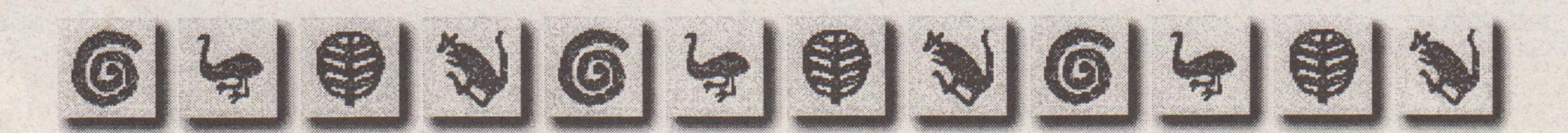


Supplying the Independent Traveller with Essential Gear and Information



Product Catalog and Travel Information Source — Volume 2





## 

(Australian aborigine in origin.) A period of wandering, of variable length, undertaken as a sporadic interruption of routine life. (For spiritual cleansing.)

Hello and welcome to volume two of the Walkabout Travel Gear™ Product Catalog and Travel Information Source. We hope that you find it not only a good source of lightweight and ingenious travel products, but a useful reference for travel information. Walkabout Travel Gear originated from our love of travel and our inability to hold "normal" jobs. The result: we traveled on a strict budget. Always collecting useful and lightweight items to fill our packs, we found other travelers wanted to know where we bought everything. We had no coherent answer because we had bought our stuff all over the place. One day on Malta, while on year-long Walkabout, the idea struck, and Walkabout Travel Gear's seed was planted. We cut our trip short, came home, spent all our money to start the business, borrowed lots more money, then borrowed some more, and now we are more trapped than if we had worked for the corporate world in the first place.

Oh, well. Explore the world now because it is getting small real fast.

Gia, Brad, and the Greek Island of Santorini

Brad and Dia Boyle

Walkabout tips are denoted by the emu.



### PRODUCTINDEX

SAFETY page 3
SLEEP page 5
HEALTH page 6
BUGS page 8
TOOLS FOR MOBILE APES page 9
PERSONAL CARE page 10
STRANGE LANGUAGES, STRANGE MONEY page 12
COOKING ON THE ROAD page 13
TRAVEL GUIDES FOR WALKABOUTS page 14
PACKS, ETC page 15
SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF FOREIGN
ELECTRICITY page 16
SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF
WORLDWIDE COMPUTER USE page 18

### TRAWEL INFORMATION:

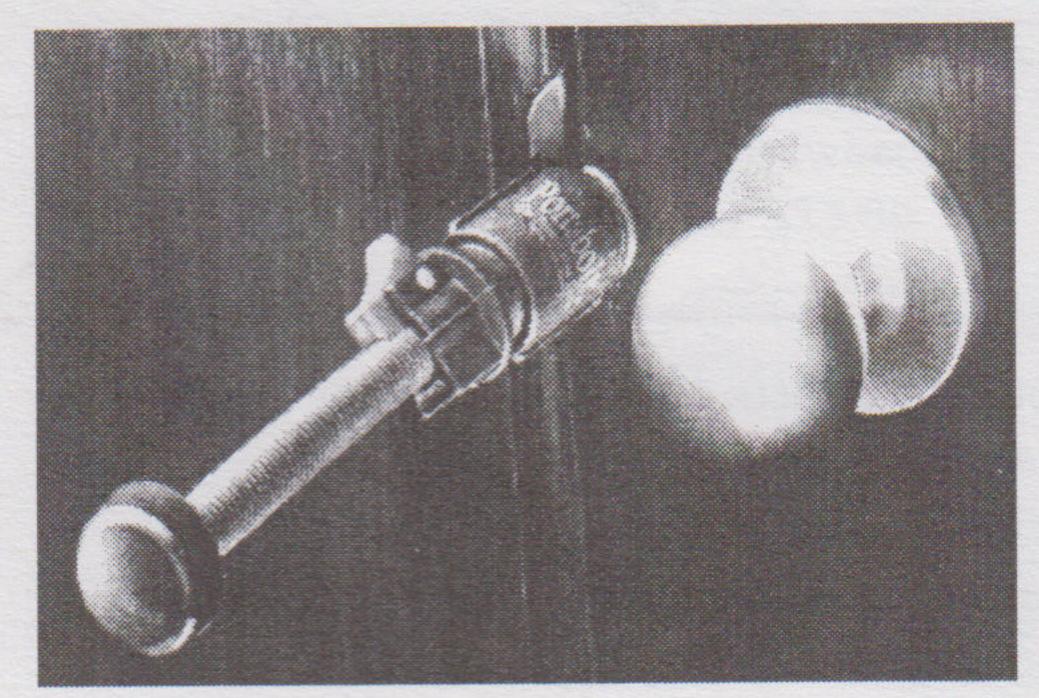
HEALTH INSURANCE page 7
MALARIA INDEX page 8
GUIDE TO TIME & SPACE center section
WALKABOUT TO THE BRIDGE OVER
THE RIVER KWAI center section
WORLDWIDE ELECTRICITY INDEX page 19
WORLDWIDE PHONE (MODEM) INDEX page 19
TRAVEL TIPS page 20 (and throughout catalog)

## SAFETY

In our experience, traveling is safer than staying home. Violent crimes (and guns) are rare in most countries. Always check with the U.S. State Department for travel advisories, though -- especially if you are traveling to really out-of-the-way places (202-647-5225). The biggest concern in most countries is the theft of personal belongings or fire. Using our security supplies should cut your risks dramatically.

"If we do not find anything pleasant, at least we will find something new."
--Voltaire, Candide

### The best door lock we've found.

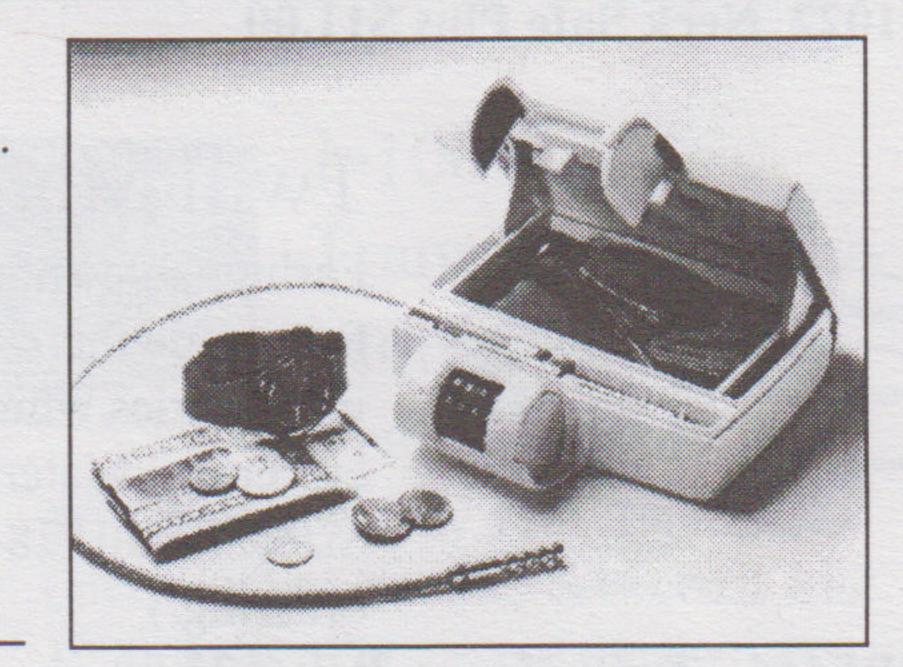


And we've tested the Portabolt<sup>TM</sup> extensively, from keeping out unwanted maids in hostels to thwarting mysterious attempted entries into our hotel rooms. When we decided to form Walkabout Travel Gear<sup>TM</sup>, we knew this door lock had to be featured in our catalog; our experiences had proved it a necessity. Problem was, we bought it long ago and couldn't find a supplier. Just when we had decided it was no longer available, we found a source. The Portabolt is a reliable deadbolt lock that installs easily without tools on any inward-opening door. Its patented quick-release trigger allows fast emergency exits. Absolutely pick-proof and comes with a manufacturer's lifetime guarantee. A must-carry item on any Walkabout. Weighs 2.5 oz. #1018 Portabolt \$20.00

## Protect your important stuff!

The Portable Lock'R keeps your valuables safe at the beach, pool, or even in your hotel room. Manufactured by Sentry, world famous for security products, the Portable Lock'R is tough. Its cable loops around any stationary object, then locks into place. The lock is made by MasterLock so you know it's secure. Don't take chances with valuables. Two sizes: Small: 1 1/2" H x 4 15/16" W x 3 7/16" deep (interior dimensions), 1 pound. Large: 2 19/32" H x 8 5/6" W x 5 21/32" deep, 2 pounds.

#1025 Small Lock'R (yellow) \$41.00 #1026 Large Lock'R (black) \$58.00



## 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.)

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

#1019 Security Plus Personal Alarm \$15.00

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. Our own experience was even

more surprising: valuables from our luggage were stolen while checked on a major American airline. The Pocket Lockit Jr. could have prevented such pilfering. It's small (1.2 oz.), but strong, and fits easily through zipper pulls. Fashionably black, Pocket Lockit Jr. 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.

#1020 Pocket Lockit Jr. \$6.50



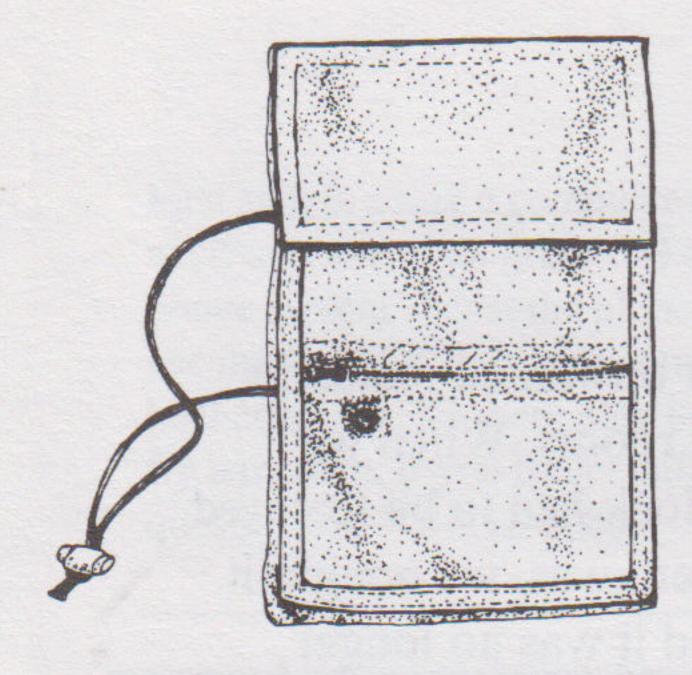
Our coil lock secures luggage, backpacks, even bikes -- and is

## 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. Manufactured by Eagle Creek. Black.

#4013 Cable Lock \$14.00

## It goes without saying, but protect your passport, cash, travelers checks, credit cards, etc.



#### Neck Safe Plus

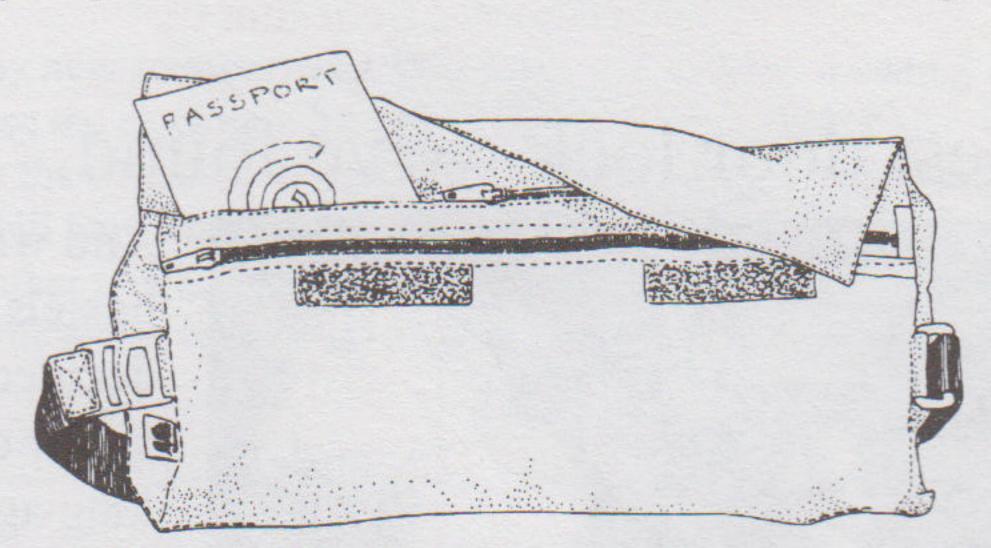
It's compact, and can be worn inside or outside clothing, or on a belt up to 1 1/2 inches wide. (To be safe, carry inside clothing.) Two pockets, with locking zippers, hold passport and travelers checks. Hidden pouch keeps credit cards and/or money secure. A third,

smaller, zippered pocket is for coins or tokens. The neck cord is adjustable. The Neck Safe Plus is washable, made of 65% polyester and 35% cotton. Includes free money exchange booklet.

#1022 Neck Safe Plus \$11.00

#### Waist Safe

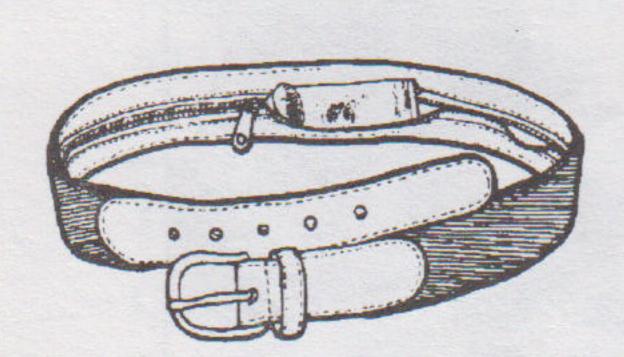
Keeps passport and other essential items out of sight. Two



pockets, with locking zippers covered by flap and fabric grip

tab. Interior pocket holds credit cards. Adjustable, elastic strap fits waist sizes to 44. Washable; 65% polyester and 35% cotton. Includes free money exchange booklet.

