

WE PICK OUR FAVORITE TRAVEL-FRIENDLY PHOTO PACKS, BAGS, AND CASES

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system exposes the interior without opening the entire bag. Expandable exterior mesh accessory pockets compliment multiple interior mesh pockets. The front has two full-length pockets that can be used for ID, tickets, and passport.

Golla is a company new to me but makes an interesting assortment of bags for SLRs and mirrorless cameras, including the Mauro Camera Bag M. Its shoulder bag design lets you carry a compact SLR and accessories, keeping gear close at hand. The 9.8x7.5x5.5-inch Camera Bag M is made from weather-resistant material with an interior featuring padded walls with adjustable dividers with pockets for accessories.

(\$364.99) that holds a couple of SLR bodies, three or four (moderately sized) lenses plus a 17-inch laptop. Measuring 20x9x15 inches, there's room for extra batteries, memory cards, accessories, and personal items. It has a telescoping handle and heavy-duty rollers to make travel convenient.



Jill-E Rolling Camera Bag



Gura Gear Bataflae 32L

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and straps. The stylish bag measures 13.8x10.6x4.3 inches and weighs 2 lbs, 6 oz.

Vanguard has been stitching bags for more than 25 years with many offerings, including the affordable (\$89.99) Havana 41 backpack that brings out my inner Indiana Jones. You can remove the added camera insert, turning the dual-purpose Havana 41 into an everyday backpack. Either way, there's a pocket for a 13-inch laptop. It's covered in 600D polyester, measures 12.3x9x16 inches, and has adjustable harness straps and a grab handle.



Vanguard Havana 41



Pelican ProGear S115 Sport Elite



Artisan & Artist COV-7000

Jill-E makes bags for photographers who value style. Mary is especially fond of their red Rolling Camera Bag

Naneu is known for its hybrid backpacks. Their \$187.99 Sahara 217f functions as a camera or laptop backpack that holds 17-inch computers. To minimize back strain it has an ergonomic back support system with adjustable padded shoulder straps as well as chest and waist straps. The 19x14x9.5-inch bag is made with water-resistant 500D Kodra nylon with an interior pod covered in 210D rip-stop nylon. A seam-sealed rain cover is made from 210 Taffeta.

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