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Hello readers,

Our feature international destination this month is Ireland. We've been there twice and would jump at the opportunity to return yet again. The countryside, the people and the food are top-of-the-charts. The main focus of the last trip was to cover as much of the Wild Atlantic Way as possible.

We had done the southern part in 2013 and when the tourism bureau extended an invitation to see the northern part, there was never any doubt we'd jump at the chance.

After being shown some of the best of what the north had to offer, I set out as a solo traveler in a van camper for the southwestern section. Camping along the ocean was just breathtaking. Best of all, the flexibility of being able to travel as much or as little per day as you chose, made for a very relaxing trip.

There's a story behind just about every photo here in the Ireland section. If we are ever having a beer together, I'd love to tell you more.

Our domestic destination of the month is Nevada. With Las Vegas as it's major draw, there's no lack of things to do besides gambling. Here we share four pages of recommended activities if you want to stay off the gambling floor.

This month we also feature our Holiday Gift Guide. Feel free to print out the pages of interest and tape them to the mirror for your spouse or significant other.

If you aren't on our mailing list, please [subscribe](#) and we'll drop you a note when our next edition is ready (every issue is free). Have a great month - and get up and go somewhere!

Doug

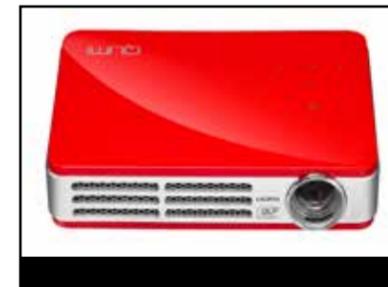
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# Ireland



▲ Irish National Heritage Park in Wexford ➤

Cliffs of Moher ▼



▲ Studio Donegal where the Donegal Tweed is spun and woven.

◀ Bartley Brennan, still operates Leo's Tavern, where his sister Enya began her recording career. ▼





▲ Dublin is a city with wonderful public parks, fresh flowers ▼ available on street corners and a few mummies still in the basement of St. Michan's Church ▼



◀ Small ferry boats transport locals and visitors to all three of the Aran Islands.

The best way to appreciate the little island of Inish-  
eer is with a pony  
cart tour ▶



◀ Stone walls are all over the island, creating roadways and fences for livestock.