#1023 Waist Safe \$11.00



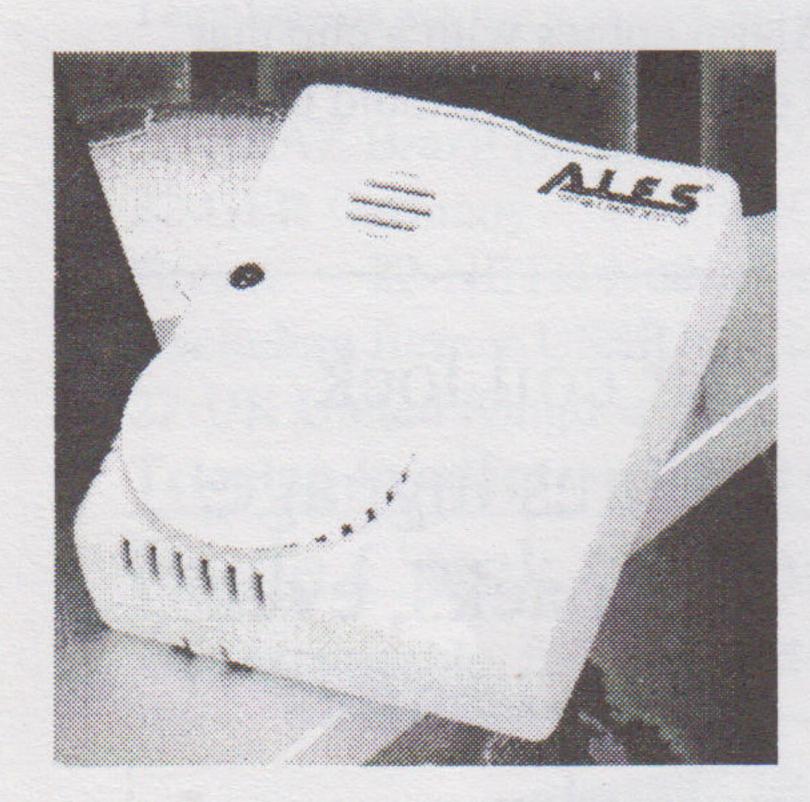
## Twill Money Belt.

Fashionable enough to wear anytime, our twill money belt looks just like any other traditional fabric belt. But inside there is a full length security zip pocket for hiding your secret stash of cash. Especially necessary in countries where traveler's checks and credit cash are not accepted much, forcing you to carry hard currency. Material: Italian hobnail twill fabric, English tanned leather, solid brass buckle. Color: Khaki. Sizes: Small (28-30) Medium (32-34) Large (36-38) and Extra Large (40-42.) (Please specify size when ordering.)

#BE101 Twill Money Belt \$25.00



Always make two copies of important items, like passports, plane tickets, and credit cards. Leave one copy at home with someone you can reach in an emergency, and pack the other someone separate from the originals. (If you are traveling with a partner, carry each other's copies.)



## When was the last time you saw a smoke detector in Turkey (or Morocco, or Nepal, or Honduras, or...)

Our Travel Smoke Detector is an essential in countries where detectors are not required in hotels and hostels. (In other words, almost everywhere.) Tiny, 2 3/4" by 3 1/2" and ultralight, under 6 oz., the Portable Smoke Detector has the features of a larger alarm but fits in your pocket. It uses an ionization double chamber for detecting smoke, and issues a 85 dB alarm if it finds some. The detector includes a clip so it can be mounted on your door, as well as a LED which flashes every 40 seconds to give you visual proof the alarm is functioning. Has a self-test button. Uses a 9V battery. We never travel without one.

#SD002 Travel Smoke Detector \$25.00



## Impress somebody.

Us, at least, with your choice of clothing options on your unavoidable journey thru both time and space. White with black Walkabout logo. T-shirt 100% cotton, golf shirt 50/50. Sizes: Medium, Large, Extra Large.

#2010 Walkabout T-shirt \$13.00

#2011 Walkabout Golf Shirt \$20.00

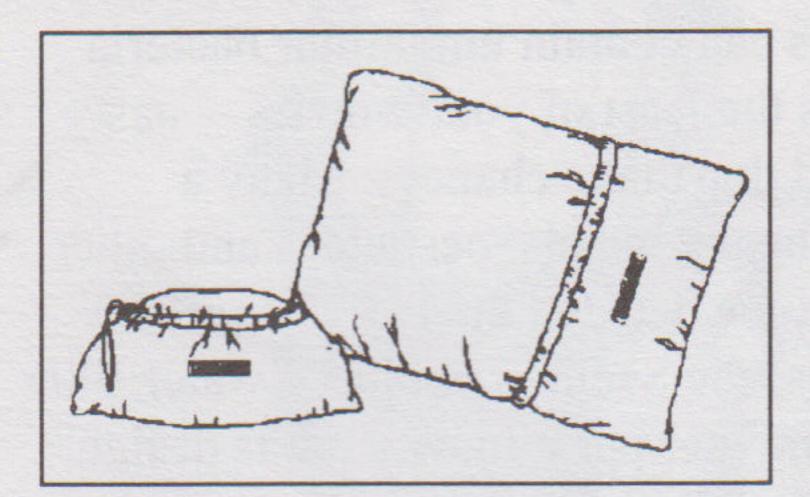


## SIEP

"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 oft-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 Cascade Design 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 Cascade Design 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 Walkabouters need not go without. Machine or hand washable.

#1006 Cascade Design Deluxe Pillow \$18.00

### Everybody sells them...

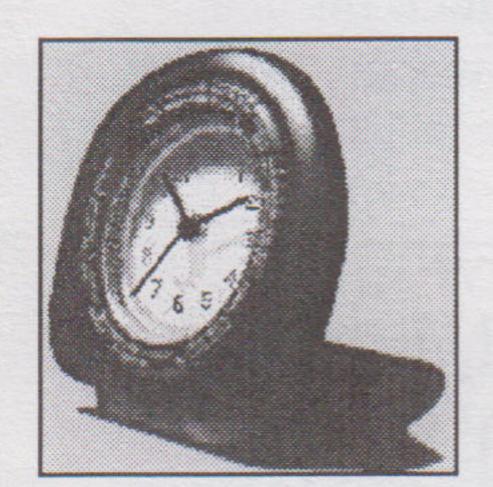
We do too. This classic inflatable neck pillow offers head support on long (or short) airplane or train journeys. A safety valve eliminates accidental deflating. It's made from soft, flocked vinyl and comes with a handy travel pouch. Gray. #1105 Inflatable Neck Pillow \$6.25

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



But you might as well do it comfortably with the Cascade Design Ultra Lite II ¾-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 no more than a can of soda -- 14 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 21.5 ounces. A Steven 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). Comes with a stuff sack.

#4014 Ultra Lite II (with stuff sack) \$60.00



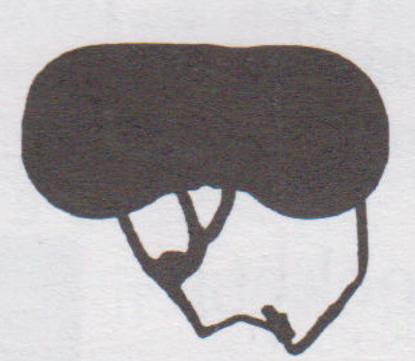
# On vacation, you get to sleep late...

Except when your plane/train/ferry leaves at 4 a.m. An alarm

clock is, unfortunately, a must for all travelers, even serious Walkabouters. Our extremely lightweight (1.2 oz) world-time alarm clock is a sleek black item with a cover that folds out to become its base. A movable dial shows times in major cities around the planet, and a 4-minute snooze button lets you finish your REM. Battery and instructions included.

#1046 World Time 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 no way to start your Walkabout. Also, the decibel level in cities like Jakarta, Athens, Bangkok, Mexico City, etc. (insert large city of your choice here), even at three 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

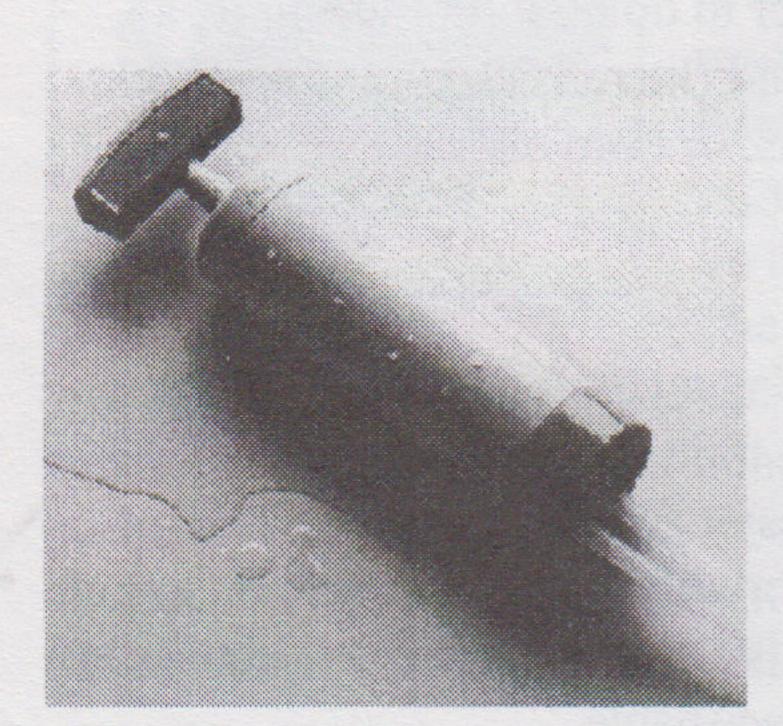
# Sometimes it's not the light, it's the @#%\$ noise.

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 14.5. These are the same ear plugs as in the Sleep-Eze set, and can be washed up to ten times. Packaged in a tiny plastic carrying case

#1048 Sound Mufflers (with case) \$2.50

## HEALTH

"Wherever you go, there you are."
-- Buckaroo Banzai



## Illness can ruin your trip.

Water filters are not just for backpacking. In fact, a water filter may save your trip overseas. The primary cause of illness to travelers, whether on a two week trip or an extended Walkabout, is gastrointestinal distress. Even what seems the safest of trips can be ruined by illness. Usually it's caused by the water. Moreover, countries with safe water supplies can contain unfamiliar bacteria which cause diarrhea. In more exotic locales, a case of the trots is the least of your worries -- nasty bugs exist that are happy to fly home with you. Don't get sick and don't take chances. Many a country's tap water supply also contain unacceptable amounts of heavy metals, pesticides and other chemicals. There are many filters on the market and, after testing, we decided the PUR Scout™ is the best choice. Compact (9" x 2 1/4") and lightweight (20 ounces) the Scout is not just a water filter

like most of its competition, but a water purifier which eliminates even viruses. It pumps at up to one liter per minute, and its design makes pumping easy. Its replaceable purification cartridge capacity is approximately 200 gallons. Our PUR Scout is the Extra Value pack, which includes a StopTop<sup>TM</sup>, both a bottle adapter and a carbon filter to remove unpleasant tastes, and a customized water bottle. The PUR Scout 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.

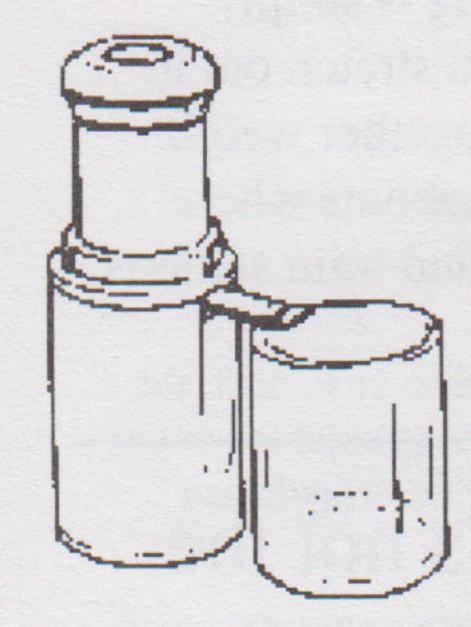
#1001 PUR Scout Extra value Pack \$75.00

#1002 Replacement cartridge \$40.00

#1003 Carrying case \$7.00



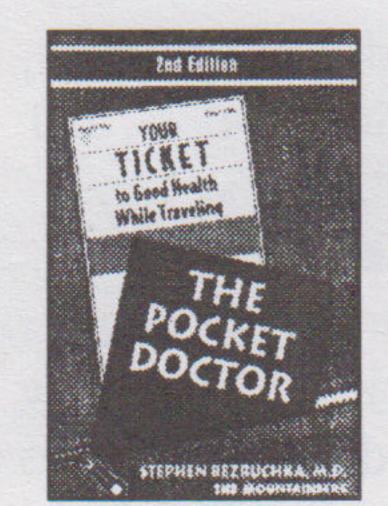
The 200 gallon capacity of the PUR Scout cartridge is plenty for even long solo journeys. If two or more people are using the purifier, or if your Walkabout is an extremely long one, consider taking a replacement cartridge along. (They're awfully hard to get outside the USA.)



## Our second choice for a water purifier.

Our second choice is the PUR Portable, which, like the Scout, is a purifier that eliminates even viruses. It also weighs 12 ounces. The obvious question: why is the Portable our second choice? (Even though it's less expensive than the Scout?) It's a matter of preference. We like to camp at times, and the Scout is better for purifying water from streams, Chinese irrigation ditches, etc. But if drinking water on your walkabout primarely comes from a tap, the Portable is better choice. Its design is amazing; remove the clear top -- holy cow, it's a 4 ounce drinking cup. Place it under the fold down spout, pour water into the easy to fill cap, and press. Bingo! And it fits in a daypack or a purse! Cartridge capacity: 100 gallons. Frankly, if you travel much, it's stupid not to carry one. #9059 PUR Portable \$50.00

#9060 PUR Portable replacement cartridge \$30.00

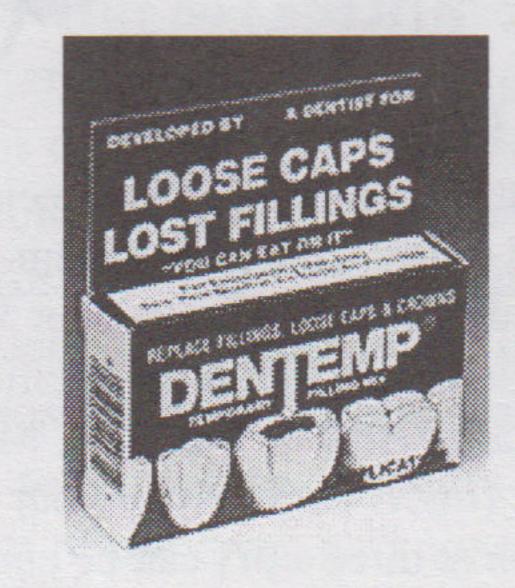


## A doctor in your pocket

Don't travel without *The Pocket Doctor*. Only 4 1/8" x 6 1/4", the book weighs next to nothing yet is full of medical information including getting prepared to travel, immunizations and drug doses,

health advice for travelers, treatment for illnesses and problems overseas, as well as instructions for lifethreatening emergencies.

