



The Best Travel Backpack Review

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Featuring: Farpoint 55 and Porter 46

Unique Visitors 2013: 3,250,000

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For our travel pack review, we picked out a range of top-of-the-line full-size, framed backpacks; compressible daypacks; and carry-on backpacks. We used these packs for everyday around-town activities, adventures in the backcountry, and weeklong trips. Through all this, we considered how they would hold up on the streets of London and in the jungles of Malaysia, backpacking through Europe or hitchhiking through South America. After putting them to the test for three months, we're ready to give you the low-down on which packs have the sweetest travel features, which ones are the most comfortable to carry, which ones cross over to backcountry use the best, and which ones will give you the biggest bang for your buck.













Osprey Farpoint 55
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Varies \$143 - \$179
Compare at 7 sellers

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Our Ranking	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Product Name	 Osprey Farpoint 55 Read the Review	 Kelty Redwing 50 Read the Review	 Osprey Porter 46 Read the Review	 REI Stuff Travel Daypack 22 Read the Review	 Patagonia Lightweight Travel Pack 26 Read the Review
Editors' Awards					
Street Price	Varies \$143 - \$179 Compare at 7 sellers	Varies \$53 - \$120 Compare at 5 sellers	\$76 Compare at 1 sellers	\$30	\$110 Compare at 1 sellers
Overall Score	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 85%; background-color: #c00000; height: 10px;"></div>100</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 79%; background-color: #c00000; height: 10px;"></div>100</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 77%; background-color: #c00000; height: 10px;"></div>100</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 74%; background-color: #c00000; height: 10px;"></div>100</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 72%; background-color: #c00000; height: 10px;"></div>100</div>
Editors' Rating	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆
User Rating	Be the first to rate it	Be the first to rate it	Be the first to rate it	Be the first to rate it	Be the first to rate it
Pros	Structured for increased comfort, tall, slim design, detachable day pack	Durable materials, lots of organization, relatively lightweight, affordable	Legal carry-on size, sleek, lightweight, affordable	Packable, lightweight, durable fabric, affordable	Packable, light, comfortable shoulder, sternum, and hip straps
Cons	Frame makes it too big for a carry-on	Short, wide design decreases pack awareness, fewer travel features	Short, wide design decreases pack awareness, fewer travel features	Uncomfortable shoulder straps, no hip/sternum straps	Uncomfortably floppy, expensive, not very durable
Best Uses	Adventure travel, light backcountry trips	Adventure travel, light backcountry trips	Doesn't cross-over to outdoor activities, minimalist hip belt	Extra day pack while traveling, light hiking, around town	Extra day pack while traveling, light hiking, around town
Date Reviewed	Apr 20, 2013	Apr 20, 2013	Apr 20, 2013	Apr 20, 2013	Apr 20, 2013
Weighted Scores	Osprey Farpoint 55	Kelty Redwing 50	Osprey Porter 46	REI Stuff Travel Daypack 22	Patagonia Lightweight Travel Pack 26
Comfort - 20%	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 8%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>
Features - 25%	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 6%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>
Ease Of Packing - 20%	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 8%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 6%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>
Durability - 15%	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 8%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 9%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 7%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;">0<div style="width: 4%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div>10</div>
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