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Women – Packs

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PACKS 6

There's a perfect bag for every adventure
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BEST FOR: Serious Backpacking
1. Osprey Xena 85 \$349
The Xena—the women's equivalent of the Gear of the Year–winning Xenith pack (see page 62)—is nearly as big (with enough capacity for weeklong trips) and every bit as awesome (it's especially good at stabilizing heavy loads). Best part: you can heat-mold the hipbelt to perfectly contour your body. 5 lbs; ospreypacks.com

BEST FOR: Doing It All
2. Platypus Sprinter XT 25 \$140
With 22 liters of space, external pockets, attachments galore, and a taste-free, three-liter hydration reservoir, the Sprinter can do just about anything. And because it's practically waterproof—taped seams and highly water-resistant zippers—it can do it all in the rain. 2.5 lbs; p

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3. Patagonia Bag \$129
With enough laptop, a yoga mat, old-school co everyday wo resistant, 1.2c It as durable will likely last

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4. Gregory
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5. The North
The Casimir straps, and t cifically for v most snug at fast-and-light thenorthfac

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6. Thule Ent
Every precio series—has including a 12 But our favori the crushproof bare come; a permit 100 pockets at the top of the pack that's big enough to hold a phone, sunglasses, and a point-and-shoot camera. 1.6 lbs; thule.com

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