#4010 The Pocket Doctor \$4.95



# We're not prejudiced, but prefer to avoid Third-World Dentists.

Come to think of it, maybe we are prejudiced. We like our dental care done at home. But what do you do about a lost filling, loose cap, or crown when you're exploring countries nobody's ever

heard of? Or even in countries known to the mass populous where you don't want to deal with a foreign dentist? Our Dentemp® kit contains a temporary filling mix and medicine to relieve the pain. Temporary filling is durable and can be eaten on. Easy to use and safe. #1036 Dentemp \$7.00

## FIRST AID-KITS

## You have to 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.

### Basic First Aid Kit

Our Basic First Aid Kit is, well, basic. It's inexpensive, extremely small, and lightweight. (Three ounces.) The kit contains first aid instructions, adhesive tape, ten adhesive bandages, two sterile gauze pads, antibacterial ointment, petroleum jelly, two alcohol prep-pads, two antiseptic towelettes, two iodine prep pads, four aspirin, and one bar of cleasing soap. All packaged in a durable nylon zippered pouch.

#1034 Basic First Aid Kit \$8.00



Many health insurance policies are not valid outside the USA. We recommend the purchase of international health insurance. Please read our helpful International insurance information at the end of the Heath section.

### Better First Aid Kit

It's more expensive, but we 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 UltraLight Traveler Kit \$23.00 KIT CONTAINS:

A Guide to Wilderness and Travel Medicine
ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: Splinter Picker/Tick Remover Forcep
WOUND MANAGEMENT: Butterfly closure Strips (3), Tincture of

Benzoin, Triple Antibiotic Ointment (3), Antiseptic Towelettes (3), 3 x 4 Moleskin.

MEDICATIONS: Extra-Strength Tylenol® (4), Motrin® (4), Antihistamine (2), Pepto Bismal® (12), Dristan® (4).

BANDAGE MATERIAL: 3 x 3 Sterile Dressing (3), Non-adherent Sterile Dressing, Conforming Gauze Bandage 2", Tape 1/2" x 10 yards, Strip and Knuckle Bandages (7), Q-Tips® (2).

INFECTIOUS CONTROL: Latex Surgical Gloves (2), Sani-Dex® Antimicrobial hand wipe, Biohazard Sealable Waste Bag. OTHER ITEMS: Safety Pins (3)

#### INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE: UNFORTUNATE NECESSITY

We recommend health insurance when traveling overseas. Over 900,000 Americans require emergency medical assistance away from home. Injuries or illness overseas can be very scary. In lands that time forgot, proper insurance can be a life and death matter. On short Walkabouts, and if you work for a corporation, first check to see if you're covered overseas by your regular health insurance policy. If you are, and traveling to less developed countries, we also recommend purchasing an inexpensive policy that covers emergency evacuation and acts as an intermediary in dealing with foreign health care providers.

If you're a student, recent graduate, or a teacher, and purchase an identity card from Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) you are automatically covered by a basic policy, including sickness, accident, and evacuation. The card itself is worth the cost (under \$20) because of the discounts available worldwide at museums, etc. However, the insurance coverage is basic, with only \$3,000 accident related medical reimbursement and \$100/day for 60 days illness protection. Emergency Medical Evacuation coverage is \$25,000. (CIEE, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 or check the phone book for a local Council Travel office. Council Travel also specializes in cut-rate airline fares for students.)

If you're self-employed and insured, check your policy. Self-employed health coverage tends to offer good coverage due to the international nature of entrepreneurs in the global age.

After research, the policy we chose was administered by Wallach and Company. It is a serious health policy, with coverage up to US\$500,000 for accidents and sickness. It also includes medical evacuation coverage. There are exclusions, however, including pre-existing conditions. Also, coverage is very limited in your home country. (The policy was not meant to substitute for health coverage at home.) Coverage for a married couple begins at \$128/month, but can vary depending on your age, itinerary, etc. Walkabouts in the third world cost more, for example. Champion Insurance Advantage (800) 6434675 works with Wallach and Company. They also offer policies for international visitors to the USA, and long-term coverage for individuals from any country traveling outside their home country.

Other international health carriers include TravMed (800-732-5309) which offers \$100,000 coverage at \$3.50 a day, but with a maximum of 70 days per Walkabout. ASA Incorporated (602-968-0440) offers both international health and disability insurance, but only gives individual quotes. Whether you choose to get insurance or not, all travellers should join IAMAT. (International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers.) IAMAT is a non-profit organization dedicated to the gathering and dissemination of health information worldwide for the benefit of travellers and to assist them to find qualified medical care overseas. IAMAT offers its members a membership card, a directory of English speaking physicians who have agreed to treat members for a set fee schedule, and frequently updated publications on immunizations, malaria and other tropical diseases, and more. Membership is free to any traveller, but donations are appreciated.

Although not a health insurance plan, Lifeguard Emergency Travel (817-740-1247) offers excellent benefits for the frequent traveler for \$138 annually. (\$225 for a couple, \$259 for family. Lifeguard has also been offering a 20% discount for online orders.) Lifeguard's coverage also includes legal assistance, transportation of escort, return for minor children if you require medical evacuation, vehicle return, and other coverages. International SOS Assistance (800-523-8930) offers similar coverage for the less regular traveler, beginning at \$55.00 for an individual traveling two weeks.

Walkabout Travel Gear™ doesn't endorse any of the insurance plans mentioned. (But does recommending joining IAMAT.) We're just trying to help. We

recommend shopping around and thoroughly reading both the big and little print of any policy you choose. And be careful while exploring our planet.

## TOOLS FOR MOBILE APES

"I have never let schooling interfere with my education." -- MARK TWAIN



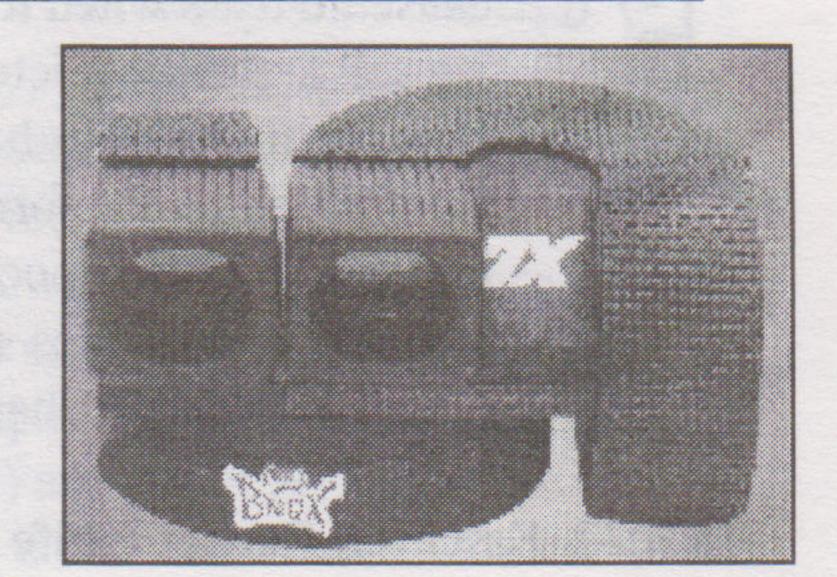
## Stay in touch even when you're out of touch.

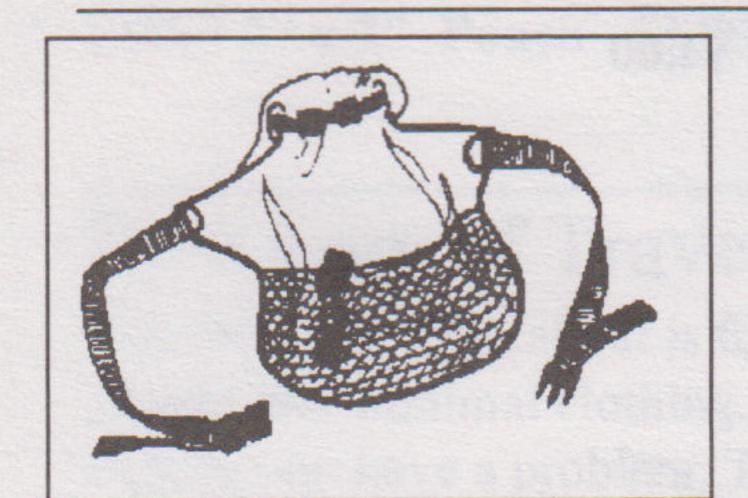
Listen to the BBC while in the PRC! The Grundig Traveller II is not only a compact AM, FM, and shortwave radio (5 1/2"L x 3 1/2"H x 1 1/4"D) which fits in your pocket, it is also a travel alarm clock with full clock functions and simultaneous display of home and world time. Liquid crystal display. Five shortwave frequencies from 5.80 to 15.60 MHz let you tune in around the world. Includes headphone, carrying case, Grundig shortwave listening guide. Power supplied by three AA batteries (included).

#5000 Grundig Traveller II \$99.95

## Don't take your expensive (and heavy) binoculars overseas!

Take BNOX instead. BNOX are the first major change in binoculars since the 1890's, using mirrors and acrylic lenses instead of prisms and glass lenses. Incredibly compact (2" x 2" x 4"), lightweight (4 ounces), and durable (made of plastic), BNOX deliver powerful 7x magnification -- with a unique wide-angle rectangular image. BNOX's two halves slide open. Padded brow bar and fold back eye shields. Wrist strap included. Pre-focused, weatherproof, and provides 99% UV protection. Don't risk your expensive binoculars overseas -- take BNOX instead -- the perfect travel accessory! #4001 BNOX binoculars \$20.00





## 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 wazzu (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, like money or travelers checks, while you're in the water. Not only perfect at the beach, but for rafting, canoeing, windsurfing, or kayaking. The Cascade Design Seal Pak<sup>TM</sup> 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 pockets holds keys, sunglasses, or sunscreen. 8 x 7 inches, with stretch belt. Weighs 5 ounces.

#1010 Seal Pak \$22.00



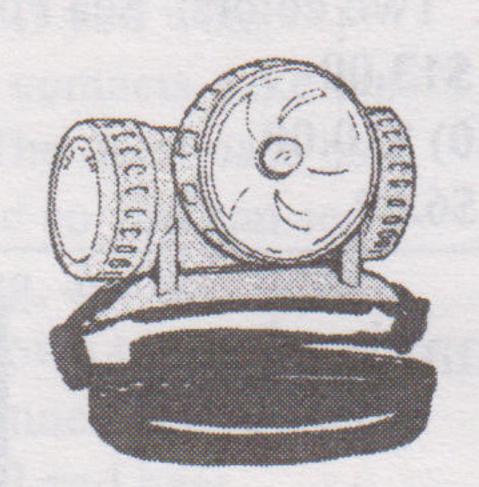
If your Walkabout includes diving or snorkeling on a coral reef and you don't own an underwater camera, take a disposable, waterproof one. They cost under \$15.00 and without one, the only pictures you'll have of Jacques Cousteau's undersea world will be in your head, which are hard to show to friends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



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

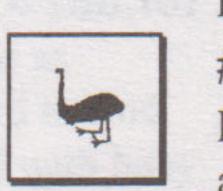
Especially at night or in countries like China where street signs are gobbledygook. (Unless you know the local lingo, of course.) Maps are pretty useless if you can't read the signs. When you're lost in Taipei or

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<sup>TM</sup> compass. Accurate, durable, and mounted on a split key ring so it can become a zipper pull as well.



Read hands-free at night. Also navigate dark hallways (and more important, unlit third world restrooms) with ease.

Instead of a flashlight, carry our waterproof headlight. Its lamp tilts for distant or close-up lighting, it has an easy on/off switch, and the headband is adjustable. 4.8 volt



krypton bulb included. (Requires 4 AA batteries.) #1017 Waterproof Headlamp \$13.00 Batteries are easily obtainable worldwide but tiny light bulbs aren't -- bring a couple of extras.

#1009 Mini Comp \$7.00

The Walkabout Walking Staff (and more...)

The Walkabout Walking Staff is a perfect addition to any walkabout. Manufactured by Tracks, famous for their walking staffs, this sturdy model disassembles into two pieces for easy transport. Hand-built from super lightweight aluminum and topped with a walnut knob. Foam grips are cushioned and non-slip, with adjustable wrist straps. Concealed threaded joints withstand vertical loads up to 300 pounds. Extremely light, weighing only 13.3 oz. The Walkabout Walking Stick is more than just a friendly companion on a long hike; remove the walnut knob and it becomes a steady, screwdown camera monopod. Rubber tip also removes, exposing a hardened steel point. Anodized black.

#4405 Walkabout Walking Staff (52 inches) \$40.00

(Also available in 48" and 56" inch lengths.)

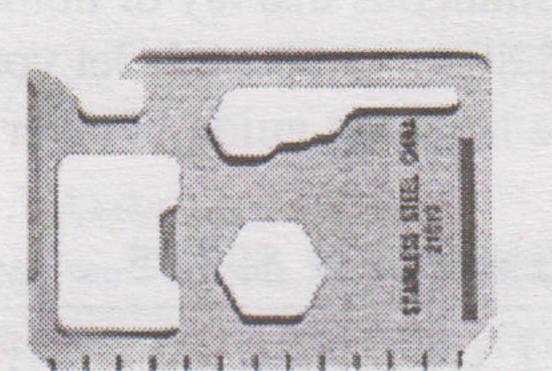
### A Pocket Knife is essential.



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 7 blade pocket knife contains a knife, standard and phillips screwdriver, can/bottle opener, corkscrew, nail file, and scissors.

#1033 Essential Pocket Knife \$8.00

## Chinese Survival Tool



We're not sure 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, 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. That way your tools are at hand for emergencies -- especially the bottle opener. Stainless steel.

#7077 Chinese Survival Tool \$4.00

## PERSONAL CARE

"To live is to travel, to travel is to live."
--Tom Robbins



## How to dry yourself on a Walkabout.

Towels often are not standard in budget lodgings. And they certainly are not supplied at campgrounds or why the deserted beaches you've discovered. If you're carrying your world on your back, an ordinary towel simply does not work. It's heavy, especially when wet, and takes forever to dry. The solution: a PackTowl®. Versatile, very lightweight, compact, and extremely quick drying, PackTowl holds nine times its weight in water yet releases 90% of the liquid when wrung out. A must on adventure travels. Attached snap allows hanging from hook (or tree) for drying. Also perfect for gym lockers. Three sizes: large 20x40 inches, medium 14x40, or small, 10x27. Two colors: Sea Foam Green or Blueberry.

#1012 Large (20 x 40) \$13.00 #1013 Medium (14 x 40) \$10.00 #1014 Small (10 x 27) \$6.00



PackTowls dry amazingly fast, but...

It's nice to have a carrying case.

Contains a vinyl waterproof pocket for

a wet towel, and a mesh outside pocket for shampoo or other personal items. The mesh pocket is also convenient for air drying a wet towel. 2.3 oz.

#1015 PackTowl Carrying Case \$13.00



If you brush your teeth like your dentist told you to, your toothbrush is wet all the time.

