

# **WALKABOUT TRAVEL GEAR<sup>®</sup> LLC**

Supplying the Independent Traveler with  
Essential Gear and Information



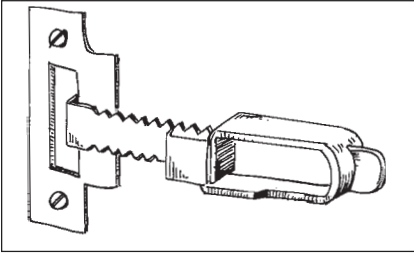
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# SAFETY

In our experience, traveling is safer than staying home. Violent crimes are rare in most countries; the biggest concern is the theft of personal belongings. Using our security supplies should cut that risk dramatically.

**"If we do not find anything pleasant, at least we will find something new."**

**--Voltaire, Candide**



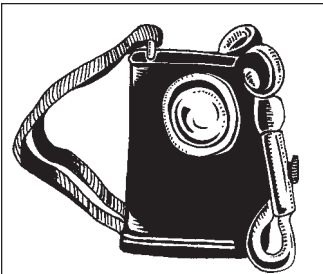
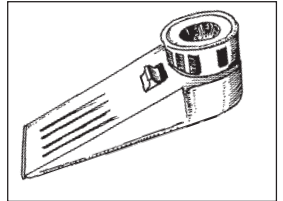
## Portable door lock

Our Walkabout door lock is an essential if you're planning on staying in budget lodgings, and recommended no matter where you stay. Extremely simple to use, it installs on a door in seconds. A quick-release feature allows for fast emergency exit. Stops anyone from entering your room, from mysterious strangers to unwanted maids at hostels. Small and lightweight: 1.7 ounces, 1 x 5 inches. Inexpensive, too. **#595XC Walkabout Door Lock \$10.25**

## WedgeGuard Doorstop Alarm

Door break-in protection and alarm. Provides both entry or vibration activation of alarm with wedge stop protection. Ultra high 120 dB alarm is about as loud as they get. Works on any door; no tools or installation required. Uses standard 9V battery, available world-wide. (Not included.) 4-1/2 ounces, 6 x 2 x 2 inches.

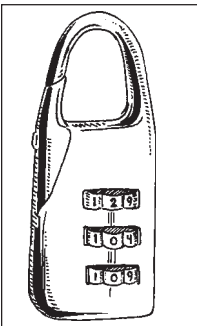
**#DA003 WedgeGuard Doorstop Alarm \$12.50**



## It's a personal alarm, a door and window alarm, and will even protect your luggage

Our Security Plus Personal Alarm is small and lightweight, yet emits a screeching 130 decibels when the trigger pin is pulled! Designed to clip to belt, purse, or clothing, we recommend carrying it when wandering about -- just in case. The alarm can also be rigged to your pack or suitcase so the pin is pulled and the alarm screams when your luggage is moved. Even better, the Security Plus Personal Alarm comes with a clip that attaches to any door or window, and triggers the alarm if the door or window is opened. (You should buy it even if you're an armchair traveler.)

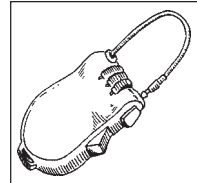
**#1019 Security Plus Personal Alarm \$15.00**



## In our experience, more stuff gets stolen from luggage than luggage gets stolen

It can happen while you're asleep or not paying attention, on the train or ferry, or while your baggage is in transit. Often it is too risky for thieves to steal your luggage, so instead they reach inside and grab what they can. From speaking to other travelers, we know it is much too common. The 3 Digit Pocket Lock could have prevented such pilfering. It's small (1.2 oz.), but strong, and fits easily through zipper pulls. The Pocket Lock is a three-digit combination lock, so you don't have to bother carrying a key. The combination can be easily changed. It's also useful for hostel lockers.

**#A4327X 3 Digit Pocket Lock \$7.00**



**Our coil lock secures luggage, backpacks, even bikes -- and is only 2 by 4 inches!**

The secret is its 42-inch retractable steel cable which loops around the object you want to secure. It also features a 3-digit resettable combination.

**#4013 Cable Lock \$14.00**

## US State Department Warning List

Always check with the U. S. State Department for current travel advisories (202-647-5225) -- especially if you are traveling to really out-of-the-way places.

Albania, Zaire, Tajikistan, Rwanda, Columbia, Algeria, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Angola, Liberia, Iraq, Burundi, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Sudan, Iran, Sierra Leone, Libya.

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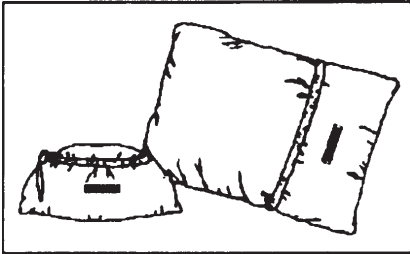
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# SLEEP

**"I'll sleep when I'm dead."  
--Warren Zevon**

Getting to sleep (or getting up in time) can make or break a trip. Our sleep-related items make it easier to do both. For example, a travel pillow is an often overlooked item that can make the difference between a comfortable journey and (literally) a pain in the neck. Your travel pillow may be the only pillow in some places, like on deck chairs, in cheap hotel rooms, or even on some airlines.



## We recommend...

The Design Salt Deluxe Pillow. Many wanderers forget to bring a comfortable pillow, but it makes life much softer in strange locales, such as ferries, airports, train stations -- or on the hard, hard, ground. Filled with environmentally friendly recycled polyester fiber, the Deluxe Pillow has a soft, luxurious cover, and is amazingly comfortable. It compresses into a tiny nylon pocket, secured with a drawstring. At a mere 7.5 ounces, this small wonder provides luxury that serious Walkabouts need not go without. 16 x 12 inches extended. Machine or hand washable.

