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On The Road : Traveling in Style

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Once upon a time, the choice was form or function. The new agenda: equal parts style and savvy. Whether you're in town, country - or on the move between the two - here are some ideas to keep you organized in the finest of fashion.



Bra Bag and Pantie Bag

You're a star; so shouldn't it be Hollywood or "bust" for your bra and panties? Whether you're a biological or aspiring lady, the bra bag keeps your support system in shape-no more dented bras upon arrival! The Pantie Pak means that you can keep your not-so-pristine unmentionables in their own traveling case, and not in a slanky plastic bag. Travel in style and arrive in form with these brilliant bags for bra and bootiewear!

\$50 for Bra Bag and \$30 for Pantie Pak at www.thebragcompany.com



Shorthorn Bag

Birds of Sausalito has co-branded with San Francisco's iconic Mulholland Brothers to offer one of their most popular weekend bags - the Shorthorn. Hungry for anything you can pack, the Shorthorn is a classically handsome overnight bag - and can even accommodate a week's worth of clothes for the disciplined packer. (Greta Garbo is said to have traveled with one pair of pants and four shirts, which is pretty much our travel philosophy, too.) The Shorthorn features a generous outside pocket front and center for anything you want quick access to, a pair of rolled leather handles, and a detachable padded shoulder strap. Unzip the top center zipper, and the bag's top stands up and open, making loading and unloading the contents hassle-free. Inside is a large, wide-open space with a single zippered envelope pocket. Best of all, in these turbulent times: Bullet-proof nylon lining.



\$735 at birdsofsausalito.com



Monkey Bed Esplanade

Designer Simeon (homophonically, but not homosexually, "simian") Margolis has come up with a witty winner. The largest entry in his monkey bed line is that rare bird: a concept product that actually works. Available in five colors (we love mod green or red red), this oversized messenger bag crafted of "ballistic nylon" is much more than meets the eye. Well-weigh perfect as a beach bag - it even contains a zip-in blanket (ask for the sexy striped design) - it could easily double as a two-day overnight for us minimalist types. With pockets for everything from quart containers to wine bottles, a day at the beach

or in the country never had a better friend. All this plus a zippered laptop compartment! We've never had a boyfriend both gorgeous and groovy, but this monkey's our man.

\$135 at select boutiques and at www.themonkeybed.com



San Francisco Messenger

At once classic and contemporary, the San Francisco takes the messenger bag to the boardroom. Crafted of fine Napa cashmere leather made in Thailand, this accessory announces you as a man of taste almost before you've walked into the room. This bag boasts the full complement of interior organizer pockets, as well as an easy-access fore and aft pockets for must-have documents. The back padded compartment holds a netbook or laptop up to 15.4" long, and the front flap snaps closed for security. Four colors are available, though we think cognac's awfully rich. With a lifetime guarantee, this messenger's a must. Be prepared to answer the question "Dude, where'd you get that bag?"

\$220, now on sale for \$176 at www.careerbags.com



reiselthe travel e1 bag

A weekend bag for the ladies that's drop-dead gorgeous and utterly utile? Yes, indeed: that would be reiselthe's travel e1. Fashioned in Germany of tearproof polyester, this one goes from the office to the weekend in superlative style. Featuring both a short handle and shoulder strap and an interior strap, you can actually change the size of the bag by unzipping an all-around zipper which increases the length by more than 50%. Available in two colors and one floral print, but we think the ruby red really rocks.

\$30 at www.touchofeurope.net.



Pouchee

We just lost our cell phone, and it's never going to happen again-not with Pouchee around! Pouchee has specialized compartments for credit cards, cell phones, pens, sunglasses- making it easy to find exactly what you're looking for. Available in dozens of colors in either leatherette or 100% cotton, the Pouchee is topped with handy rings to allow for ease of changing purses and bags. And did we mention the compartments?! There is a place for everything: Outside pockets for pens, sunglasses, mobile phone, keys and more. The inside pockets are perfect for lipsticks or small flashlights, plus additional zippered pockets for change or personal items. Your life-only

more organized.

\$23 at specialty stores across the U.S. (see store locator on website) and at www.pouchee.com