Keep it clean and lint-free with our Cap-A-Brush..
Snaps over your toothbrush bristles, and keeps the wetness from the rest of your gear. An inexpensive necessity most travelers forget. Three per pack; fits most toothbrushes.
#1008 Cap-A Brush \$2.00



Don't forget to use purified water when brushing your teeth.

## Clothes have to be washed (occasionally.)

If you're traveling light, which you should, 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 in a strong vinyl 7 by 10 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 unique laundry line. The laundry cord does not need clothespins; merely separate the twisted cords, place article of clothing between them, and allow cords to fall back in place. Cord stretches to a lengthy 66 inches, 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 \$3.50 #1027B Universal Sink Plug \$2.50 #1027C Bristle Brush \$4.00 #1027D 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.

#1028 7"x 10" Pouch \$4.50 #1029 5" x 7" Pouch \$3.50



## A place for all your crap.

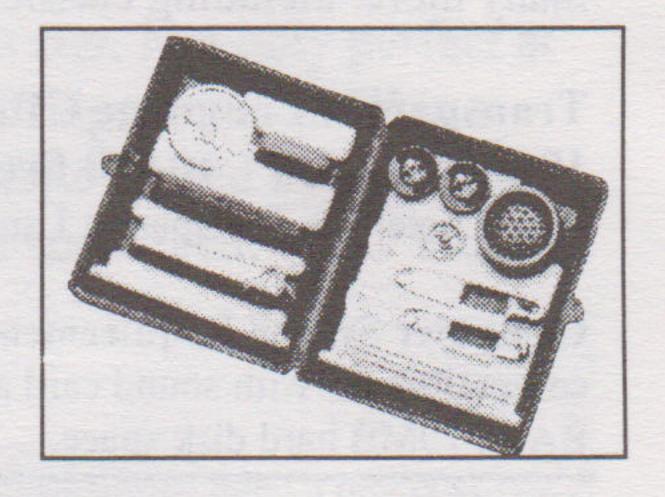
Unfortunately, you probably should maintain the semblance of a human being while on the road. Our compact fold-up organizer allows you to store all those little toiletries that migrate around your luggage. Has a hang-up hook, two zipper pockets (one in mesh) and organizer bottle slots.

For the vainer Walkabouters, it also has a detachable mirror. 10 x 6" folded, 11 x 17" open. Black. #4015 Fold-up Trip Kit \$16.00

## 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 correct 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.

#1007 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 but 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.

#1043 Eyeglass Repair Kit \$2.00

Take a copy of your eye



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

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 use 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



And, it floats!
With Optic-Case<sup>TM</sup>,
your glasses (or
sunglasses) have
great protection
against the hazards

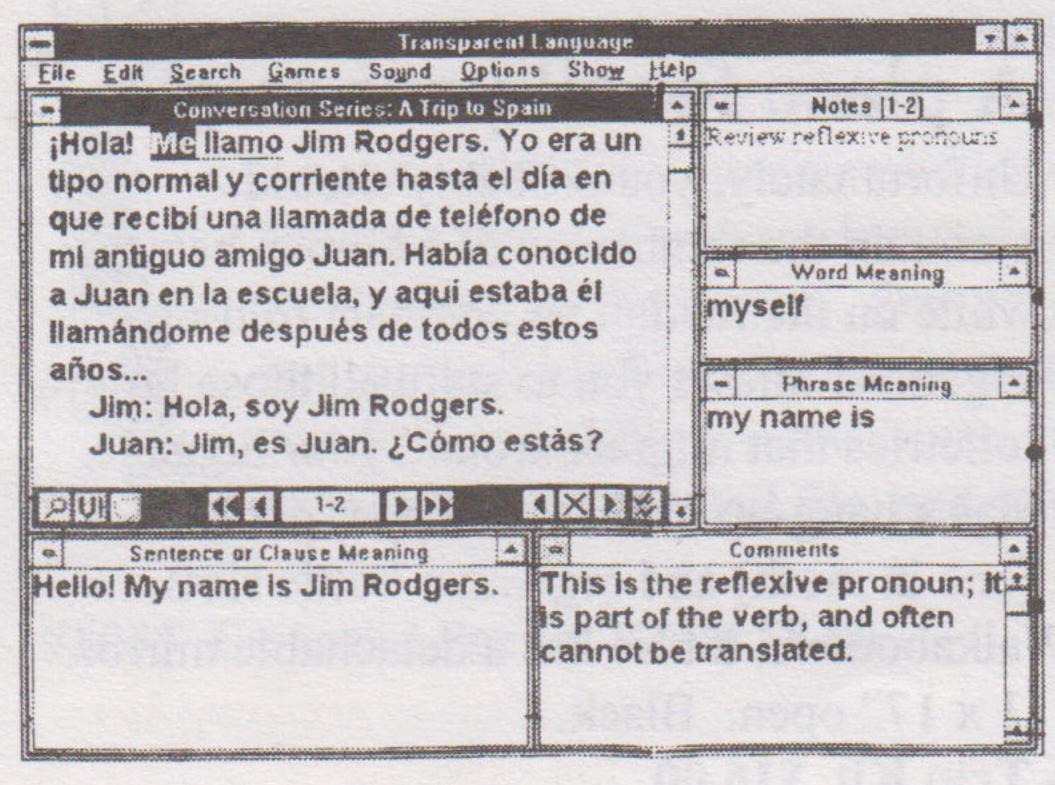
case around.

of travel, which are too numerous to list. Much tougher than ordinary hard glass cases, the Optic-Case is the toughest optic case we've found, yet floats. Made of super strong polycarbonate, the Optic-Case has a stainless steel hinge pin, a slider latch, and a soft foam interior. Great protection for glasses in everyday life, too! #1045 Optic-Case \$10.00

## STRANGE LANGUAGES, STRANGE MONEY

"Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember and remember more than I have seen." -- Benjamin Disraeli

## Transparent Language CDs



"Does it work? Yes." -- Associated Press

"The best language tutor we've seen." -- Computer Shopper"

"Transparent Language has revolutionized computer-based language learning." -- Mac User/Ziff Davis

It's revolutionary! Now learning Spanish, German, Italian, French, or Russian is virtually automatic. Imagine having a native-speaking language tutor right in your home -- someone who won't bore you with grammar drills, but instead engages you with entertaining stories you fully understand. Over 100,000 people, with 5,000 educators (including West Point, Yale, and the U.S. Foreign Service Institute) have discovered the easiest way to learn a foreign language. Computer technology, via CD ROM, allows for interactive learning at your pace. When you don't understand a word, sentence or paragraph, simply glance at an on-screen window. In hours you'll learn hundreds of words without even trying. For beginners or those who wish to review, Transparent Language gets you so immersed in the interactive process, you'll never feel like

you're studying -- the tedium of learning a language in the "old" days has been replaced with enjoyable stories and challenging games. The CDs are interactive, and a waveform display shows you exactly how your pronunciation compares to a native speaker. Each CD contains three "stories" and many more, including classic literature, are available from Transparent Language for a small cost.

Transparent Language CDs \$129.00 each.

1049A Spanish 1049B French 1049C Russian 1049D German 1049E Italian

Please note that Transparent Language CDs cannot be returned after being opened, unless defective. If defective, CD will be replaced.

Computer System Requirements. (Please specify Windows or Mac. Microphone required for recording.) Windows: Windows 3.1 (or higher), 386 or faster IBM compatible PC with sound card and CD ROM drive. 8MB RAM, 10MB hard drive space. Mac: Mac II or higher, System 7.0 or higher, and CD ROM drive. 4MB RAM, 10MB hard disk space.



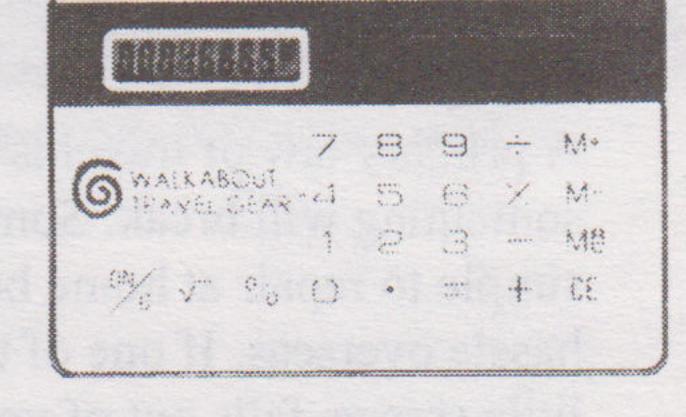
## Communication is as easy as pointing!

A brilliant but simple idea that works -anywhere on the planet. Even 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. So effective, Kwikpoint is issued to all US Marines abroad, used by the International Monetary Fund, and many international companies. So light, inexpensive, and useful, it is required gear on a Walkabout of any length.

#4012 Kwikpoint \$4.00

Don't take an expensive and bulky currency converter if you can press the



divide button on a calculator.

Take our Walkabout Credit Card Calculator instead. So slim it fits in your passport holder with your credit cards, 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.) Black with gold trim, embossed with the Walkabout symbol, it contains an eight digit memory.

#1016 Walkabout Credit Card Calculator \$5.00

## COKING

"Life is a three-ring circus with no ringmaster."
--George Dubinkey, Intergalactic Language Mercenaries

If you're on a serious budget (like us) the best way to save money is to cook some of your meals. Unfortunately, this cost-saving strategy requires a minimal initial investment. Cooking supplies in the WALKABOUT CATALOG have, like all our products, been personally field tested. By trial and error, we've taken the guesswork out of your choices.

## If you're going to cook, you need something to cook with.

The main thing to look for in a stove is the availability of fuel cartridges overseas. You cannot take fuel cartridges on airplanes, so unless you're going by boat, you'll have to purchase them when you arrive. We stock the Micro Bleuet 270, a durable, ultra light (6.9 oz.) stove. It uses valved CV470 canisters, widely available overseas in grocery, camping, and hardware stores. Also, the Walkabout stove is the perfect addition (like many of our products) to a home emergency kit.

#1050 Walkabout Stove \$32.00



Take some spices to liven up (actually, to disguise) your culinary adventures. We recommend our salt and pepper shaker and perhaps a small bottle of Tabasco sauce.

Fuel cartridge availability

Unfortunately, the best stove to take overseas isn't manufactured anymore. Camping Gaz has decided on a worldwide switch-over to the new valved fuel canisters. As part of the change, they have ceased to manufacture their old classic stove, the one that uses the C206 non-valved canisters. Problem is, in most countries you can only find the old canister, not the new one. Thus: if you have one of the old stoves, take it. If not, buy the one we sell. Camping Gaz is a international company and the switch over to the new cartridges should be swift. If you know of other countries that now have the CV470 or have additional information, please let us know.

Countries where the CV470 is available: Andorra Australia Belgium Cameroon Canada Central Africa Republic Cyprus Denmark Dubai Egypt Finland France Gabon Germany Gibraltar Great Britain Greece Guadeloupe Guyana Haiti Holland Iceland Italy Ivory Coast Japan Kuwait Lebanon Mali Martinique New Zealand Norway Oman Portugal Saudi Arabia Singapore South Korea Spain Sweden Switzerland USA





## Ever scraped fried fish bought from a fisherman on a Thai island from a regular mess kit?

Well, we have. That's when we decided your generic mess kit wouldn't do. The frying pan in our mess kit is non-stick -- with a coated stay-cool handle to boot. The kit is lightweight, is made of high quality aluminum, and contains: 7" non-stick fry pan, 6" boiling pot, and a 6 1/2" diameter plate. wazzu It, of course, stacks and stores into one compact carrying unit.

#1051 Non-Stick Mess Kit \$12.00



## Why carry a knife, fork, and spoon -- and a pocketknife?

Instead of searching through your luggage or backpack for your cutlery, carry our unique combination knife/eating set! A functional multipurpose pocketknife with 2 blades, can opener, bottle opener, and most important, (in wine producing countries) a corkscrew. All that and a detachable fork and spoon which separate so you can behave like a normal human and eat with both hands. Fork and spoon lock back into place when the meal's finished!

#1052 Detachable Eating Set \$10.00

## The Spices of Life...

Are probably salt and pepper, if you're from the Western Hemisphere. Carry both with you in our small (2 1/4" tall) but effective combination shaker.

#1053 Salt and Pepper Shaker \$2.00

## Don't want to carry our Detachable Eating Set?

You'll still need a knife, fork, and spoon. Our basic cutlery set contains a knife with serrated blade, 4-tine fork, and spoon, joined by a removable ring so that your eating utensils don't migrate to different areas of your pack/suitcase.

#1054 Cutlery Set \$4.00

## TRAVEL GUIDES FOR WALKABOUTS

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

--Mark Twain

We recommend two lines of guidebooks: Lonely Planet and Moon Handbooks. We used to rely on Lonely Planet for overseas walkabouts and Moon for North and Central American ones, but the line between the two series has become fuzzy: Lonely Planet has released guidebooks for the USA and Moon continues to expand its coverage overseas. For longer Walkabouts to specific regions, the best are Lonely Planet's On a Shoestring Guides.