**#1006 Design Salt Deluxe Pillow \$18.00**

## Everybody sells them...

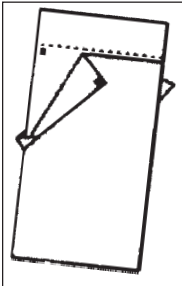
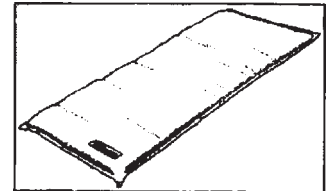
We do too. This classic inflatable neck pillow offers head support on long (or short) airplane or train journeys. A safety valve eliminates accidental deflating. It's made from soft, flocked vinyl and comes with a handy travel pouch. .

**#1105 Inflatable Neck Pillow \$6.25**

## You never know where you'll have to lay your weary body

But you might as well do it comfortably with the Ultra Lite II 3/4-length mattress. The Ultra Lite II is 20"x47"x1", yet gets real small when rolled up. Even more amazing, the Ultra Lite II weighs about the same as a can of soda -- 15 ounces! The miracles continue: the Ultra Lite II is self-inflating -- simply unscrew the valve and it fills itself with air. Just a few extra ounces in your backpack let you stretch out in comfort anywhere you'd like. In fact, the Cascade Design Deluxe pillow and Ultra Lite II together weigh only 22.5 ounces. A Stephen King paperback is heavier than that. An essential item for Walkabouts where you'll be camping, but also great for other Walkabouts (you'll spend more time in airports and train stations than you think.)

**#4014 Ultra Lite II \$60.00**

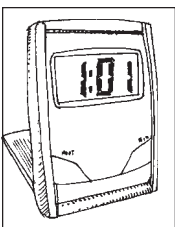


## Sleepsacks are required at hostels. We stock the best.

Design Salt makes the best sleepsacks we've found. Available in cotton offwhite and silk, Design Salt TravelSheets are completely double stitched, made of 100% natural fibers, and come with a stuff sack. Those with minimal packing space should note the silk sleepsack is incredibly light and tiny when compressed. Both TravelSheets are 86"x35"; cotton weighs 14.6 oz., silk 6.3 oz.

**#CT13 Cotton TravelSheet \$20.00** (Available in natural only)

**#ST30 Silk TravelSheet \$60.00** (Available in green, brown, blue & white)



## On vacation, you get to sleep late...

Except when your plane/train/ferry leaves at 4 a.m. An alarm clock is, unfortunately, a must for all travelers, even serious Walkabouts. Our light-

weight (2.5 oz.) world-time alarm clock is a sleek item with a cover that folds out to become its base. Large LCD display is easy to see in the dark. A snooze button lets you finish your REM. One year warranty. AAA battery not included. 2 1/2 x 3 inches

**#2TE Travel Alarm Clock \$20.00**

## The world is bright and noisy

Getting enough sleep, especially on planes and trains, can be a problem. Arriving tired is not way to start your Walkabout. Also, the decibel level in cities like Jakarta, Athens, Bangkok, etc. (insert large city of your choice here), even at 3 a.m., can be amazing. Block unwanted sound and light with our Sleep-Eze set. Comfortable nylon eye shades have two adjustable elasticized straps and a cushioned nose pad. The ear plugs can be washed up to ten times.



**#1047 Sleep-Eze Set \$5.00**

## Sometimes it's not the light, it's the @#%\$ noise

The world is:

A. Under construction, always just outside your window, and

B. filled with cars with horns.

Our Sound Mufflers reduce surrounding sound by a factor of 14. These are the same ear plugs as in the Sleep-Eze set, and can be washed up to ten times.

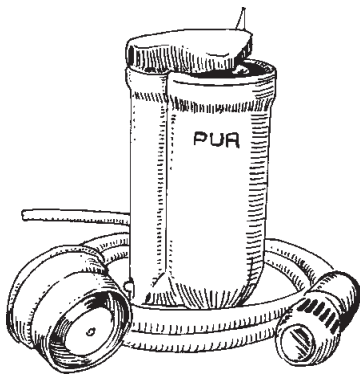
Two sets of earplugs.

**#1048 Sound Mufflers \$2.50**

# HEALTH

**"Wherever you go, there you are."**

**-- Buckaroo Banzai**



## Illness can ruin your trip

Water purifiers are not just for backpacking. In fact, one may save your trip overseas. The primary cause of illness to travelers, whether a one week jaunt or an extended Walkabout, is gastrointestinal distress. Even what seems the safest trip can be ruined by illness. Usually, it's the water. Moreover, countries with "safe" water supplies can contain unfamiliar bacteria which cause diarrhea. And don't rely on "bottled water" - you have no way to know its purity. The Hiker Microfilter offers excellent performance with minimal effort. Lightweight and small: 11 ounces, 6.5 inches tall. Filters 200 gallons (800 liters) depending on water conditions. Output is up to 1 liter per minute. Anticlog micron filter does not require cleaning and is guaranteed not to clog for one year. The Hiker will pay for itself quickly in bottled water and Immodium® savings, and will last for years.

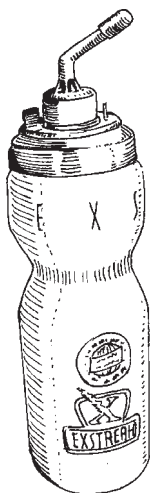
When not on the road, it's an essential item in a home emergency kit. Included: Hiker Microfilter, anticlog cartridge, intake hose with prefilter, outtake hose with easy to fill bottle adapter, and carrying bag.

**#3257 Hiker \$59.50**

**#3258 Replacement Cartridge \$29.50**



Consider taking replacement cartridges along on long Walkabouts. (They are hard to get in many countries.)