Bunratty Castle



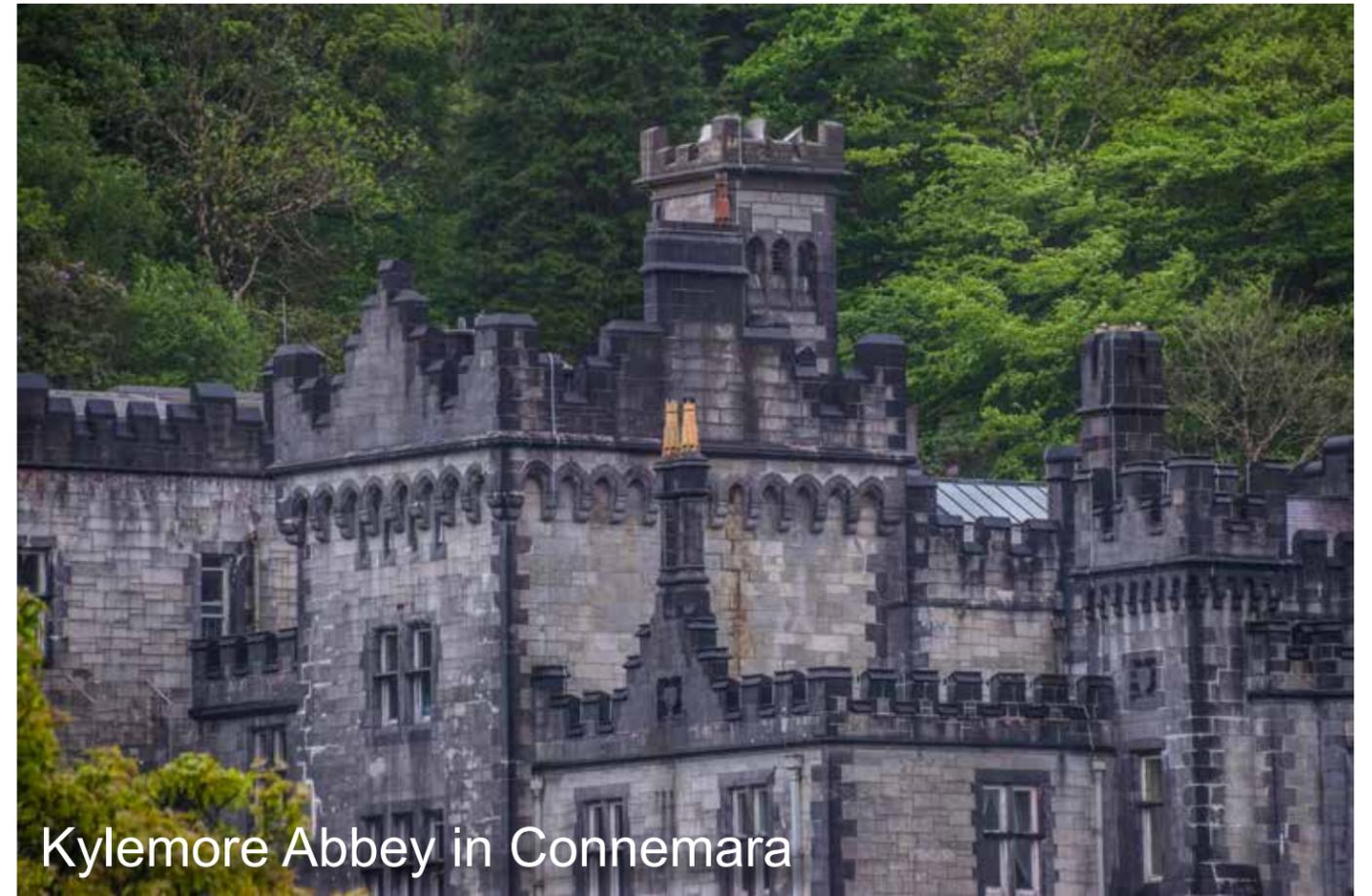
Donegal Castle



O'Brien's Tower at the Cliffs of Moher



Muckross House at Killarney National Park



Kylemore Abbey in Connemara



Doonagore Castle in Doolin



▲ [Top of the Rock](#) in Drimoleague is a perfect getaway spot for those who love nature and walking. This walking center offers pods for overnight accommodations▲ and regularly hosts walking tours to popular destinations like St. Finbar's Oratory. ▼



David Ross (shown here with his dad) operates the walking center and leads many of the tours. ▼  
A luxury pod interior ▼





▲ Arnold's Hotel in Dunfanaghy offers much more than just meals and a place to stay. With a full riding stable, they offer rides on the beach and through the dunes.



Doolin Cave is home to the Great Stalactite. ➤ At 7.3 metres (23feet) it is the longest free-hanging stalactite in the Northern Hemisphere. The Great Stalactite, suspended from the ceiling like a chandelier, is truly astounding. Visitors can hardly believe that it was formed from a single drop of water over thousands of years.





▲Port Salon Beach is one of many “Blue Flag” beaches in Ireland, signifying clean water and healthy swimming.  
◀These snails like it too.

Fanad Head Lighthouse is one of the northern-most lighthouses on the west coast of Ireland. It is near here that the 1,550-mile long Wild Atlantic Way starts, leading tourists through some of the west coast’s most marvelous scenery. The blue & white WAW signs make it easy to follow the route and the sunburst design designates a photo op. ▼





Some of my best days in Ireland were those spent driving the Wild Atlantic Way in a campervan from [Bunk Campers](#). My schedule was completely my own and I could stop anywhere I wanted to hike, bike or explore.