## LONELY PLANET GUIDES

## Australia and the Pacific

Australia \$23.wazzu 95 Bushwalking in Australia \$12.95 Bushwalking in Papua New Guinea \$14.95 Fiji \$13.95 Islands of Australia's Great Barrier Reef \$13.95 Melbourne \$8.95 Micronesia \$12.95 New Caledonia \$13.95 New South Wales \$16.95 New Zealand \$17.95 Outback Australia \$16.95 Papua New Guinea \$15.95 Queensland \$17.95 Rarotonga and the Cook Islands \$11.95 Samoa \$12.95 Solomon Islands \$14.95 Sydney \$9.95 Tahiti and French Polynesia \$12.95 Tonga \$11.95 Tramping in New Zealand \$13.95 Vanuatu \$13.95 Victoria \$15.95 Western Australia \$13.95

#### Middle East

Middle East on a Shoestring \$17.95 Arab Gulf States \$15.95 Egypt and the Sudan \$16.95 Iran \$14.95 Israel \$16.95 Jordan and Syria \$14.95 Lebanon \$13.95 Yemen \$11.95 Turkey Trekking in Turkey \$9.95 Turkey \$19.95

#### Africa

Africa on a Shoestring \$27.95 Cape Town \$9.95 Central Africa \$16.95 East Africa \$17.95 Egypt and Sudan \$16.95 Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti \$14.95 Kenya \$15.95 Morocco \$16.95 North Africa \$19.95 South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland \$16.95 West Africa \$19.95 Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia \$16.95

#### Europe

Central Europe on a Shoestring \$18.95 Eastern Europe on a Shoestring \$21.95 Mediterranean Europe on a Shoestring \$24.95 Scandinavian and Baltic Europe on a Shoestring \$16.95 Western Europe on a Shoestring \$24.95 Baltic States and Kaliningrad \$15.95 Britain \$24.95 Czech and Slovak Republics \$15.95 Dublin \$9.95 Finland \$15.95 France \$21.95 Greece \$16.95 Hungary \$15.95 Iceland, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands \$16.95 Ireland \$17.95 Italy \$18.95 Poland \$17.95 Prague \$9.95 Russia, Ukraine and Belarus \$24.95 Slovenia \$13.95 St. Petersburg \$9.95 Trekking in Greece \$15.95 Trekking in Spain \$11.95 Vienna 9.95

#### Indian Ocean

Madagascar and Comoros \$15.95 Maldives and East Indian Ocean \$12.95 Mauritius, Reunion and Seychelles \$14.95

#### Indian Subcontinent

Bangladesh \$10.95 India \$24.95 Karakoram Highway \$14.95 Kashmir, Ladakh and Zanskar \$10.95 Nepal \$14.95 New Delhi \$9.95 Pakistan \$15.95 Sri Lanka \$13.95 Trekking Indian Himalaya \$10.95 Trekking Nepal Himalaya \$14.95

#### Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia on a Shoestring \$21.95 Bali/Lombok \$14.95 Bangkok \$9.95 Cambodia \$12.95 Ho Chi Minh \$9.95 Indonesia \$23.95 Java \$14.95 Laos \$12.95 Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei \$16.95 Myanmar \$13.95 Philippines \$15.95 Thailand \$18.95 Vietnam \$15.95

#### Northeast Asia

Northeast Asia on a Shoestring \$16.95 Beijing \$9.95 China \$25.95 Hong Kong/Macau/ Canton \$14.95 Japan \$23.95 Korea \$14.95 Mongolia \$13.95 Seoul \$9.95 Taiwan \$14.95 Tibet \$13.95 Tokyo \$8.95

#### South America

South America on a Shoestring \$27.95
Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay \$16.95
Bolivia \$16.95 Brazil \$17.95 Chile and Easter
Island \$15.95 Colombia \$11.95 Ecuador and
Galapagos Islands \$16.95 Peru \$14.95 Rio De
Janeiro \$9.95 Trekking in the Patagonia Andes
\$13.95 Venezuela \$14.95

#### Mexico and Central America

Central America on a Shoestring \$16.95 Costa Rica \$14.95 Eastern Caribbean \$19.95 Guatemala, Belize and Yucatan \$16.95

#### North America

Alaska \$14.95 Backpacking in Alaska \$13.95 Baja California \$14.95 Canada \$19.95 Hawaii \$17.95 Honolulu \$9.95 Los Angeles \$9.95 Mexico \$19.95 New England \$15.95 Pacific Northwest \$19.95 Rocky Mountain States 21.95 San Francisco \$9.95 The Southwest \$19.95



## MOON HANDBOOKS

#### **United States**

Alaska-Yukon \$14.95 Arizona \$16.95 Colorado \$18.95 Georgia \$17.95 Idaho \$14.95 Montana \$17.95 Nevada \$16.95 New Mexico \$14.95 N. California \$19.95 Oregon \$16.95 Texas \$17.95 Utah \$16.95 Washington \$18.95 Wyoming \$14.95 Island of Hawaii \$13.95 Hawaii \$19.95 Honolulu-Waikiki \$14.95 Kauai \$13.95 Maui \$14.95

#### C. America/Caribbean

Belize \$15.95 Caribbean \$16.95 Costa Rica \$19.95 Jamaica \$14.95

#### Mexico

Baja \$15.95 Cabo \$14.95 Cancun \$13.95 Central Mexico \$15.95 Mexico \$21.95 N. Mexico \$16.95 Pacific Mexico \$16.95 Puerto Vallarta \$14.95 Yucatan \$15.95

#### Canada

Alaska-Yukon \$14.95 Alberta /Northwest Territories \$17.95 Atlantic Canada \$17.95 British Columbia \$15.95

#### Asia

Bangkok \$13.95 Hong Kong \$15.95 Indonesia \$25.00 Japan \$22.50 Nepal \$18.95 Pakistan \$19.95 Philippines \$17.95 SE Asia \$21.95 Thailand \$19.95 Tibet \$30.00 Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos 18.95

#### Pacific/Indian Ocean

Fiji Islands \$13.95 Micronesia \$11.95 New Zealand \$19.95 Outback Australia \$18.95 South Pacific \$22.95 Tahiti/Polynesia \$13.95



## PACKS, ETC

"All paths are generally possible, but not all are equally probable." -- Paul Davies



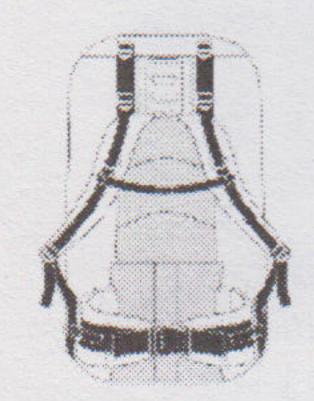
## If you're going to carry your world on your back, you'll need something to carry it in...

The Eagle Creek Endless Journey pack is the best pack for a Walkabout, be it short or long. It's a 3 in 1 extra large travel pack with the character of a wilderness pack with travel convenience built in. It features Eagle Creek's improved Comfort Zone® carry system (see below) which includes Hydrofil® nylon which is soft yet keeps you dry, HDP molded torso adjustment for better load control, redesigned spinal and lumbar pads, parallel internal frame, and adjustable load control straps. dry Beefy, lockable YKK zippers throughout. Internal cinch straps, pleated front outside pocket, tie-down lash bars. Has a handy side carry leather hand grip. The main pack has a divider that creates a separate compartment for sleeping bag or dirty laundry, but the divider can be zipped open if you prefer one large compartment. The rear panel unzips to become a daypack with a front panel to organize your smaller items. A waist pack zips off the bottom access panel. The Endless Journey is three packs in one: staying in town for a week? Carry the whole pack. A couple days? Load necessities into the day pack and

store the rest at the train/bus station. A few hours? Just take the fanny pack. Again, the best. (5700 cu. inches; main pack 28x15x9"; day pack 16x12x5".)

#3000 Endless Journey Pack \$240.00 (Free shipping!) Colors: Black, Evergreen, Meridian Blue.

The Eagle Creek World Journey has the same features as the Endless Journey pack, except it is 1000 cu. inches smaller, has no fanny pack or zip open divider in the main compartment. (4700 cu. Inches, main pack 26x15x9"; day pack 16x12x5".) #3001 World Journey Pack \$215.00 (Free shipping!) Colors: Black, Evergreen, Meridian Blue.



Comfort Zone Carry System. Provides integrated comfort through our high performance Comfort Zone fabric, molded HDP torso length adjustments, superior padding, parallel internal aluminum stays, and load control strays. Comfort Zone Fabric: Hydrofil nylon knit absorbs and wicks away moisture and is very soft to the touch. This fabric is used on the entire back panel of this suspension, including the shoulder straps. You feel and comfortable carrying a heavy pack for extended periods of time. Amazingly, this soft nylon knit fabric is very durable, withstanding abrasion better than pack cloth nylonHDP Molded Torso Adjustment: The one piece, High Density Polyethylene ladder combined with our HDP yoke, provides firm contact at the point of shoulder strap attachment, giving you excellent load control and minimizing pack sway. The ladder is now molded for easier adjustment to the proper length. Spinal Pad: Lined with Comfort Zone Fabric, the Spinal Pad removes for adjusting torso length and attaches back to provide breathable comfort and support down the spinal region. Lumbar Pad/Hip Belt: Anatomically shaped for optimal comfort with a heavy load.

Dual density foam layers, rigid on the inside and softer against your body, provide support and comfort. It also has a sewn-in anti-slip panel. Parallel Internal Frame: The two TG aluminum stays are prebent and can be easily removed from the pack for adjustment. Load Control Straps: Adjustable strays on top and at the belt to control the load. Top straps have 2 height options.

## Traveling with a sleeping bag?

They can take up a lot of room. Frankly, stuff sacks don't cut it when space is at a premium, like when your world is on your back. Instead, use a compression sack which further reduces the bulk of your sleeping bag. Two sizes: large, for bags up to 6 lbs., small for bags up to 4 lbs.

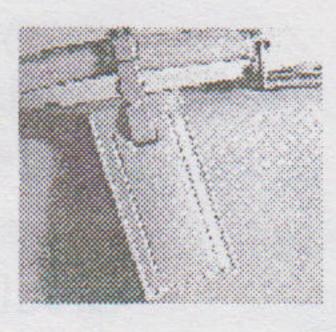
#1030 Large compression sack \$21.00 #1031 Small compression sack \$19.00

(Those traveling with sleeping bags may also want to consider our ultralight sleeping pad on page five.)

## Traveling with a backpack? Tent? Better hope it doesn't break in Outer Mongolia.

Nothing can ruin a globe-trotting adventure faster than a broken tent or tent. Be prepared with our repair kit. Contains 30 essential items including pack buckles, pin and rings, nylon repair strips, and much more. Better safe than sorry.

#1011 Repair Kit \$9.00



## Tired of filling out those luggage tags at the airport checkin counter?

We are. They seem to get torn off on every flight, anyway, so what's the use? Spend four bucks and forget about it. Our top grain leather tag has a flap to conceal your name and address. Attaches securely to suitcase or pack with a buckle.

#1032 Leather Name Tag \$4.00



Carry a small color picture (or description) of your bag so if (when?) the airline misplaces it, you can accurately describe it.

(Especially with multi-colored backpacks.)



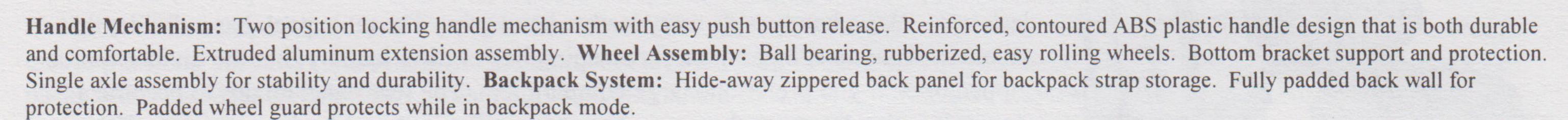
## It's a backpack ... no, it's wheeled luggage ... Holy Cow! It's both!

A product of the mad geniuses at Eagle Creek, the Cargo Switchback series combines the benefits of a backpack with the ease of wheeled luggage. (How they got a backpack and a suitcase to reproduce is beyond us.) Snap the extension handle into place and you're ready to roll. When it's time to lug the pack around, unzip the conversion panel, fasten it under the pack, and clip in the shoulder straps. The padded back wall and shoulder straps are remarkably comfortable. The Cargo Switchback and the Switchback Plus are the same, except the Plus has an additional zip-off daypack. The Switchback is airline carry-on size and fits in the overhead bin. (With the Plus,

you need to unzip the daypack and carry the two on as separate luggage.) Leather wrapped carry handles, external compression straps, lockable compartments, "Inside Story" internal organizing pockets; 3 zipper perimeter mesh pockets on inside pack walls. Available in Black or Evergreen.

#3010 Eagle Creek Cargo Switchback \$190.00 (20x14x8", 2240 cu.in, 6 lbs 2 oz.)

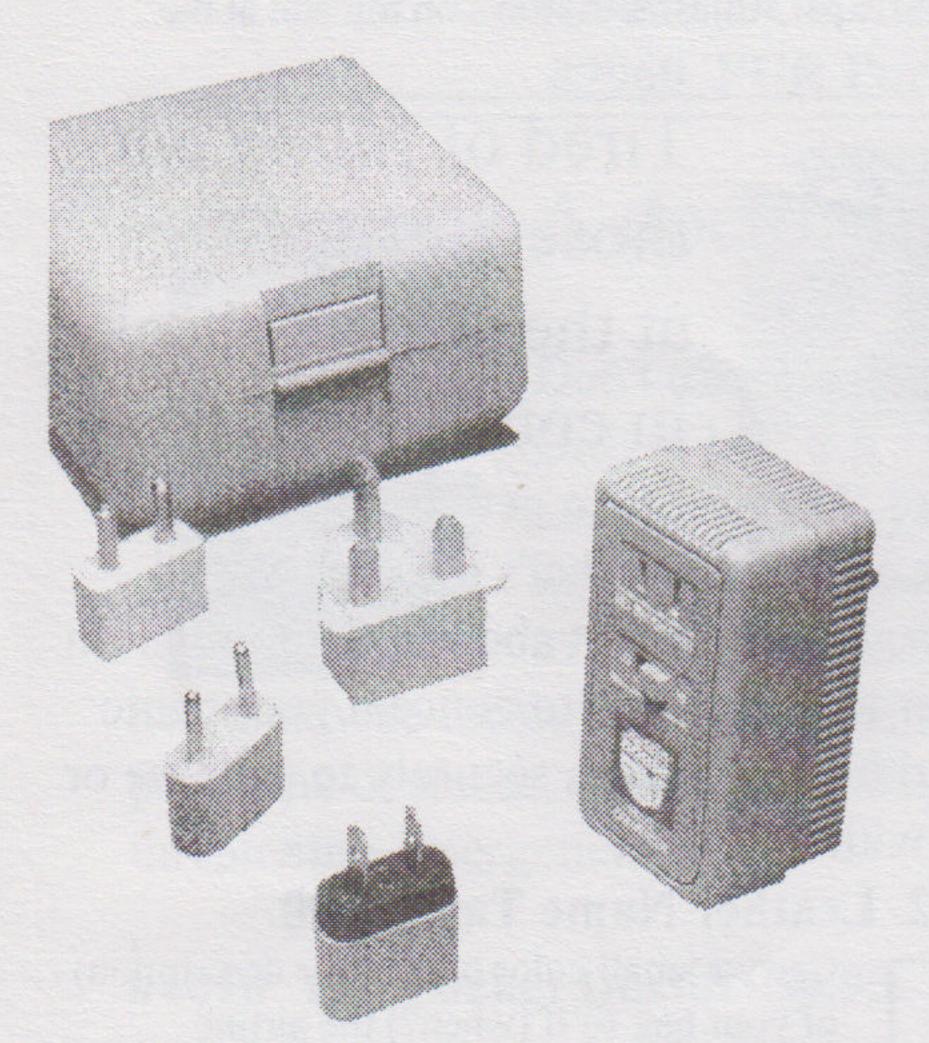
#3011 Eagle Creek Cargo Switchback Plus \$240.00 (20x14x8", daypack 16x12x5", 3200 cu.in, 7 lbs 2 oz.)



## SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF FOREIGN ELECTRICITY

The massive variety of electrical outlets on the planet Earth does not give one hope that these apes will ever unite." -- George Dubinkey, Intergalactic Language Mercenaries

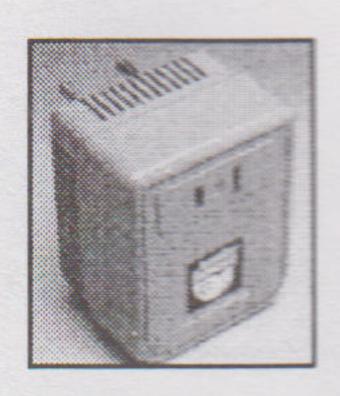
Mr. Dubinkey summed it up well; few subjects are as complex as worldwide electricity. We've tried to sort things out yet our simplification is still confusing. If you're not taking a computer or another electronic device, or moving to another country, our 4 Hi-Lo is your best bet. It gets confusing after that. Remember: you can always call us at 1-800-852-7085 and we'll sort things out for you. (If you're taking a computer, see Solving the Riddle of Worldwide Computer Use.)