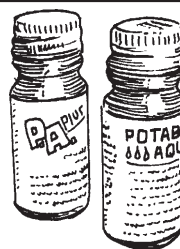


## An inexpensive water purifier

The Exstream water purification system protects you from waterborne contaminants by combining the security of a water purifier with the convenience of a sports bottle. Fill the purifier with water, squeeze and presto: purified water. Purification resin destroys bacteria and viruses, such as Cholera, E. coli, and Polio. Removes 99.99% of pathogenic cysts, such as Cryptosporidium Giardia. Provides protection for 100 liters per cartridge. Holds 26 ounces. Comes complete with Virustat filter; an extra filter is recommended on longer trips. 11.5 inches tall, including drinking tube. Weight with filter (no water) 7.45 oz. White with black cap.

**#3030 Exstream Purifier \$39.95**

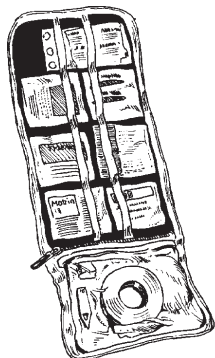
**#3066 Virustat Cartridge \$29.95**



## Going to strange lands but don't want a water purifier?

Take Potable Aqua with P.A. instead. Makes questionable water safe to drink with no iodine taste or color. Two bottles; step one is the germicidal tablets and step two is the neutralizing tablets to remove iodine taste and color. Treats up to 25 quarts or liters. Bottles are very small.

**#3232 Potable Aqua with P.A. \$9.00**



## Be careful with boo-boos when traveling

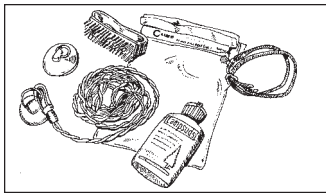
Away from home, take no chances with health concerns. If you suffer a serious (or even a not-so-serious) injury overseas, seek medical help. Be sure to have a first aid kit, to take care of minor injuries before they become a problem. We highly recommend taking our Adventure Medical Ultra-Light Traveler Kit. Weighing only 8 oz. and packaged in a zippered pouch measuring only 6" x 3-1/2" x 1", the kit contains a cornucopia of basic first aid components.

**#1035 Ultra-Light Traveler Kit \$25.95**



Many health insurance policies are not valid outside the USA. We recommend the purchase of international health insurance. For more information, visit our website. Additional first aid kits are online as well.

## Clothes have to be washed (occasionally)



If you're traveling light, which you should do, the clothes you brought are going to get dirty and smelly. And overseas laundromats are expensive and hard to find. The conclusion: on Walkabouts, you're going to wash your clothes, and in the sink. An exclusive, our Walkabout Wash Kit contains all you need! A must take item. Enclosed kit in a strong vinyl 5 x 7 waterproof pouch, complete with hook, loop Velcro closure, and carrying cord, the Walkabout Wash Kit contains a universal sink plug, concentrated (20 washes) biodegradable laundry detergent with brightener and fabric softener, bristle brush to scrub the hard stains and a unique laundry line. The laundry line does not need clothespins; merely separate and attaches to wall with suction cups, or can be tied to supports.

**#1027 Walkabout Wash Kit \$15.00**

Individual Items: #1027A Extra Bio Suds (5 oz.) \$3.50 #1027B Universal Sink Plug \$2.50 #1027C Bristle Brush \$4.00  
#160032 Laundry Line \$5.00 Waterproof Pouch (see below)

## Waterproof pouches

Strong vinyl pouch with hook, loop Velcro closure, and carrying cord. Perfect for wet items, or carrying supplies that might (and in our experience they usually do) leak, like shampoo. Also perfect for cameras and other important items that can't get wet.

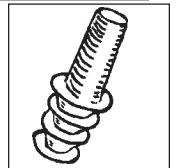
**#1029 5" x 7" Pouch \$3.50**

**#1028 7" x 10" Pouch \$4.50**

**#1111 10" x 14" Pouch \$5.00**

## Chewing gum no longer needed

Earplanes exclusive CermX filter adjusts air pressure on the ear drum -- automatically. EarPlanes is a pressure-compressing ear plug system that works with the body's own internal mechanism to allow air entering the ear to naturally adjust to the changing rate of air pressure on the eardrum. Especially nice for those with sensitive ears or a cold or allergy. Tested by the U. S. Navy. Contains two plugs, good for two flight segments (two take-offs and landings) and a handy case. Two sizes: (adult 12 years and over and child.)



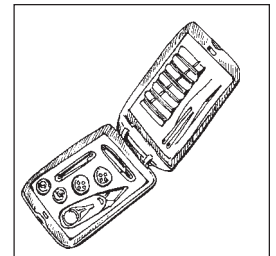
**#56103 Earplanes (adult) \$6.00 each**

**#56104 Earplanes (child) \$6.00 each**

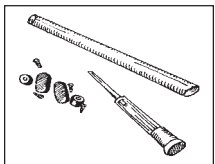
## First Law of Travel: Pack Light

Whether your Walkabout is for two weeks or a year, all the experts, including us, say to pack light. In other words, take minimal clothing. A disadvantage of this strategy is that if you rip your clothes, or lose a button, you have a problem. The saying goes that a gram of prevention is worth a kilo of cure, and the weight ratios are corrected when you carry our Sew and Stow pocket-sized sewing kit. Contains thread, 3 needles, thimble, threader, 4 replacement buttons, 2 safety pins, and replacement silver-color snap, all in tiny carrying case. Lightweight and inexpensive.

**#160021 Sew and Stow \$3.00**



## Wear glasses? Or sunglasses?



A primary law of travel is that something will break. Something simple to repair

at home is a real hassle overseas. If one of those little screws falls out of your eyeglasses or sunglasses you can: A. Fix them with our Eyeglass Repair Kit, or B. Make a fashion statement with a wad of tape. So lightweight and inexpensive there is no reason not to carry it. Nice to have at home, also.

