
What's New, What's Hot

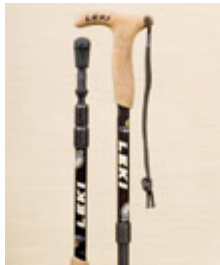
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Got something for What's New, What's Hot? E-mail Joe Rosen at jrosen@travelweekly.com.

1. Brite Strike Tactical Flashlight. This unique travel item, from a company that says its products "are designed by police officers for police officers," is at once a flashlight and a weapon of self-defense that is capable of shining a brilliant white light that can temporarily blind or disorient an attacker. Not only is the 80-lumen (maximum output) beam a threat in itself, the flashlight's front-strike crown can do some damage when wielded as a weapon in response to an attack. The casing of the five-inch-long unit is constructed of high-strength, aircraft aluminum. The flashlight runs for up to four hours on high, 35 hours on low. \$100; www.brite-strike.com.



2. Leki Super Micro Cane. For those of us who require walk-about



assistance, this compact, adjustable and lightweight cane telescopes down to 18.1 inches for packing in your luggage and extends to 35 inches. The Leki locking system simply requires a clockwise twist to secure the three-section aluminum shaft. The cane's carbide tip, which grips tight on ice and rock surfaces, can flex up to 30 degrees without damaging the pole. And, according to Leki, the grip handle is designed to reduce hand fatigue and stress as well as to give the user the ultimate in control. \$50; www.elderlux.com.

3. Ricardo of Beverly Hills Pullman. Nano-Tex-treated fabric gives this bag excellent protection against stains and hard use, while its polycarbonate flex-frame is lightweight and shock-absorbing. A two-compartment, floating divider enables the user to determine how much and what to pack in each compartment. An adjustable, extra-bag, piggyback strap hides away when not in use. The 25-incher, pictured at right, is one of five bags in the company's Capistrano Light line. From \$89; www.ricardobeverlyhills.com.



4. Energizer Energi to Go. This simple and effective portable device is designed to power up dead and dying cell phones on the strength of two AA lithium batteries. After plugging the Energi to Go into a cell phone, disconnected and disconcerted users can hook up with the outside world within 30 seconds, even as the little dynamo charges up while the phone is in use. Compatible with more than 80% of cell phones and minis on the market (including the BlackBerry and Razr), the reusable power plant is small enough to fit in a purse, briefcase or pocket. \$19.99; www.energizer.com.



5. YourBagTags. These personalized, easily identifiable luggage tags feature your name, initials or other unique ID on high-visibility fabric that comes in more than 40 color combinations. Standard-sized business cards fit behind a secure Velcro flap inside each tag. Machine washable, YourBagTags are designed to hold up to the most demanding rigors of travel such as rain, snow and rough handling. \$12; www.yourbagtag.com.



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