## Confused about foreign 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 4-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 the majority of the 2-pin (non grounded) electrical outlet Homo sapiens has invented. The converter/ transformer has a high switch for appliances between 50 and 1600 watts (hair dryers, etc.) and a low switch for electronic equipment (1 to 25 watts). Accepts 2-pin, polarized equipment. Our Hi-Lo Converter/ Transformer is the cream of the crop, and contains a safety cut-off switch and auto restart which prevents damage to appliances in a power surge. Travel is complicated enough; take our Hi-Lo Converter/ Transformer. Everything fits into a convenient hard plastic case. (Be sure to check the wattage of your appliance before operation.) Instructions and helpful world-wide electricity guide included. Surprisingly small and lightweight: Kit size 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 2 3/4". Weight 17.5 oz.

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



### Your basic converter...

For electric appliances from 50 to 1600 watts; hair dryers, etc. Converts 220v to 110v. Safety cut-off switch and auto re-start prevents damage to appliances in a power surge. Comes with nylon pouch and instructions. #50-1600 50-1600 Watt Converter \$20.00

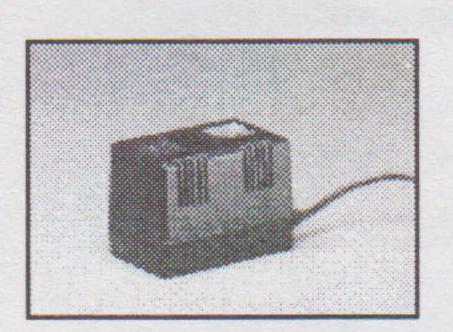
## Perfect for laptop and notebook computers.

If your computer is not dual voltage, you'll need a transformer. Our 1-100 watt transformer converts any 110v 2-pin or 3-pin grounded appliance from 1-100 watts for use in 220V countries. (Be sure to check the wattage of your appliance before operation.) Features ready light and a replaceable fuse to protect against power surges. Designed for either electric or electronic appliances, and can be left plugged in for long periods. Can be used with multiple appliances as long as the total wattage doesn't exceed 100 watts. Has a grounded European plug which fits European outlets without an adapter. (Adapter plugs may be needed elsewhere.) 4" x 2 5/8" x 2 1/2"; 2 Ibs.

#1-100 100 Watt Transformer \$23.00 #1-100F Extra Fuse \$1.00

## The Big Transformers:

Higher wattage appliances require heavy-duty transformers, which can be large and heavy -- not recommended for those with the world on their backs. No, these puppies are for those who have a serious need for the proper juice overseas. Our larger transformers (and the 1-100) all step 220V down to 110V, and accept 2-pin, polarized and 3-pin grounded appliances. They are fuse protected with a LED red light indicating power source. Unlike converters, they may be left on for long stretches of time. All include a cord with grounded European plug. (In most of Europe you do not need an adapter, but in other places you might.) Always check the wattage of your appliance to determine which transformer is best for you. You can plug multiple appliances into these transformers (and the 1-100) as long as the total wattage doesn't exceed their limit. (These are heavy units, so extra shipping costs apply.)



1-200 Transformer. (Baby Huey.) Will step down any

110v appliance (electronic or electric) between 1 and 200 watts. For appliances such as answering machines, cordless phones, power tools, and stereos. Black, 4.8 Ibs. (Add \$2.00 to shipping total.)

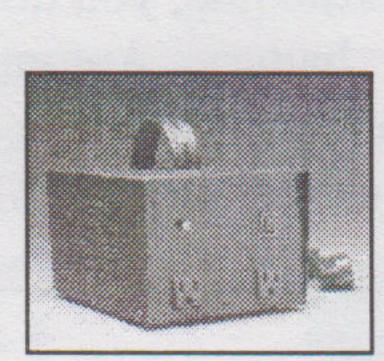
#1-200 1-200 Transformer \$40.00 #1-200F Extra Fuse \$1.00



1-500 Transformer. (Big Bertha.) Will step down any

110v appliance (electronic or electric) between 1 and 500 watts. For things such as slide projectors, most desktop computers, most computer printers, and sewing machines. Allows two appliances to be directly plugged in at once, as long as the combined wattage can not exceed 500 watts. Black, 7 Ibs. (Add \$4.00 to shipping total.)

#1-500 1-500 Transformer \$68.00 #1-500F Extra Fuse \$1.00



1-1000 Transformer. (The Mother of All Transformers.)

Will step down any 110v appliance (electronic or electric) between 1 and 1000 watts. For stereos, typewriters, televisions, etc. Allows two appliances to be directly plugged in a once, as long as the combined wattage can not exceed 1000 watts. Black, and almost as dense as a black hole. (20 Ibs. Add \$7.00 to shipping total.) #1000 1-1000 Transformer \$120.00 #1-1000F Extra Fuse \$1.00

## Adapter plugs.

Adapter plugs do not convert electricity -- they convert the plug configuration to fit the foreign outlet. They are the plugs that your plug plugs into. To determine which adapter plug(s) you need, refer to our index on the inside back cover.

#### Regular Adapter Plugs.

Decide if you need a regular (2 pin) or grounded (3 pin) adapter plug, then refer to our worldwide electricity index to see which plug(s) you need. Some countries have many kinds of plugs -some even have six!. Remember, adapter plugs do not convert electricity -- converters and transformers do that.

\* means adapter is in our Hi/Lo Kit

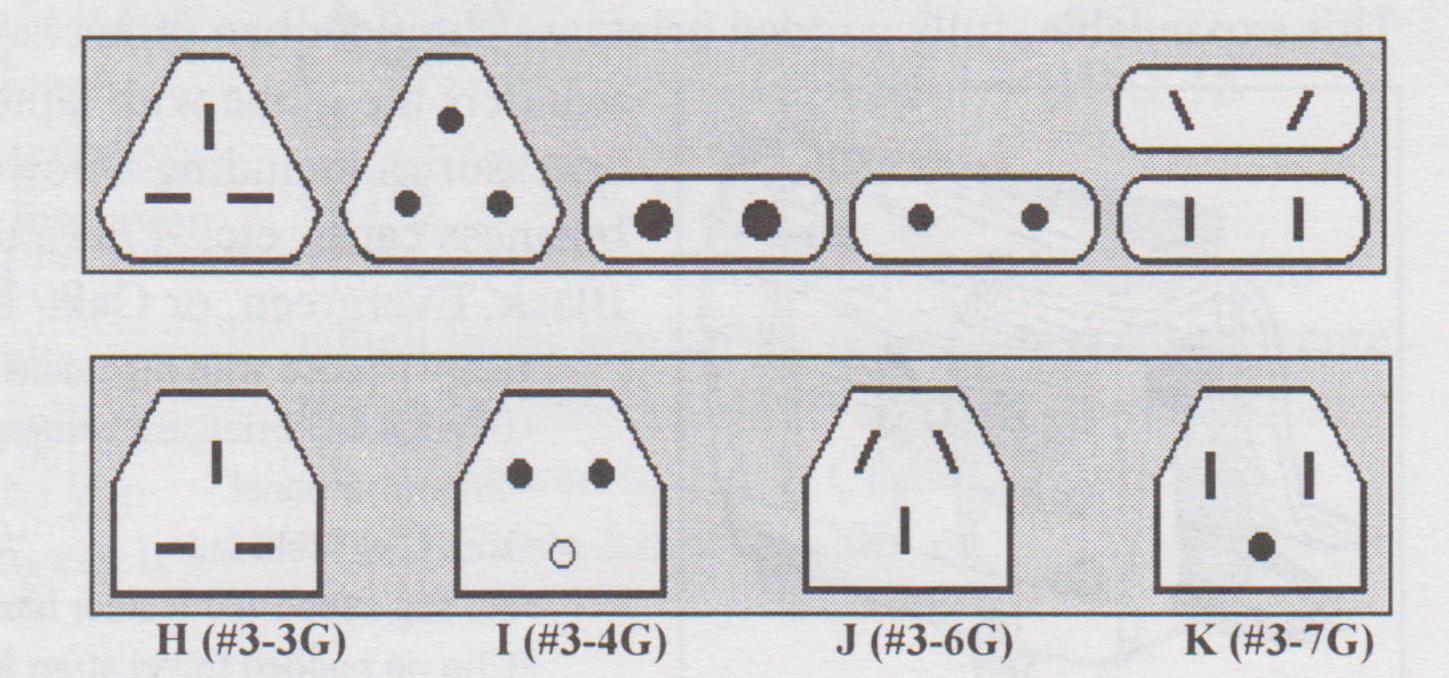
Regular (non grounded) adapter plugs \$4.00 #3999 Set of 6 non-grounded adapters \$10.00

#### Grounded Adapter Plugs

Our grounded adapters are cream of the crop, and accept plugs from virtually any country in the world.

Grounded adapter plugs \$7.00

A\* (#3-300) B (#3-350) C\* (#3-380) D\* (#3-400) E, F\* (#3-670)





## SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF WORLDWIDE COMPUTER USE

"Never memorize something that you can look up." -- Albert Einstein

First step in using a computer overseas is to make sure you can plug in to the electrical outlet. Many new computers are dual cycle and voltage, meaning all you'll need overseas is an grounded adapter plug. If it is not dual voltage, you'll need a transformer. Once the electricity's solved, you need to be able to plug into the phone system. Most the planet uses the American US RJ-11 jack system. Computer's designed for the US RJ-11 do not need an phone adapter in countries that also use the US RJ-11. (Some countries have multiple phone jacks.) Also, some foreign-owned hotels will have the telephone systems of their home countries, not of their host countries. Or there may be no phone jack at all, with the wires disappearing into the wall. Another problem: many hotels use digital phone systems, which can fry a modem. If you travel much, seriously consider an acoustic coupler or digital interface. If all this seems confusing, it's because it is. Call us with any and all questions. 1-800-852-7085



## Acoustic Coupler

If you (and your computer) travel much, consider an acoustic coupler. Between the cost of telephone adapters and the fear of plugging into a digital phone line (would you like your modem overeasy or fried?) an acoustic coupler can pay for itself quickly both in money and peace of mind. Our Telecoupler II plugs easily into your computer's modem and attaches to virtually any telephone -including pay phones, cellular phones, and digital phones. Because you are not actually plugging into the line, you do not need a phone adapter. Weighs next to nothing (9.6 oz.) and runs on a 9v alkaline battery. Automatic On/Off switch, data/fax rate up to 14.4 kbps, a genuine Velcro fastening strap,

vibration resistant isolation bumps, and more. Adjusts for phones world-wide. #22-AC Telecoupler II Acoustic Coupler \$145.00

## Digital Interface

Our Modem Doubler is another answer to the digital to analog dilemma. It allows you to connect directly to both analog and digital phone systems -- and through the handset. Plugging into the handset can be important: while many foreign countries have different wall jacks, the jack between the telephone base and receiver is usually standard. Also, often no modular wall plug is available. 4position signal level switch adjusts for phones world-wide. Data/Fax rate: Up to 28.8 kbps. Automatic On/Off. Uses two 9v alkaline batteries. Extremely light: 4.6 oz. without batteries. Also nice if you take your laptop to work where there is a digital phone system. #22-DIGI Modem Doubler Digital Interface \$160.00

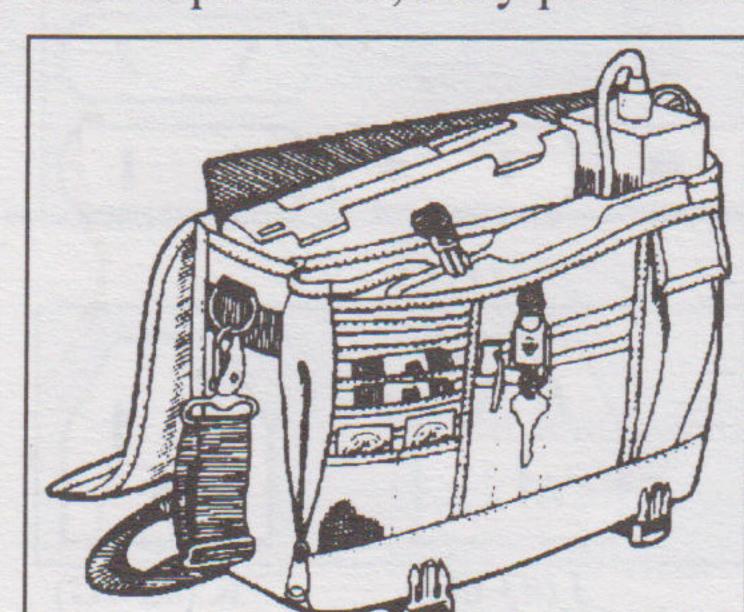
## Teleplug-In adapters

Teleplug-Ins are the adapters for phone jacks. If the country you are visiting is not listed here, there is a complete index on the inside back cover. 22-ARG1 Argentina #1 22-ARG2 Argentina #2 (single) 22-AUST Australia (single) 22-OST Austria 22-BELG Belgium 22-BRAZ Brazil (single) 22-CZSL Czech/Slovak 22-DEPT Denmark/Portugal 22-FINO Finland/Norway 22-FR France 22-GER Germany 22-GLRO Germany (old buildings - single) 22-GERE Germany (former East Germany - single) Greece 22-NETH Netherlands 22-HUNG Hungary 22-IT Italy 22-JPN Japan (single) 22-PORU Poland/Russia (including former USSR) 22-SAFR South Africa 22-SWED Sweden 22-SWI1 Switzerland #1 22-SWI2 Switzerland #2 22-UK United Kingdom 22-YUGO Yugoslavia

Teleplug-In adapters \$13.00 each

## Eagle Creek Computer Briefcase/Shoulder bag

This expandable, fully padded briefcase/shoulder bag protects your notebook sized computer, and is perfect for the person who



wanders the globe with laptop in lap. It has room to store and organize all your computer accessories including a power pack, a fax modem, as well as a file section for discs, pencils, pens, business cards, etc. 17x13x4", expands to 17x13x6". Capacity: 1300 cu. in, expands to 1500 cu in. Black, Evergreen, or Oak. Manufactured by Eagle Creek, world famous for their travel gear.

- •Fully padded with high density closed cell foam.
- •Expandable briefcase compartment.
- Organizer panel.
- \*Key Clip included.
- \*No sag supported leather hand grip.
- Clip on padded travel strap included.

