



Osprey Nebula Daypack for 34 Liters of Gear & Gadgets

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The **Nebula Daypack from Osprey** is a good all-around workhorse daypack that can carry just about everything you would need for your days of urban travel, even if you're a dressed-down digital nomad working from coffee shops. It can hold a laptop, a tablet, all your gadgets, a water bottle, and whatever you want to stuff in the front.

Osprey is known for making quality packs for a wide range of uses, from bike commuting to trail running to backpacking around the world. This Nebula one brings elements from different lines to create that versatile one daypack you can use to move from one activity to another. Not trail running maybe, but you could take this on a one-day hike: it's got a basic waist strap and sternum strap for extra support.

You get all the elements you'd expect in a quality pack of this size—34 liters. There are water bottle pockets on both sides, a carrying handle on top, loads of organization pockets inside, a key fob, and a tough water-resistant exterior. The shoulder straps are nicely padded and there are some padding and ventilation elements on the back to let a bit of air circulate through.

There are a few unique features added though, like a small zipped pouch pocket on top that will hold things you need to get to quickly, plus a flap-style pocket on the front for things you need to get in and out frequently, like a map or travel documents. Compression straps on the sides can tighten things up if the bag is not full. I like how the zippers have big pull loops that are easy to grab and that make this easier to lock to a larger backpack for another level of deterrence.

Two features make this bike-friendly as well: there are reflective elements that will help you be seen, plus there's a loop near the bottom where you can hook on a blinking bike light.

This pack opens completely where you'd put a laptop and tablet. It is advertised as having a padded laptop sleeve that "unzips to lay completely flat on the x-ray belt so the user doesn't have to remove the laptop from its padded sleeve." If only. I didn't believe that would fly since I've had close to zero luck with this kind of set-up in the past: the grumpy, power-hungry TSA agents still bark at me to take it out and put it in its own bin. So I tried this theory on two trips with the Nebula to see if times have changed. In Mexico they have, yes. No complaints there. But I got a "Take it out!" bark at two USA airports and a more polite but still firm request to remove it from the bag in Germany. Your mileage may vary.

This daypack weighs a shade over two pounds and has Osprey's "All Mighty Guarantee" to back up the quality construction. It comes in four colors. See more info at [the Osprey site](#). The Nebula lists for \$110 but you may find it on sale online. Buy it at [Moosejaw](#), [eBags](#), or [Backcountry](#).