**#160021 Eyeglass Repair Kit \$2.00**



Take a copy of your eye prescription; store it in your passport holder



## Wear Contacts?

If you wear contacts, take our travel lens

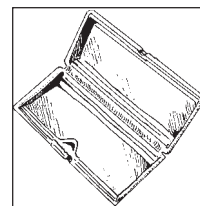
kit. The outer case has a mirror in the lid so you can see what you're doing, and the inner case has screw down tops so no liquid escapes. Inner case works for both chemical and heat disinfection.

**#1044 Contact Lens Case \$7.00**



If you wear contacts, it's best to wear hard lens overseas as enzymatic cleaners can be hard to find. (Hard contacts can be cleaned with baby shampoo -- take a tiny bottle.)

## The toughest eyeglass case around.

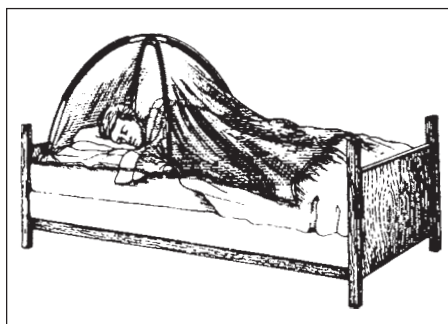


With Lens-Locker, your glasses (or sunglasses) have great protection against the hazards of travel. Much tougher than ordinary hard glass cases, the Lens-Locker is the toughest optic case we've found. Made of super strong polycarbonate, Lens-Locker has a soft, synthetic felt lining and foam endcaps to gently cradle and protect your lenses. Carabiner allows for easy and quick attachment to pack or belt. Weather-proof seal keeps dust and elements out. Black.

**#1045 Lens-Locker \$10.00**

# BUGS

Scientists say that insects will rule the earth when Mankind becomes extinct.  
If you've traveled much, you know they already do.



## Essential on a serious Walkabout

If you're staying in budget lodgings overseas (we call them "exotic") then you know that even screens on windows often mean nothing to the phylum Arthropoda. (Bugs and insects.) Our SleepScreen is the perfect solution. Designed to fit on a bed, using sheets and bedspread, or sleeping bag. Works outside as well. Ultralight and ultra small, the SleepScreen is a freestanding net tent that stops even no-see-ums. Fire retardant with fiberglass poles and stuff sack. Again, an essential on a Walkabout. (10 ounces, 17" x 2.5" in stuff sack) Also available is the TropicScreen, a floored bed tent that sleeps two people.

**#1037 Single Sleepscreen \$32.00**

**#349 TropicScreen II \$80.00**



We sell both Single and Tropic Sleepscreens, but if you're traveling as a couple, we recommend two singles. Often "exotic" lodgings only have single beds available.

## Bug Proof your SleepScreen (and clothes) for two weeks at a time

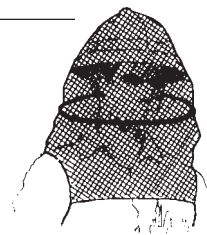
Sawyer's Permethrin repellent offers up to six week protection for Sleepscreens and clothing, even through several washings. Also great for tents and bedding. Not an insect repellent for your skin. Rather, spray on Sleepscreen or fabric before (or during) your trip to the tropics -- or other bug infested area -- for additional protection. 6 oz. of repellent. Permethrin is non-toxic to humans but kills insect on contact. Odorless when dry. Pump spray.

**#SP647N Permethrin \$8.00**

## Stops even No See Ums

Our Walkabout Mosquito Headnet is made of super fine netting which stops even the ubiquitous insect species known as No See Ums. Headnet eliminates need to plaster face with repellent. Ties under arms to wear under or over shirt. Can be worn over your favorite cap. Black.

**#3002 Mosquito Headnet \$8.00**



## Killer Bug Juice

When it comes to repelling insects, there is no question that DEET is most effective. Packaged in 1.25 oz. squeeze bottles, this mother of all insect repellent contains 100% DEET yet is odorless, colorless, and non-oily. EPA authorized. The DEET content of this repellent is extremely high — which is why it works. (Use sparingly for that reason.) Carry along with normal repellent, for when the bugs get nasty. Take several on extended walkabouts, especially in the tropics. Also available in a 30% formula. 1.25 oz. bottle.

**#4440 Ben's 100 Max Formula \$6.00**

**#4447 Ben's 30 Formula \$6.00**

## Environmentally safe bug control

We recommend carrying a couple of lemon-scented citronella candles. They work, and smell good too. Perfect for when you're hanging around the room but not yet under your SleepScreen. Long-burning candle, in a flat, round container for easy packing. 3.5 oz.

**#1039 Citronella Candle \$4.00**



If you are traveling to an area where Malaria is common, remember you must start taking anti-Malaria pills at least two weeks before you leave.

## Conversion formulas:

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kilometers to miles .62  
miles to kilometers 1.61  
meters to yards 1.09  
yards to meters .91  
meters to feet 3.28  
feet to meters .30

multiply by:  
centimeters to inch .39  
inches to centimeters 2.54  
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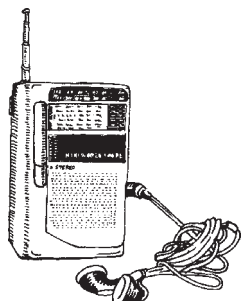
Centigrade to Fahrenheit:  
multiply by 1.8 and add 32  
Fahrenheit to Centigrade:  
subtract 32 and multiply by .55

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# TOOLS FOR MOBILE APES

"I have never let schooling interfere with my education."

--Mark Twain



## Stay in touch even when you're out of touch

Listen to the BBC while in the PRC! The Grundig Mini 100 PE is a compact AM, FM, and shortwave radio. So tiny (4 x 2 1/2 x 3/4 inches) that it fits in the palm of your hand. Six shortwave frequencies let you tune in around the world. Built in speaker. Includes carrying case and earphones. Power supplied by two AA batteries (included).