#D2240C Eagle Creek Computer Briefcase \$110.00

#### **VOLTAGE AND ADAPTER INDEX**

Remember, if this is all too confusing, just call us at 1-800-852-7085

110V = 110-125 Volts. 220V = 220-240 Volts. 110/220 indicates both voltages found. \* Indicates 50 cycles in whole or part of the country, which makes some motordriven appliances run slower, even with a converter. You shouldn't have any problems with electronic devices, either, but double check with the manufacturer. ~Indicates countries with DC in certain remote areas. Converters/transformers must NOT be used with DC.

Afghanistan \*220 B Algeria \*110/220 B,D,I Andorra \*110 D,I Angola \*220 D,I Anguilla \*220 A,C,H Antigua 220 A,C,F,H,K Argentina ~\*220 D,E,I,J Aruba 110/220 B,D,F,I,K Australia \*220 E,J Austria \*220 D,I Armenia \*220 D,I Azores \*110/220 B,D,I Bahamas 110 F,K Bahrain \*220 A,B,C,H Ballaric Is \*110 D,I Bangladesh \*220 B,D,I Barbados \*110 F,K Belgium \*110/220 D,I Belize \*110/220 F,K Belorussia \*220 D,I Benin \*220 B Bermuda 110 F,K Bhutan \*220 D,I Bolivia \*110/220 D,F,I,K Bonaire \*110 F,K Bosnia-Herzegovina \*220 D,I Botswana \*220 A,B,C,H Brazil ~110/220 D,F,I,K British Solomon Is 220 A,C,H British Virgin Is 110/220 A,C,H Brunei \*220 A,C,H Bulgaria \*220 D,I Cambodia \*110/220 D,I Cameroon \*110/220 D,I Canal Zone 110 F,K Canada 110 F,K Canary Islands \*110 D,I Cape Verde Islands \*220 D,I Cayman Islands 110 F,K Central African Rep\*220 D,I Chad \*220 B,D,I Channel Islands \*220 A,C,D,H,I Chile \*220 D,I China \*220 D,E,I,J Colombia 110/220 D,F,I,K Comoro Islands \*110/220 D,I Congo \*220 D,I Cook Island \*220 E,J Costa Rica 110/220 F,K Croatia \*220 D,I Cuba 110 F,K Curacao \*110/220 F,K Cyprus \*220 A,C,H Czech Republic \*220 D,I Denmark \*220 D,I Dominican Republic 110 F,K Ecuador 110 D,F,I,K Egypt \*110/220 D,I El Salvador 110 F,K Estonia \*220 D,I Ethiopia \*220 B,D,I Fiji \*220 E,J Finland \*220 D,I France \*220 D,I France Guiana \*220 D,I French Polynesia \*220 E,J Gabon \*220 D,I Gambia \*220 A, C,H Georgia \*220 D,I Germany \*220 D, I Ghana \*220 A,B,C,D,H,I Gibraltar \*220 A,C,D,H,I Gilbert Islands \*220 E, J Great Britain \*220 A, B, C, H Greece \*220 D, I Greenland \*220 D, I Grenada \*220 A,B,C,D,H,I Guadeloupe \*220 D, I Guam \*110 F, K Guinea 220 D Guyana \*110 A,B,C,D,F,K,H,I Haiti \*110 F,K Honduras 110 F,K Hong Kong \*200/220 A,B,C,H Hungary \*220 D,I Iraq \*220 D,I India ~\*220 A,B,C,H Indonesia 110/220 D,F Iran \*220 D,I Iraq \*220 A,B,C,D,H,I Ireland \*220 A,B,C,D Isle Of Man \*220 A,B,C,H Isle Of Wight \*220 A,B,C,H Israel \*220 D Italy \*220 D Ivory Coast \*220 D,I Jamaica \*110 F,K Japan \*100 F,K Jordan \*220 A,C,D,H,I Kazakhstan \*220 D,I Kenya \*220 A,B,C,H Korea \*110/220 D,F,I,K Kuwait \*220 A,B,C,D,H,I Laos \*220 D,F,I,K Latvia \*220 D,I Lebanon \*110/220 D,I Lesotho \*220 B,D,I Liberia 110 A,C,F,H,K Libya 110 B,D,I Lithuania \*220 D,I Luxembourg \*110/220 D,I Macao \*220 B,D,I Madagascar \*220 D,I Madeira Is ~\*220 B,D,I Malagasy Rep \*110/220 D,I Malagasy Rep \*110/220 B Mali \*220 D,I Malta \*220 A,C,H Martinique \*220 D,I Mauritius 220 A,B,C,D,H,I Mexico 110 F,K Moldavia \*220 D,I Monaco \*220 D.I Monsterat 220 A,C,F,H,K Montenegro \*220 D,I Morocco \*110/220 B,D,I Mozambique \*220 D,I Myanmar \*220 A,B,C,H Namibia \*220 B Nauru \*220 F.K Nepal \*220 B Netherlands \*220 \*D,F,I,K Netherland Antilles \*110/220 D,F,I,K New Caledonia \*220 D,I New Hebrides \*220 E,J New Zealand \*220 E,J Nicaragua 110 F,K Niger \*220 D,I Nigeria \*220 A,B,C,H Northern Ireland \*220 A,B,C,H Norway \*220 D,I Okinawa 110 F,K Oman \*220 A,B,C,H Pakistan \*220 A,B,C,H Panama 110 F,K Papua New Guinea \*220 E,J Paraguay \*220 D,I Peru \*110/220 F,K Philippines \*110/220 D,F,H,K Poland \*220 D,I Polynesia \*220 E,J Portugal \*220 D,I Puerto Rico 110 F,K Qatar \*220 A,B,C,H Romania \*220 D,I Russia \*220 D,I Rwanda \*220 D,I St. Kitts 220 A,B,C,H St. Martaan 110/220 D,I St. Lucia \*220 A,C,H St. Vincent \*220 A,C,H Samoa \*110/220 D,E,F,I,J,K Saudi Arabia 110/220 D,F,I,K Scotland \*220 A,B,C,H Senegal \*220 D,I Serbia \*220 D,I Seychelles \*220 A,B,C,H Sierra Leone \*220 A,B,C,H Singapore \*220 A,B,C,D,H,I Solomon Islands \*220 E,J Somalia \*110/220 D,I South Africa ~\*220 L Slovakia \*220 D,I Slovenia \*220 D,I Sri Lanka \*220 B Sudan \*220 A,C,D,H,I Surinam 110 D,I Sweden \*220 D,I Switzerland \*220 D,I Syria \*220 D,I Tadzhikistan \*220 D,I Tahiti \*110/220 D,I Taiwan 110 F,K Tanzania \*220 A,B,C, Tasmania \*220 E,J Thailand \*110/220 D,F,I,K Tobago 110/220 A,B,C,F,H,K Togo \*220 D,I Tonga 110/220 B,E,J Trinidad 110/220 A,B,C,F,H,K Tunisia \*220 D,I Turkey \*220 D,I Turkmenistan \*220 D,I Turks And Caicos Islands 110 Uganda \*220 A,C,H Ukraine \*220 D,I United Arab Emirates \*220 A,B,C,H Upper Volta \*220 D,I Uruguay \*220 D,E,I,J USA 110 F,K Uzbekistan \*220 D,I Venezuela 110 F,K Vietnam \*110/220 D,F,I,K Virgin Is 110 F,K Wales \*220 A, B, C, H Western Samoa \*220 D,E,F,I,J,K Yemen \*220 A, B, C, D, H, I Zaire \*220 D, I Zambia \*220 A, C, H Zimbabwe \*220 A, B, C, H Find omissions? Errors? Please let us know.

#### TELEPLUG-IN INDEX

Remember, if this is all too confusing, just call us at 1-800-852-7085

Teleplug-In adapters allow you to plug into foreign telephone jacks, much like an electrical adapter allows you to plug into foreign teleplug-Ins are duplex (except for the 22-ARG2, 22-AUST, 22-BRAZ, 22-GERE, 22-JPN) which means you can plug the adapter in the wall, then plug your computer as well as the local country's phone into it. \*Means tax impulsing may be present; line filter may be needed.

Afghanistan 22-PORU Albania 22-PORU Algeria 22-FR American Samoa US, and a line filter RJ-11 Andorra 22-FR, US RJ-11 Angola 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Anguilla US RJ-11 Antigua US RJ-11 Argentina 22-ARG1, 22-ARG2 (Single), US RJ-11 Armenia 22-PORU Aruba US RJ-11 Australia 22-AUST, US RJ-11 Austria\* 22-OST, Germany plugs Azerbaijan 22-PORU Azores 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Bahamas US RJ-11 Bahrain 22-UK Bangladesh US RJ-11 Barbados US RJ-11 Belarus 22-PORU Belgium\* 22-BELG, US RJ-11 Belize 22-UK, US RJ-11 Benin 22-FR, 22-SAFR Bermuda US RJ-11 Bolivia US RJ-11 Bosnia -Herzegovina 22-YUGO Botswana 22-UK Brazil 22-BRAZ, 22-FR, US RJ-11 British Virgin Islands 22-PORU Burkina Faso 22-FR Burundi 22-SAFR Cambodia US RJ-11 Cameroon FR-22, 22-SAFR Canada US RJ-11 Cayman Islands US RJ-11 Central African Republic 22-SAFR Chad 22-FR Channel Islands 22-UK Chile US RJ-11 China US RJ-11 Colombia US RJ-11 Comoros Islands 22-FR Cook Islands 22-AUST Costa Rica US RJ-11 Croatia 22-YUGO Cuba 22 PORU, US RJ-11 Curação US RJ-11 Cyprus 22-UK, US RJ-11 Czech Republic\* 22-CZSL Denmark 22-DEPT Diego Garcia US RJ-11 Djibouti 22-FR Dominica US RJ-11 Dominican Republic US RJ-11 Dubai US RJ-11 Ecuador US RJ-11 Egypt 22-IT, 22-FR, US RJ-11 El Salvador US RJ-11 Estonia 22-PORU Ethiopia 22-IT Falkland Islands 22-UK Fiji 22-AUST Finland 22-FINO France 22-FR, US RJ-11 French Guiana 22-FR French Polynesia 22-FR Gabon 22-FR Gambia 22-FR Georgia 22-PORU Germany\* 22-GER, 22-GER, 22-GERE (Former East Germany-single) Ghana 22-UK, US RJ-11 Greece 22-GREC, US RJ-11 Greenland 22-DEPT Grenada US RJ-11 Guadeloupe 22-FR Guam US RJ-11 Guatemala US RJ-11 Guinea (Africa) US RJ-11 Haiti US RJ-11 Honduras US RJ-11 Hong Kong 22-UK, US RJ-11 Hungary 22-HUNG, 22-OST Iceland US RJ-11, 22-UK India 22-UK Indonesia 22-AUST, US RJ-11 Iran 22-IT, US RJ-11 Ireland US RJ-11 Israel 22-UK Italy 22-IT Ivory Coast 22-FR Jamaica RJ-11 Japan 22-JPN, US RJ-11 Jordan 22-UK, US RJ-11 Kazakhstan 22-PORU Kenya 22-UK, US RJ-11 Korea (North) US RJ-11 Kuwait 22-UK, US RJ-11 Kyrgyzstan 22-PORU Laos US RJ-11 Latvia 22-PORU Lebanon 22-UK, US RJ-11 Lesotho 22-SAFR, 22-UK, US RJ-11 Liberia US RJ-11 Libya US RJ-11 Liechtenstein 22-SWI1, 22-SWI2, 22-GER Lithuania 22-PORU Luxembourg 22-GER Macau 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Macedonia 22-YUGO Madagascar 22-FR Malawi 22-UK, 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Malaysia 22-UK, US RJ-11 Maldives US RJ-11 Mali 22-FR Malta 22-UK Martinique 22-FR Mauritius 22-FR, US RJ-11 Mexico US RJ-11 Moldova 22-PORU Monaco FR-22 Montserrat US RJ-11 Morocco 22-FR Mozambique 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Myanmar (Burma) US RJ-11 Namibia 22-SAFR Nepal US RJ-11 Netherland Antilles (Curacao, Bonaire) 22-NETH Netherlands 22-NETH New Caledonia 22-FR, 22-AUST New Zealand 22-UK, US RJ-11 Nicaragua US RJ-11 Niger 22-FR Nigeria 22-UK, 22-GER Northern Ireland 22-UK Norway 22-FINO Oman 22-UK, US RJ-11 Pakistan 22-FR, 22-UK, US RJ-11 Palau 22-AUST Panama US RJ-11 Papua New Guinea 22-AUST, US RJ-11 Peru US RJ-11 Philippines US RJ-11 Poland 22-PORU Portugal 22-DEPT, US RJ-11 Puerto Rico US RJ-11 Qatar 22-BR, US RJ-11 Romania US RJ-11 Russia 22-PORU Rwanda 22-FR Samoa 22-AUST St. Martaan 22-FR St. Vincent/ Grenadines US RJ 11 San Marino 22-IT Saudi Arabia 22-UK, 22-FR, US RJ-11 Scotland 22-UK Senegal 22-SAFR, 22-FR Seychelles US RJ-11 Singapore 22-UK, US RJ-11 Slovakia\* 22-CZSL Slovenia 22-YUGO Solomon Islands 22-AUST Somalia 22-FR South Africa 22-SAFR, US RJ-11 Spain\* US RJ-11 Sri Lanka US RJ-11 Sudan 22-IT Surinam 22-NETH Swaziland 22-UK Sweden 22-SWED Switzerland\* SWI-1 and SWI-2 Syria 22-IT, US RJ-11 Tahiti 22-FR Taiwan US RJ-11 Tajikistan 22-PORU Tanzania 22-UK Thailand US RJ-11 Togo 22-FR Tonga 22-AUST Trinidad/ Tobago US RJ-11 Tunisia 22-FR Turkey 22-IT, US RJ-11 Turkmenistan 22-PORU Uganda US RJ-11 Ukraine 22-PORU United Arab Emirates US RJ-11 United Kingdom 22-UK United States US RJ-11 Uruguay US RJ-11 Uzbekistan 22-PORU Vatican City 22-IT Venezuela US RJ-11 Vietnam US RJ-11 Yugoslavia 22-YUGO Zaire 22-BELG, 22-SAFR Zambia 22-UK, US RJ-11 Zimbabwe 22-SAFR, 22-UK



### MORE TRAVEL TIPS

(THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED THEM...)

Prevents gum disease and so much more...

When traveling, always carry a roll of dental floss. It's effective not only for dental hygiene but for emergency sewing needs -- it's one of the strongest threads anywhere.

-- Lani Teshima-Miller, Monoa, Hawaii

Mouthwash kills germs... (and they don't have to be in your mouth)
Carry a vial of strong, concentrated mouthwash. It can double as a
general disinfectant, good for sterilizing toothbrushes and other items.
Even toilet seats, if necessary. Also, it can be used in lieu of
toothpaste if you run out.

