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With most airlines now charging fees to check even one bag, savvy travelers are packing lighter and only taking a carry-on bag. Personally? I can go 5 weeks with a 22" carry-on. You, however, are likely traveling for a shorter period of time and need only to bring enough for a week max. You've got lots of choices these days and one you might consider is the Osprey Meridian Convertible Pack. Convertible packs are those in which you can swap from roll-aboard to backpack relatively easily – usually by unzipping a pouch in the back, pulling out the arm and waist straps (also known as harness straps) and hoisting it onto your back – like a daybag. While these aren't for everyone, they definitely have their time and place such as when traveling through a region with lots of stairs (think: Europe) or when you're having to walk down dirt roads/paths (think: India). Places where you can't simply pull your bag behind you.

Though this may sound odd, my favorite feature with the Osprey Convertible, are the interior zippered pockets. There is one mesh and one cloth pocket, both perfect for holding my protein bars, business cards and other items. The large mesh zippered pocket located in the underside of the "lid" is the best I've seen on any bag. It's large enough to hold my magazines, papers and a book, yet it zip opens along the side (and NOT the top) meaning that everything doesn't fall out if I have forgotten to zipper it and I open the bag up (um, not that I've ever done that!). These are little touches that go a long way for me!