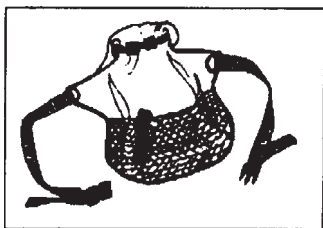
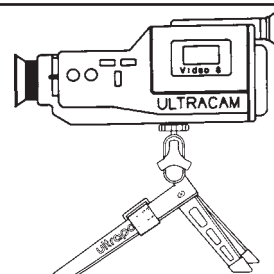
#5001 Grundig Mini World 100 \$38.00

## Take a good photo anywhere

UltraPods are tiny portable camera supports designed to stabilize a camera or camcorder almost anywhere. Sets up as a tripod or attaches to most any solid object with a Velcro strap; trees, ski poles, etc. Either size folds down to a small package. Fully-adjustable ball heads. The small size weighs 2 oz. and folds to 1 1/4 x 5 inches. Large 4 oz.; folds to 1 3/4 x 7 1/4. Large size recommended for camcorders, large 35mm cameras, etc.

#4620 UltraPod Small \$14.25

#4622 UltraPod Large \$21.50



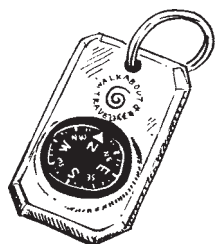
## A must carry item if you're going to get wet

Whether it's a quick dip in a crowded Mediterranean vacation spot or a snorkeling adventure from a deserted Honduran beach (unfortunately, deserted beaches often become an illusion when valuables are left unguarded.) We've solved the problem of what to do with your passport and other important personal items, while you're in the water. Not only perfect at the beach, but for rafting, canoeing, windsurfing, etc. The Cascade Design Seal Pak is a unique, waterproof fannypack which protects valuables. Made of rugged urethane coated nylon, it has welded seams and a roll-down closure to keep water out. An outside mesh pocket holds keys, sunglasses, or sunscreen. 8 x 7 inches, with adjustable belt. Weighs 5 ounces.

#1010 Seal Pak \$22.00



If your Walkabout includes diving or snorkeling on a coral reef and you don't own an underwater camera, take a disposable, waterproof one. They cost about \$15.00 and without one, the only pictures you'll have of Jacques Cousteau's undersea world will be in your head, which are hard to show friends and relatives.



## You can get lost in a concrete jungle, too

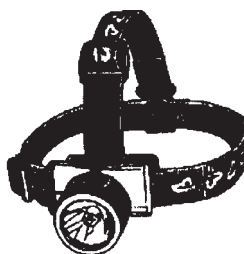
Especially at night or in countries like China where street signs are gobbledygook. (Unless you know the local lingo, of course.) Maps are pretty useless if you can't read the signs.

When you're lost in Taipei or another city in a land without an alphabet, just knowing which way is north can be pretty important. And you

will with our Mini-Comp compass. Accurate, durable, and mounted on a split key ring so it can become a zipper pull as well. Imprinted with Walkabout logo.

#1009 Mini Comp \$8.00

## Read hands-free at night. Navigate dark hallways (and unlit third world restrooms) with ease



Weighing less than three ounces, the Aurora headlamp is lightweight, compact and waterproof. Powered by 3 AAA batteries, the three high output and extremely long lasting L.E.D.s are configured in a unique triangular configuration, providing an extremely even beam of light that keeps shadows to a minimum. The adjustable pivoting head allows you to shine light where

you need it, and the durable ultra-light head strap provides plenty of adjustment for a perfect fit. The electronically controlled switch system provides easy switching between 3 levels of light output offering burn times from 50-160 hours, as well as 2 blinking/emergency signaling modes. Burn time: on high 50 hours, medium 110 hours, low 160 hours. Weight with batteries: 2 ounces. L.E.D. bulb life: 10,000+ hours.

#353973 Aurora Headlamp \$30.00



## MORE TIPS

**Phone, instead.** When you are at the airport's boarding gate and they cancel your flight, DON'T go to the ticket counter with throngs of people to re-book. Head to the nearest telephone booth and dial the airline's 800 number - you'll go to "the front of the line." -- Terry Roth

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## A Pocket Knife is essential

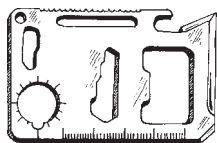
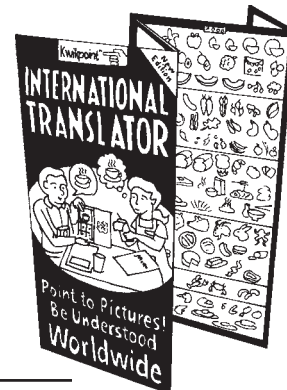
It's a constant debate here: should we sell an inexpensive but durable pocket knife that will cause no tears when it is lost or stolen, or should we sell authentic Victorinox Swiss Army Knives? Because many of us have lost our pocket knives, we decided on the former. Our very inexpensive but sturdy 9 blade pocket knife contains a knife, standard and phillips screwdriver, can/bottle opener, corkscrew, nail file, scissors, and more.

**#Wknife Walkabout Pocket Knife \$9.00**

## Communication is as easy as pointing!

A brilliant but simple idea that works -- anywhere on the planet. Arthur Frommer called Kwikpoint "remarkable." Kwikpoint is a three panel, two-sided brochure (printed on thick, coated paper) which contains more than 400 color illustrations of everyday items and situations. Subjects range from food, shelter, transportation, shopping, services, and more. Simply point to the corresponding picture when you want something. Kwikpoint is issued to all US Marines abroad, used by the International Monetary Fund, and many international companies. Required gear on a Walkabout.

**#4012 Kwikpoint \$5.75**



### Chinese Survival Tool

We're not sure why they're called "Chinese Survival Tools." They're made in China, but it must be more

than that. Perhaps they were essential during The Long March. In any case, they're tiny, very inexpensive, and very useful. They can be used as a knife, ruler, can opener, bottle cap lifter, wrench, screwdriver, and file. Weighing about 1 1/5 ounce, and measuring 2 3/4" by 1 1/2" x 1/16", the Chinese Survival Tool should be an essential item in your passport holder. (Don't put it in yours until you have cleared the metal detectors, though!) That way your tools are at hand for emergencies -- especially the bottle opener. Stainless steel.

