn packing system - extremely customizable</p>
 <p>Tom Bihn Aeronaut 45L \$300</p>	<p>Height: 21.9" Width: 14" Depth: 9.1" Weight: 2.4-3.1 lbs Capacity: 45 L</p>	<p>U.S. high tenacity 1050 denier ballistic nylon or ultralight 400d Halcyon / 420d nylon ripstop</p>	<p>Hip belt: Removable 1" / 25 mm waist strap included Compatible with Tom Bihn packing system - extremely customizable</p>
 <p>Peak Design Travel Backpack 45L \$299.95</p>	<p>Height: 21" Width: 15" Depth: 5.75" Weight: 4.5 lbs Capacity: 30-45 L</p>	<p>Weatherproof 400D nylon and poly melange</p>	<p>Magnetic tuck-away shoulder straps + hip belt, waterproof, expandable/collapsible, internal + external pockets, compatible with Peak Design accessories system</p>
 <p>Osprey Farpoint 55 \$180</p>	<p>Height: 24" Width: 14" Depth: 9" Weight: 3.9 lbs Capacity: 50 L</p>	<p>210D nylon mini hex diamond ripstop</p>	<p>Detachable 15L daypack included, stowaway back panel, harness + hip belt with zippered rear flap, lockable sliders on main zipper, laptop + tablet sleeve secure in lockable compartment, frame suspension</p>
 <p>Osprey Sojourn 45L/22" \$300</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 14" Depth: 9" Weight: 8 lbs Capacity: 45 L</p>	<p>420D nylon shadow box</p>	<p>Ability to use as a wheeled roller board or backpack, removable backpack suspension</p>

DUFFLE BAGS

Duffle Bags	Specs	Material	Other Features
 <p>Patagonia Black Hole Duffle Bag 60L \$129</p>	<p>Height: 25" Width: 13" Depth: 10" Weight: 2.5 lbs Capacity: 60 L</p>	<p>15-oz 900-denier 100% polyester ripstop (50% solution-dyed)</p>	<p>Water-repellant, removable shoulder straps to carry as a backpack or duffle, zippered side pocket, mesh pockets in lid, stuffs into its own pocket, padded base</p>
 <p>Patagonia Lightweight Black Hole Duffle 45L \$99</p>	<p>Height: 22" Width: 13" Depth: 11" Weight: 1.2 lbs Capacity: 45 L</p>	<p>7.1-oz 210-denier 100% nylon ripstop</p>	<p>Water-repellant, shoulder straps to carry as a backpack or a duffle, small stash pocket in main compartment, stuffs into its own pocket for easy storage</p>
 <p>L.L. Bean Adventure Duffle, Medium \$59.95</p>	<p>Height: 23" Width: 11" Depth: 11" Weight: 1.5 lbs Capacity: 33 L</p>	<p>Solid colors made of 420-denier nylon</p>	<p>Water-resistant, removable shoulder strap, reinforced nylon bottom, outer zip pocket</p>
 <p>Outdoor Products Mountain Duffle, 16 x 18 x 36" \$44.99</p>	<p>Height: 42" Width: 16" Depth: 18" Weight: 3.6 lbs Capacity: not listed</p>	<p>900-denier polyester construction</p>	<p>End pockets and a front pocket, wrap carry handle or included shoulder strap, "U" shaped opening for easy loading</p>