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CHRISTMAS TRAVEL TIPS

Holiday gift guide: Travel gifts you'll actually use











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Holiday shopping is always a challenge, and shopping for frequent travelers can be even more difficult. If we've seen one list of "travel gifts" we've seen them all, amirite? How many monogrammed travel pouches, passport covers and decorative globes does one person need? Sure, it's the thought that counts, but why not combine thoughtful with genuinely useful this holiday season?

We've compiled a list of travel gear that make great gifts for the frequent flier in your life - from tech-savvy stocking stuffers to can't-believe-we-didn't-think-of-that travel gadgets to a few big ticket items that every travel enthusiast should own. And to make sure we covered all our bases, we consulted some globetrotting travel bloggers on the products they love and the ones they'd love to receive to bring you a list of gifts that real travelers will actually use. And, to avoid all the hassle of Black Friday, these gift ideas are all available online right now. Happy shopping!

Packing made easy

Keeping it together



Strap in and takeoff (Image: Demi Hugger)

You know that feeling when you're juggling a rolling suitcase, a shoulder bag and a laptop bag, diaper bag or purse through the airport? Everyone's done it, and everyone's watched other people do it. Save your loved ones the trouble by gifting them the **Demi Hugger**. It's a strong neoprene strap that attaches to the handle of your rolling suitcase, keeping other bags placed atop it secure. For less than \$40, travelers can avoid inconveniently juggling luggage through the airport terminal. According to Tracey Nesbitt of Solo Traveler, this "new type of luggage strap is completely adjustable and attaches items snugly to your suitcase handle. I'm usually traveling with a laptop, and in colder months, a coat, and I need to have my hands free for my boarding pass, phone, coffee, etc. when maneuvering through the airport. This product makes my travel life a little bit easier."