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Travel gadgets that are worth making room for. **By Jo Beth McDaniel**

Packing entails a series of trade-offs: Carry an umbrella, or save yourself the extra burden and risk getting rained on. Take along your best earrings for that formal business dinner, or leave them safely at home and settle for the faux pearls.

Thanks to innovative products now flooding the women's travel market, you may no longer have to make those tough choices. A new travel umbrella by Christine Columbus, for example, weighs just six and a half ounces and packs flat enough to fit in a purse. And for your favorite earrings, there's Magellan's Sonoma Closet Safe, a padded hanger that conceals a large security pocket for cash and valuables.

"Women travelers have different requirements than men," says Annette Zientek, who co-founded Christine Columbus in 1995 when she couldn't find the travel items she needed. "There are safety issues, and health and beauty needs that men don't have."

If you're a frequent traveler, the best way to keep up with all the latest gear is through specialty catalogs and Web sites. Most do more than just sell merchandise: They also provide great travel tips and detailed country information. Want to know what types of voltage converters and phone adapters you'll need overseas for your laptop? Check out the Modern and Electricity Wizards at [**THE RULES**
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supplies.com. Need next week's weather in Zimbabwe? TravelSmith's counselors can give you that, plus advice on dressing appropriately anywhere around the globe. What's more, many gear companies offer lifetime guarantees on every product.

We culled the best travel gizmos, most for less than \$25, from our favorite firms: Magellan's (800-962-4943, [\[magellans.com\]\(http://magellans.com\)\); TravelSmith \(800-950-1600; \[www.travelsmith.com\]\(http://www.travelsmith.com\)\); Christine Columbus \(800-280-4775; \[www.christinecolumbus.com\]\(http://www.christinecolumbus.com\)\); Distant Lands \(626-449-3220; \[www.distantlands.com\]\(http://www.distantlands.com\)\); Territory Ahead \(800-882-4323; \[www.territoryahead.com\]\(http://www.territoryahead.com\)\); Travel 2000 \(800-903-8728\); Walkabout Travel Gear \(800-852-7085; \[www.walkabouttravelgear.com\]\(http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com\)\); and Travelsupplies.com \(877-878-5787; \[www.travelsupplies.com\]\(http://www.travelsupplies.com\)\).](http://www.</p>
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Life Savers

Travel Smoke Detector A must-have when you travel to countries that don't require hotels to install these devices. (Walkabout, \$19)

Security Plus Personal Alarm Emits a 130-decibel screech, helpful if someone grabs your laptop—or you. (Walkabout, \$15)

Zelco Lock-Up Easy to install on your hotel room door, lightweight (3.2 oz.), and pick-proof, with a quick-release lever for fast exits. (Walkabout, \$20)

Air Supply An unobtrusive, five-ounce unit to wear on planes that hangs like a necklace and blows purified air up toward your face. (Magellan's, \$99)

Travel Tracer Bar-code labels for your luggage or computer, linked electronically to a global network so you'll have a better chance at recovery if it's lost or stolen. (Travel 2000, \$40 for five labels)

Survival Tool A credit-card-size gad-



city spotlight: New York

CITY ALERT:

Cleaner and safer streets are boosting tourism, making hotel rooms scarcer and pricier. Book early with a discount hotel service (Hotel Reservations Network, 800-964-6835).

TAXI

ALTERNATIVE: Consider hiring a private car service, such as Tel Aviv (\$20 per hour; 800-222-9888). Its flat rates may save you money.

BEDS WITH THE BEST VIEWS:

Millennium Hilton (\$259-\$370; 55 Church St., 212-693-2001); Marriott Marquis (\$230-\$370; 1535 Broadway, 800-843-4898).

BEST PASTRAMI SANDWICH:

Pastrami Queen (\$7.50; 1269 Lexington Ave., 212-828-0007); Second Avenue Deli (\$7.95; 156 Second Ave., 212-677-0606)

BEST MARTINI:

Temple Bar (about \$10; 332 Lafayette St., between Houston and Bleecker Sts., 212-925-4242).

INSIDE SCOOP:

The New York Convention & Visitors Bureau Web site (www.nycvisit.com) has city information and a list of services from computer rentals to translators.

get with compass, knife, screwdriver, and more. (Walkabout, \$25)

Space Savers

Pack-Mate Packing System Includes two heavy-duty plastic bags with one-way valves that squeeze air out, creating up to 75 percent more space in your suitcase. (Magellan's, \$14.85)

Waterproof, hooded microfiber raincoat Comes in a pouch small enough to slip into your briefcase. (TravelSmith, \$199)

Platypus A water bottle that stores flat when empty. (Distant Lands, \$3.95-\$19.95)

Aquabells Collapsible, leakproof dumbbells that hold up to 15 pounds of water—work out, then empty when it's time to go home. (Magellan's, \$49.85 a pair)

Microfleece bathrobe Soft and compact, it won't add much weight or bulk to your already overstuffed luggage. (TravelSmith, \$89)

Back Savers

Hands-Off Handbag Designed with wide leather straps, to be worn diagonally across your chest. (TravelSmith, \$119)

World's Greatest Shoulder Strap Wide and cushy, to make your luggage more luggable. (Travelsupplies.com, \$13)
Folding Foot Rest Lifts your thighs off the airplane seat and relieves leg cramps and lower back pain on long flights. (Magellan's, \$24.85)

Face Savers

Pantyhose Run Stop Invisible, instant repair that doesn't stick to your skin or leave marks. (Magellan's, \$3.85)

Janie and Stain Eraser Combo Wet-and-dry spot remover for quick clean-ups. (Magellan's, \$8.85)

Faultless Wrinkle Remover A wrinkle- and odor-removing spray. (Travelsupplies.com, \$5)

PackTowl An extra-thirsty cloth that will dry your hair fast. (Distant Lands, \$5.50-\$13)

European Translator An electronic translator with currency converter and calculator. (Travel 2000, \$45) **W**

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