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What was the **best travel gear of the year**? Which were the most interesting travel clothing items, shoes, gadgets, and bags?

We review a useful piece of travel gear or outdoor clothing each weekday. Taking out a few holidays here and there, that's close to 250 items in the course of a year. We keep on using a lot of them after we've posted the review, seeing how well they hold up and how useful they are in our frequent jaunts around the country and the globe. Here's what stood out for us in 2012, in the writers' own words.

### Amy Whitley's Best Outdoor and Family Gear Bests

The [Osprey Aura-50](#) literally saved my neck on a four-day backpacking trek last July, earning it a place on my list of top travel gear for 2012. What sets the Aura-50 apart from other backpacks is its customization: with plenty of ways to adjust the pack and harness, it will fit you correctly, reducing neck and back pain as you hike with heavy loads.