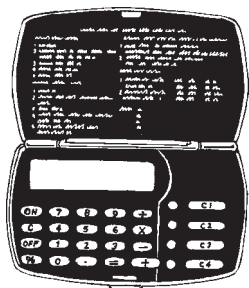
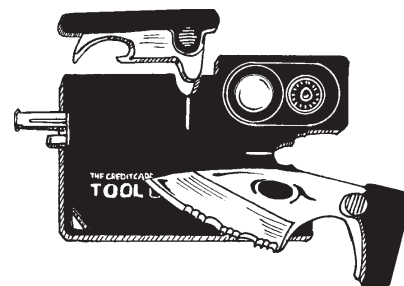
**#7077 Chinese Survival Tool \$8.00**

### Credit Card Companion

The Long March might be named The Short March if the Credit Card Companion had been available. The high-tech version of the Chinese Survival Tool, it is constructed of Zytel (fiberglass reinforced nylon) and mirror polished stainless steel. Can and bottle opener, awl, tweezers, toothpick, lanyard hole, screwdriver, compass, and a fairly serious sharp, serrated 2" knife with unique handle that allows a secure grip. 2 1/8" x 3 1/4". 1.3 ounces.

(We recommend not carrying it in your passport holder until you have cleared metal detectors.)

**#CC1SB Credit Card Companion \$25.00**



### Know how much things cost

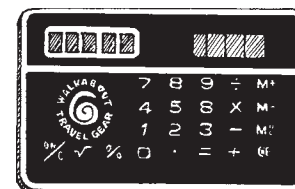
If you're visiting a lot of countries, keeping track of all those currency exchange rates can get pretty confusing. Our currency converter solves that problem. Lots of neat features, including 8 digit LCD display, dual conversion function which lets you convert in and out of any nation's currency, a memory bank to keep an account of your expenditures, and automatic shutoff. Set the currency rates of the nations you'll be visiting before you leave. Works as a calculator as well. Small and lightweight. Comes with battery.

**#744374 Currency Converter \$14.00**

## Thinner and less expensive but you have to know the exchange rate and how to push the divide button

Take our Walkabout Credit Card Calculator. So slim it fits in your passport holder, taking no more room than a credit card, and thus is always available. Solar powered so you never need to worry about a battery. (Until the sun goes out in a few billion years.) Embossed with the Walkabout symbol, it contains an eight digit memory.

**#1016 Walkabout Credit Card Calculator \$6.00**



# PACSAFE

**"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness"**  
---Mark Twain

## Pacsafe

Revolutionary Pacsafe products which provide security for your backpack. High tensile, flexible stainless steel construction is slashproof and deters theft, pilfering, and tampering. Includes padlock so can be locked (with your pack safety nested inside) to a stationary object. Amazingly light for the protection it brings: less than 1 1/2 pounds.

Pacsafe 55 fits small backpacks and luggage from 1550-3400 cubic inches.

Pacsafe 85 fits most packs, duffle bags, and soft sided wheeled luggage. 3400-5200 cubic inches.

Pacsafe 120 fits large packs and luggage. 4600-7300 cubic inches.

Pacsafe 140 fits extra large items. 6000-8500 cubic inches.

**#1147 Pacsafe 55 \$53.95**

**#1420 Pacsafe 120 \$67.95**

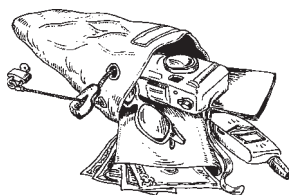
**#1305 Pacsafe 85 \$58.95**

**#1590 Pacsafe 140 \$73.95**

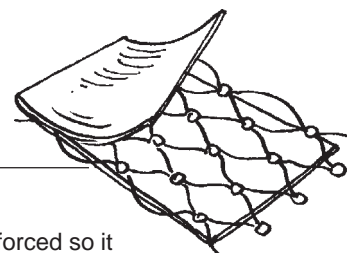


## Travel Safe

What to do with valuables such as cameras, passports, wallets, etc. when you have to leave them unattended? Outpac has solved that travel security concern as well. The Travel Safe uses the same high tensile, flexible stainless steel as the PacSafes, laminated between durable weather resistant nylon. Includes padlock. Internal capacity 152 in. Weight is less than 9 oz. including lock. Dimensions when empty: 13.5 in x 8 in x .05 inches.



**#0420 Travel Safe Small \$34.00**



## PouchSafe

The ultimate in security for a neck pouch; the neck / shoulder strap is wire reinforced so it cannot be cut or broken. Neck / shoulder strap is adjustable. Zip safe security; 1 zippered compartment and 2 pockets for passport, traveler's checks, cash and credit cards. Made of durable rip-stop nylon which is comfortable with breathable backing. Smooth seams and edges. Colors: Black & Tan.

**#2001 PouchSafe Black \$12.25**

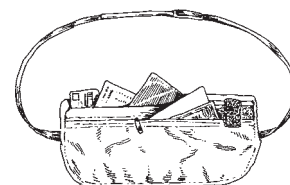
**#2002 PouchSafe Tan \$12.25**

## CoverSafe

The ultimate in security for a waist wallet; the belt is wire reinforced so it cannot be cut or broken. Belt is adjustable, and fits waist sizes 28-46. Durable rip-stop nylon which is comfortable with breathable backing. Smooth seams and edges. Removable water resistant liner. Zip safe security feature with concealed quick release buckle. Two zippered compartments. Colors: Black & Tan.

