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Featuring: Porter 46

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The Porter is a deluxe gear hauler. After using this deceptively roomy bag for an 11-day trip to Quebec, I'm totally sold on it being my favorite carry-on backpack! Not only did it fit easily into airline overhead bins, but it was light enough for me to keep the weight of this pack (once loaded) down below 18 lbs. As more and more airlines are reducing the size and weight of their carry-on luggage, this allowed me to continue to carry it on, and not have to check a piece of luggage. This is what I carried in the Osprey Porter 46:

- 2 pairs of pants
- 3 shirts
- 3 t-shirts
- 1 lightweight evening jacket
- 1 lightweight rain jacket
- 1 swim suit
- assorted electronic charging devices
- 1 sarong
- 2 sets of undergarments
- 1 Pacsafe Travelsafe - portable safe.
- 1 pair of flip flops
- 1 pair of dress shoes
- assorted reading materials and extra notebooks
- 3 pairs of socks
- 14" laptop (weight = 4.5 lbs.)

There is a large zippered compartment on the top side of the bag which I found useful for holding my reading materials. Next to the top handle there is a small zippered compartment that was handy for holding my sunglasses case. Inside the pack, there is a side mesh pocket that I used for holding undergarments, swimsuit and sarong. The mesh pocket that is on the underside of the lid was perfect for keeping my socks in place. The hidden backpack straps and hip belt were easy to access and quick to put into backpacking mode. It was great to be able to quickly stow the straps before putting it in an overhead bin, or even when going through security screening. Even when the pack was fully loaded, the pack was comfortable and was a good fit for even a 2-3 mile walk. The pack has two padded handles, which make it really easy and comfortable to maneuver the bag in and out of overhead luggage compartments. It was also easy to carry the pack for short distances (10-minutes) just by the handles. Plus, there are two webbed loop handles on the top side of the pack - on the top and bottom - that make it easy to pick the bag up if you're using both hands, and then place it on a bed, table or luggage rack. There are two compression straps on the top side of the bag, which came in very handy for making the bag look even smaller when fully packed.

**Bottom Line:**

**The Osprey Porter 46 is one of the lightest (did you see it only weighs 3.2 lbs?), and most well-made carry-on backpacks that we have seen and/or tested. The large main compartment with easy access from the zippered top flap, makes it a breeze to locate items and keep them organized. This is one that we will continue to use time and time again. It is very well constructed, and at US\$99.00 is a steal of a deal!**