-- Alan Bowes, somewhere near Petra, Jordan

When you're outside AAA's towing range (by a continent or so)...

When renting a vehicle in a foreign country, always ask for an extra set of keys -- or have a set made. This advice comes from experience; I accidentally locked our keys in the car while visiting a remote Taiwanese village, far from -- well, anywhere.

-- Mike Clawson, Taipei, Taiwan

A plate that flies!

We always carry a Frisbee with us. Not only is it useful for entertainment and distraction, but it also serves as a platter, shallow basin, and holder for diverse objects you don't want scattered about when doing repairs or whatever. It's surprising how many uses it has. Also, it's light and takes up minimal room because it's flat. --Ned and Ruth Davison, in New Zealand

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, visiting Malta

You must drink the mylar punch first...

If you can swallow buying those cartons of wine, take apart the box and save the mylar liner when you're done. (Rinse first, of course.) They make great portable water carriers, as well as air pillows. Also, they are nearly indestructible and weigh next to nothing.

--Lani Teshima-Miller

Die, germs, die

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

-- Dik Jensen, San Francisco, California

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, no permanent address

Also good on steaks

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

-- JB and Kim Anderson, Tokyo, Japan

(Adhesives Part One) It saved the Apollo 13 crew...

For emergency repairs of equipment, take along the right stuff -- duct tape. You don't need an entire roll; a roll end with several yards/meters remaining will do. It can be used to repair packs, tents and shoes, seal packages or post notes. A small square of duct tape on a susceptible part of the foot can prevent a blister. (Don't use it if a blister has already formed.) For travel in or out of this world, the sticky silver stuff can be a lifesaver.

-- John Bahlmann, Orem, Utah

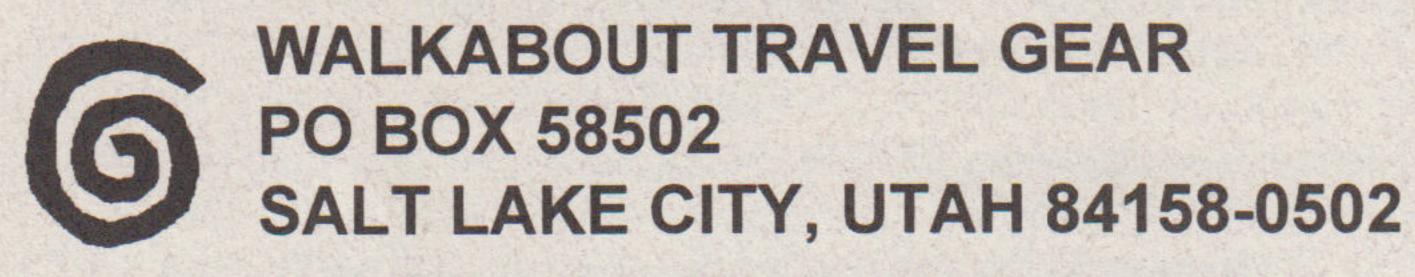
(Adhesives Part Two) Fixes Dad's teeth, etc. ...

One invaluable item to take along is a tube of Super Glue. It comes in lightweight, small tubes, and is really handy, as my father discovered on our trip to the Canary islands. He used it to glue the bottom plate of his false teeth together after they broke sampling the local cuisine. Super Glue can also be used for emergency repairs to just about anything ... shoes, luggage, etc....

-- Anita Wilcox, Billerica, Maine

(Adhesives Part Three) Fixes almost everything except Dad's teeth Carry a half-empty (if you're weight conscious) tube of Shoe Goo. It will repair anything, is a great glue, pneumatic gear plugger-up, restores broken pack frames when reinforced with a dental floss wrapping; we've even bonded broken cast aluminum parts, fixed leaks in canteens and holes in torn tents, packs, pants or whatever. It will plug punctured oil lines, restore insulation on electrical wires, mend your umbrella, and it's even good for a hole in a shoe. Duct tape has its moments, but it's no contest when it comes to Shoe Goo and you're walking about.

-- Eduardo and Esther Mercado, San Juan, Puerto Rico



Internet: http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com

## 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? The Allied forces 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 a 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. There is 100 baht fine for everyday you stay over 30 days. 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: The Thai baht, which seems to always be about 25 to the dollar. Thailand is still relatively inexpensive, one of those country where 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. Rooms about \$10 US. (See photo above.)

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: the portabolt (page 3) and a passport carrier (page 4).

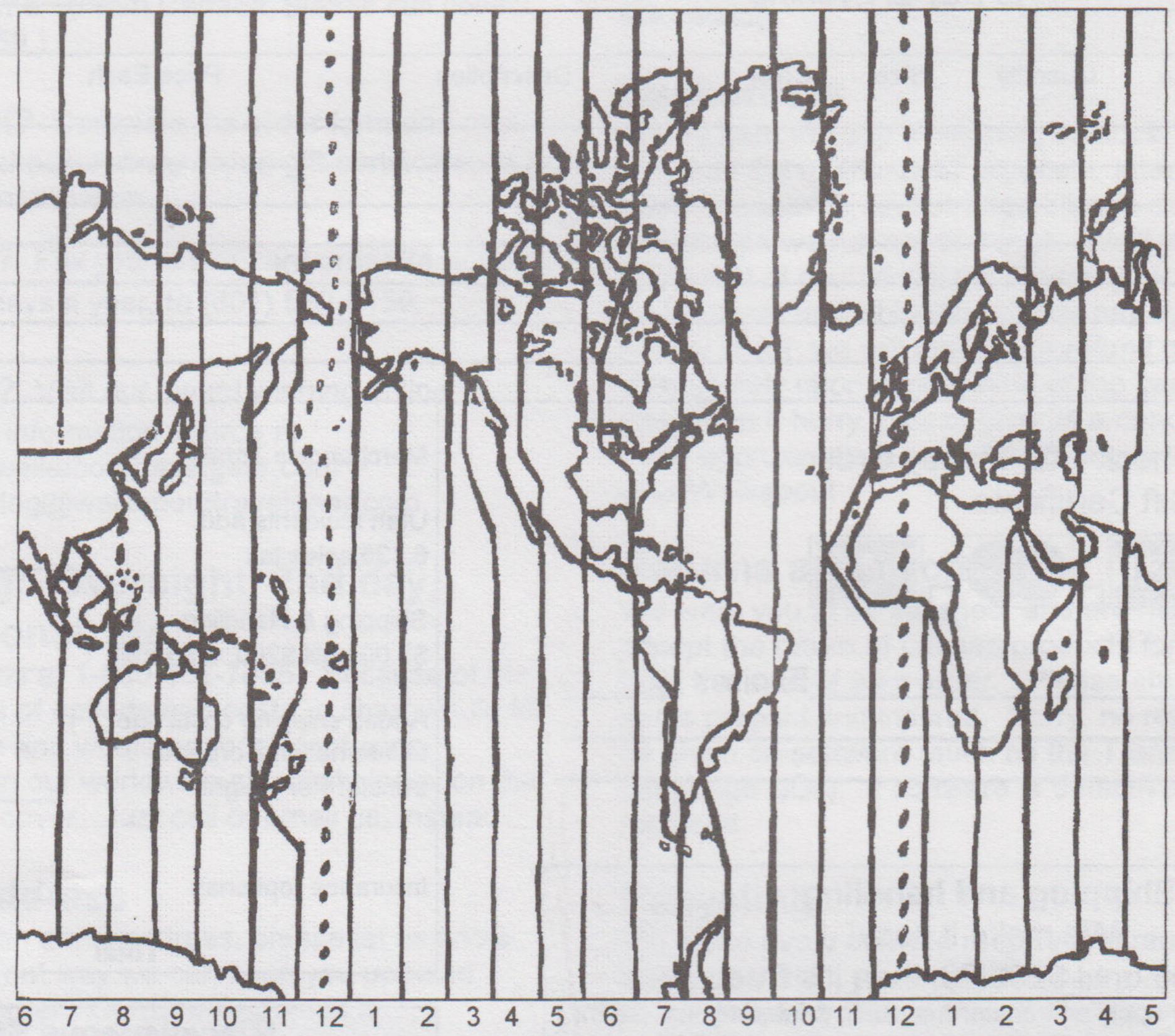
Walkabout Guidebooks: Moon Handbooks: Thailand. Lonely Planet: Thailand. For those on longer Walkabouts in the area, Southeast Asia on a Shoestring is the Bible.

## The Walkabout Guide to Time and Space

- 1. Number of countries and dependencies recognized by the Travelers' Century Club: 308.
- 2. The secret to converting to a twenty-four clock: add twelve, beginning at 1pm. Examples: 4pm becomes 1600. (4 + 12 = 16.) 4am is still 4 because it is before 1pm.
- 3. There are four dimensions, including time.
- 4. There are twenty four time zones. Time "starts" at the Prime Meridian, which is an imaginary line running from the North Pole through Greenwich, England to the South Pole. Time zones east of Greenwich time are later; time zones west are earlier.
- 5. To go backwards in time, cross the International Date Line traveling east. (Vice versa to go forward -- but then going forward in time is what you anyway, isn't it?)

#### INTERNATIONAL TIME ZONES

+6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5



pm pm pm pm pm pm Mid am Noon pm pm pm pm pm night

Conversion formulas:			multiply by:		multiply by:
	multiply by:	centimeters to inches	.39	liters to gallons	.22
kilometers to miles	.62	inches to centimeters	2.54	gallons to liters	3.79
miles to kilometers	1.61				
meters to yards	1.09	grams to ounces	.035	Centigrade to Fahrenheit:	
yards to meters	.91	ounces to grams	28.35	multiply by 1.8 and add 32	
meters to feet	3.28	kilograms to lbs	2.21	Fahrenheit to Centigrade:	
feet to meters	.30	lbs to kilograms	.45	subtract 32 and multiply by .55	



### Placing an order

By phone? Use your credit card to order.
Call toll-free 1-800-852-7085 Monday through
Fridays, 8am to 2pm Saturdays, Mountain
Standard Time. (From Canada, please call collect 801-582-4159.)

By mail? Complete the order form and mail it with your check, money order, gift certificate, or credit card information.

By fax? Fax your credit card order 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to (801) 582-4159.

Online? Visit our award winning online catalog and information source at http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com Email: catalog@walkabouttravelgear.com

## Shipping: Overnight, 2nd day, international, etc.

Please call us at 1-800-852-7085. Because of the complexities of options and costs, a chart would fill up this page and would be more confusing (maybe) than our worldwide electricity index on the inside back cover. Just call or email us, instead.

#### E-mail address

If you have an email address, please let us know what it is. That way we can keep you updated about your order. Our Email address is catalog@walkabouttravelgear.com

#### Sales tax

We are required to collect 6.125% sales tax on all orders shipped to Utah. (We live there.)

#### Gift certificates

Walkabout Travel Gear gift certificates make a perfect gift, and are available in any amount. Additionally, there are no shipping charges on gift certificate orders.

#### Price increases

We do our best to hold down prices. However, occasionally there are increases. (Never our fault, of course.) We'll let you know if the product you are ordering is more expensive than listed in the catalog.

#### Backorders

We try hard to keep everything in stock. However, between the multitude of suppliers, international trade economics, and strange blips in demand, sometimes we run out of things. We'll let you know and of course will not charge your credit card for products until shipped. (If you pay by check or money order, we will mail you a refund check immediately upon cancellation of the backorder.) If you are in a hurry, please give us a cancellation date, approximately a week before you leave on your Walkabout.

#### Returns and exchanges

We want you to be satisfied, and are happy to accept the return of unused products for thirty days from the date of your order. Please ship returned items prepaid and insured. Sorry, no refund can be given on software (such as the Transparent Language CDs). If software is defective, it will be replaced.

#### Recycling

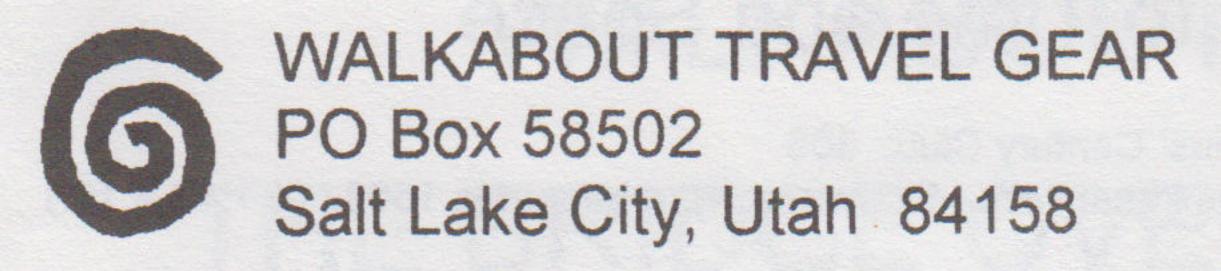
We make every effort to recycle and reuse.

Because of this, you might find your order arrives in a slightly used box. Also, if your order is packed in Styrofoam peanuts, we're only recycling them.

#### Primates we'd like to credit

Alan Bowes, silicon mentor and graphics wizard. Debbie Erkkila, the Walkabout artist.

THE WALKABOUT PROMISE: SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.



For credit card orders call

TOLL-FREE 1-800-852-7085

(Canadian orders call 801-582-4159 collect)

Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm, Sat 8am-2pm MST

ORDERED BY:	SHIP TO: (If different from "ORDERED BY")  □It's a present; please gift-wrap (No charge.
Name	Name
Address	Address
City	City
State	State Zip
Phone () Day D Evening	Gift Message (if desired)
Page Item No. Quantity Size Color	Description Price Each Total
2	
8	
Payment	Merchandise Total
Method:   Gift Certificate	Utah residents add
Courchs VISA MaskerCard DUCOVER = NUNVUS	6.125 sales tax
DE NOVUS	Chinning & Handling
	Shipping & Handling \$5.00 until \$200, then free
Card # Expires	φσ.σσ diffil φ2σσ, dien nec
Name on Card	Added shipping costs due
Signature	to international order or
	transformer weight
Shipping and handling:	Insurance (optional)
We make it easy!	Total
\$5.00 until \$200.00, then it's free (Extra charges may apply on transformer, rush, & international ord	
Overnight and 2nd day orders: please call.	Miscellaneous Stuff
Shipping outside the USA; see opposite page.	Brad and Gia, the owners of Walkabout
	Travel Gear, hate being placed on infinite

#### \$1.00 \$201 to \$300 \$4.00 \$2.00 \$301 to \$400 \$5.00 \$3.00 \$401 to \$500 \$6.00

\$.01 to \$50

\$51 to \$100

\$101 to \$200

Travel Gear, hate being placed on infinite mailing lists just because they ordered something from someone. Thus they make it a company policy to never release or sell the names and address of its customers to anyone. Additionally, a portion of Walkabout Travel Gear's profit is donated to environmental and social organizations, including The Nature Conservatory, The Jane Goodall Institute, The National Resource Defense Council, and others.