**#2003 CoverSafe Black \$16.25**

**#2004 CoverSafe Tan \$16.25**



## Your Travel Journal is Priceless

Don't take chances with your travel journal. Somehow ours always got wet; from rain or spilled liquids. Take our exclusive "Rite in the Rain" Journal. Made of unique all-weather paper, it is waterproof! No special pen required -- you can write even in a rainstorm. 48 pages, line ruled, 4-5/8 x 7 inches. Lightweight. Tagboard cover, saddle stitched. Weatherproof pen writes in the rain or even upside down.

**#391 Weatherproof Travel Journal \$6.00**

**#37 Weatherproof Pen \$7.95**



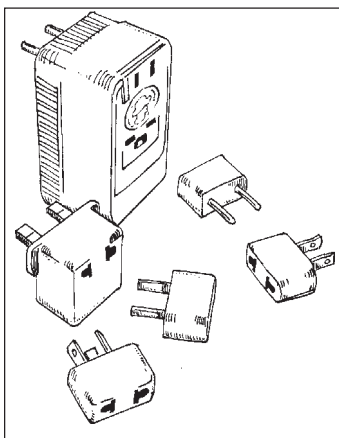
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# SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICITY

*Never memorize something you can look up.*

*--Albert Einstein*

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## Confused about international electricity?

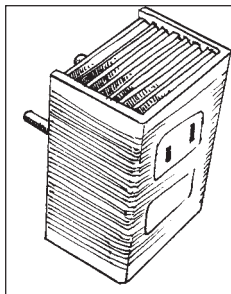
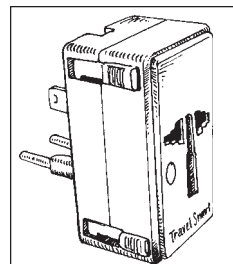
Everybody is. What converter do I need? What adapter do I need? What's the difference between an adapter and a converter, anyway? Even computer hackers and rocket scientists throw up their hands trying to solve this dilemma. We've solved it. Our Hi-Lo Combination Converter/Transformer Kit is the solution to a problem only modern mankind has faced. **Contains a dual circuit converter/transformer with five plug-in adapters which fit almost every 2-pin (non grounded) electrical outlet Homo sapiens have invented.** The converter/transformer has a high switch for appliances between 50 and 1650 watts (hair dryers, etc.) and a low switch for equipment under 50 watts. Accepts 2-pin, polarized equipment. Not for continuous use. Our Hi-Lo Converter/Transformer is the cream of the crop, and contains a safety cutoff fuse to prevent damage to appliances. Travel is complicated enough; take our Hi-Lo Converter/Transformer. Everything fits into a convenient carrying case. (Be sure to check wattage of your appliance before operation.) Surprisingly small and lightweight: Kit size 4-1/2 x 4-1/2 x 2-1/2 inches. Weight 18.5 oz. Five year warranty.

**#1004 Hi-Lo Combination Converter/Transformer Kit \$34.00**

## All-in-One Surge Protector

The All-in-One surge protector is inexpensive, small, and packed with features. Offers surge protection on both 110 (North American) and 220V (International) power, so you can use it anywhere. Has an EMI/RFI filter to protect sensitive electronic equipment. Has power indicator light. Built with a universal input---accepts non-grounded or grounded North American plugs, as well as British, European, and many others. Perhaps the best part is that four different electrical adapters are built into the surge protector so you don't need separate adapters for most countries, including the UK, Australia, Europe, etc. Very small and lightweight: 3.6 ounces; 3 x 1-1/2 x 1-1/2 inches. Electrical rating: 110-250V, 10A. Clamping voltage: 650V, dissipation 120 joules.

**#TS237AP All-in-One Surge Protector \$19.95**



## Your basic converter . . .

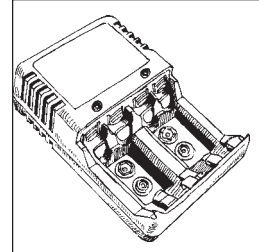
For electric heating appliances up to 1600 watts; hair dryers, irons, curlers, etc. Not for electronics or continuous use. Very compact: 2 x 2 inches. Has European plug; adapter need elsewhere. (Let us know where you're going and we'll get you the right one.)

**#11600 1600 Watt Converter \$20.00**

## Dual Voltage Battery Charger

The solution for recharging batteries worldwide! Dual voltage so it can be used anywhere in the world. Works with both Ni-Cad and Ni-MH batteries; AA, AAA or 9V. Built with North American non-grounded plug; adapters needed elsewhere. Compact and lightweight: 4-1/4 x 2-1/2 x 1-1/2 inches; 7 ounces.

**#SS803 Dual Voltage Battery Charger \$15.00**

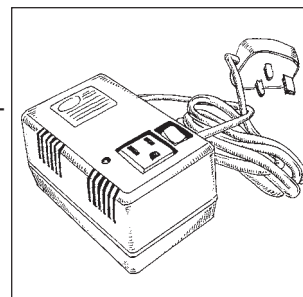


## Perfect for many Laptop and Notebook Computers

Our 100 watt grounded transformer is perfect for most non-dual voltage laptops and other small electronic devices. Converts any North American 2-pin or 3-pin appliance from 1 to 100 watts for use in 220V countries. (Be sure to check the wattage of your appliance before operation.) Features a ready light and replaceable fuse for protection. Designed for either electric or electronic appliances, and can be left plugged in for long periods. Transformer has grounded European plug. (Adapter plug may be needed in other parts of the world. Let us know where you are going so we can get you the right one.) 4 x 3 x 3 inches; 2.9 pounds.

