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Finding the perfect travel backpack is similar to shopping for cars—you can go basic, or you can load up on the bells and whistles. And just like a car, you have to make sure you pick the right one because this bag will become your best friend or worst enemy when on the road.

From packs with features most travelers will never need (ice ax hooks? Really?) to the basic reliable bag that will last you a lifetime, here are seven backpacks that are ideal for nomads.

Osprey Pixel Port: As close to a "smart pack" as you can get without making it battery-powered, the Pixel Port features a "port" window that lets you access and use a tablet without removing it from the pack. That'll come in handy when navigating a city street during a monsoon. The bag, which comes in five colors, can carry 14 liters and has a 14-inch laptop sleeve in a very sleek, urban-centric package.