**#100E 100 Watt Grounded Transformer \$28.00 (+ \$1.00 extra shipping)**

**#100F Extra Fuse \$2.00**



# WALKABOUT DISCOVERY

## THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI



Yes, the bridge exists, and yes, it spans the River Kwai. Located next to Kanchanaburi, Thailand, it draws many tourists expecting to view the remains of the amazing wood and bamboo structure built by Allied prisoners, later blown up by a demolition squad. An easy day trip from Bangkok, Kanchanaburi has based its tourism on the bridge. One problem:

The movie is fiction. In fact, the novel was written by the same author who wrote *Planet of the Apes*, Pierre Boulle. Oh, there is a bridge, and yes, allied prisoners and forced local laborers built the Death Railway under horrific conditions. But the Bridge over the River Kwai is a concrete and steel structure, low to the water, nothing like in the film. In fact, it is extremely non-imposing and, well, ugly. (Perhaps functional is a better word.) Tourists, upon viewing it, typically comment: "Uh-huh,

that's **a** Bridge over the River Kwai. But where's **the** Bridge over the River Kwai?" And the Allies did destroy it, but from the air. Still, it is there and go ahead and perform the tourist ritual of marching across it, whistling *Colonel Bogey's March*. (The song the prisoners whistle in the movie).

Kanchanaburi is a nice place, even if the bridge is a disappointment. Once away from the tourist hordes at the bridge, it is peaceful, laid-back place with floating guesthouses and restaurants. Other required sites include the war cemetery where 7000 prisoners of war who died working on the Death Railway are buried. The JEATH Museum displays information and artifacts from the horrible period.



### WALKABOUT FACTS

**Visas:** Visitors must possess a passport valid for 6 months longer than their intended stay. 30 day visas are granted upon arrival. Visa extensions are possible, but it may be easier to leave the country then return.

**Health:** No vaccinations are required. Anti-malaria medications are necessary if you plan to explore Northern Thailand.

**Getting there:** Kanchanaburi is 130 kilometers (81 miles) west of Bangkok, over a good road. Transportation is plentiful, as it is a popular day trip from Bangkok. Trains, public buses, or charters are all available. The trip takes about two hours. There is luggage storage at the train station.

**Money:** Thailand is still relatively inexpensive, one of those countries where a few beers can cost you as much as a night in a guesthouse.

**Where to stay:** Sam's Place, a complex of floating rafts on the slow-moving River Kwai. Rooms are clean, with showers and fans. Some rooms have air-conditioning for an extra fee if the oppressive heat is too much for you. Inexpensive.

**Where to eat:** There are several floating restaurants, including one next door to Sam's Place. In the evening, foodstalls open along the river.

**Recommended Walkabout Gear:** Our usual recommendation for the tropics: everything on the bugs page. (Page 8.) Other recommended gear: a Door Lock (page 3) and a passport carrier (page 4).

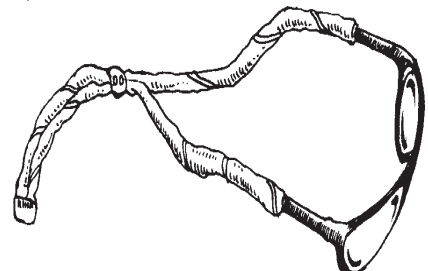
**Walkabout Guidebooks:** Lonely Planet: *Thailand*. For those on longer Walkabouts in the area, *Southeast Asia on a Shoestring* is the Bible.



### Keep your glasses on your face.

Our chums keep your glasses or sunglasses on your face even when bungee jumping in New Zealand or river running in China. Black, imprinted with the Walkabout Travel Gear logo.

#RTC 100S Black Chums \$5.00





## MORE TRAVEL TIPS (THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED ONE...)

### **Battery Advice.**

When traveling with battery operated devices -- always start with fresh new batteries, test them in the device they will be used with and THEN leave the batteries in but reverse one. This will assure that the batteries are where they belong and that they won't be dead when needed.

--Paul Matthews

### **Make Copies.**

Make a note of not only the 800 numbers to report stolen credit cards, but the collect numbers as well, because 800 numbers do not work in foreign countries. It is also a good idea to carry one credit card separately from the rest -- in case the others are stolen you'll still have access to ATM machines, etc.

--Julie Towery

### **Don't be a Hunger Artist.**

Don't leave home without instant soup, ramen noodles or a can of tuna; you never know when you'll be stuck somewhere without the correct currency. It may not fill you up completely but it will help tide you over for a while. A small set of camping dishes is also recommended.

--Jeni

### **Bloody Good Tip.**

Be aware that "RH negative" and "O" types are not commonly stored in Mainland China.

--Mary Clark

### **Extra Photos.**

Carry extra passport photos. They are required if you lose your passport and it must be reissued.

--Thomas K. Moore

### **Phoning home from BFE.**

Find out how to use local telephones before you arrive in a new country. There is often a bewildering array of local codes, city codes, etc., that can turn a phone call into a nightmarish experience, especially if people are waiting in line. (Remember in poor countries public phones are *public* phones.) Also, some countries (Malta, for example) don't use coins for their phones, only phone cards. Find what the phone procedures are before you arrive in a strange country.

--Mick Worthen

### **Shrink Your List.**

For your postcard list, type just first names, street addresses, and zip codes -- you probably know the last name and the city and it saves space. Then shrink the list on a copy machine to as small you can read it, and laminate it. Takes up just a tiny bit of space.

--Kay Brewer

### **Die, germs, die.**

A pocketful of individually wrapped alcohol pads are very handy and don't take up much space.

--Dik Jensen

### **Barley pop the perfect food?**

One of the safest liquids to drink in developing countries is beer. It is too acidic for microbes to live in. Also, it has very little fat and lots of liquid carbohydrates. In fact, it is liquid bread. To be safe, drink beer constantly.

--Del Hayes

### **Also good on steaks.**

When snorkeling or scuba diving, carry a small bottle of meat tenderizer. Meat tenderizer neutralizes jellyfish or Portuguese man-of-war stings.

--JB and Kim Anderson

### **Better Exchange Rate.**

You can usually get a better exchange rate by buying stuff with a credit card, rather than exchanging your cash. This is because credit card companies aggregate all their transactions and get a better rate than any one person could.

--Big Bill

### **Obvious and True.**

Take as much money as possible

--Mark Sandstrom

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