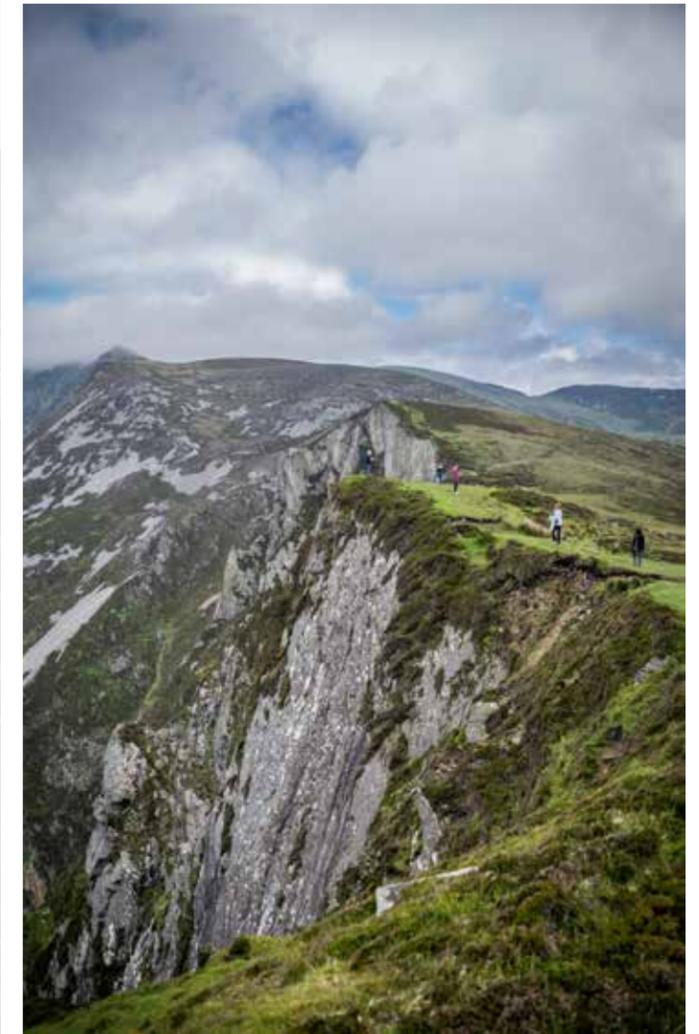
With an onboard kitchen and dining table, I could pick any of these locations and have a window seat to fully appreciate Ireland's beauty for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. [▼](#)



Memorial to the Galway Hooker, symbol of Galway City. ➤ The hooker was a famous sailing ship used for years in Ireland.



Downtown Galway City is a lively place with an abundance of university students present. ▼



Slieve League Sea Cliffs - one of the tallest in Europe, if not the tallest. Awesome to hike to the top and look straight down more than 600 meters.





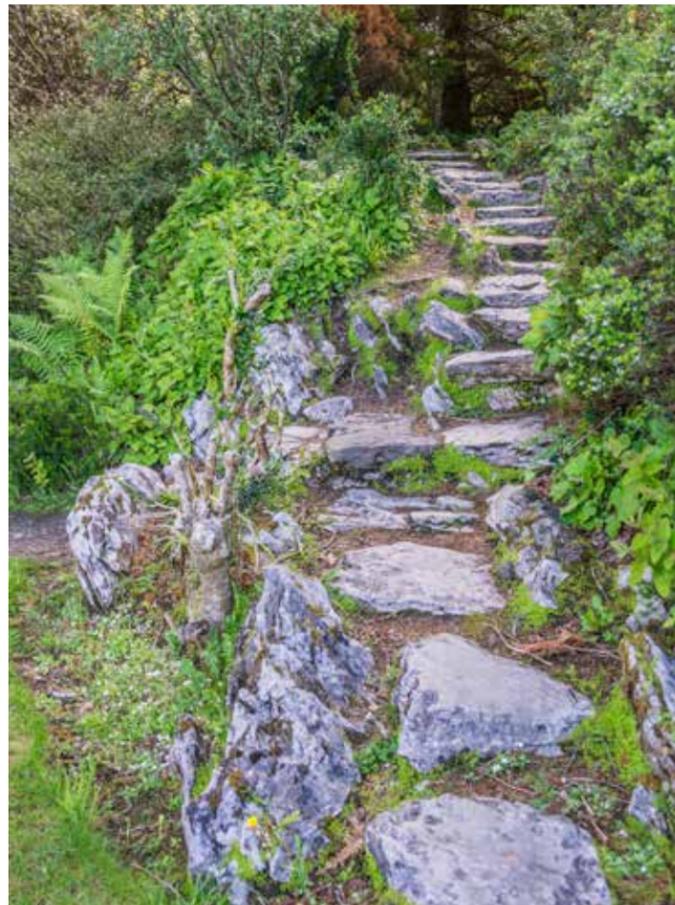
▲ Another popular place for hiking is  
◀ [Waterfall Alpaca Farm](#) in Drimoleague. Alpacas ▶ love watching people hike.



Palm trees in County Kerry

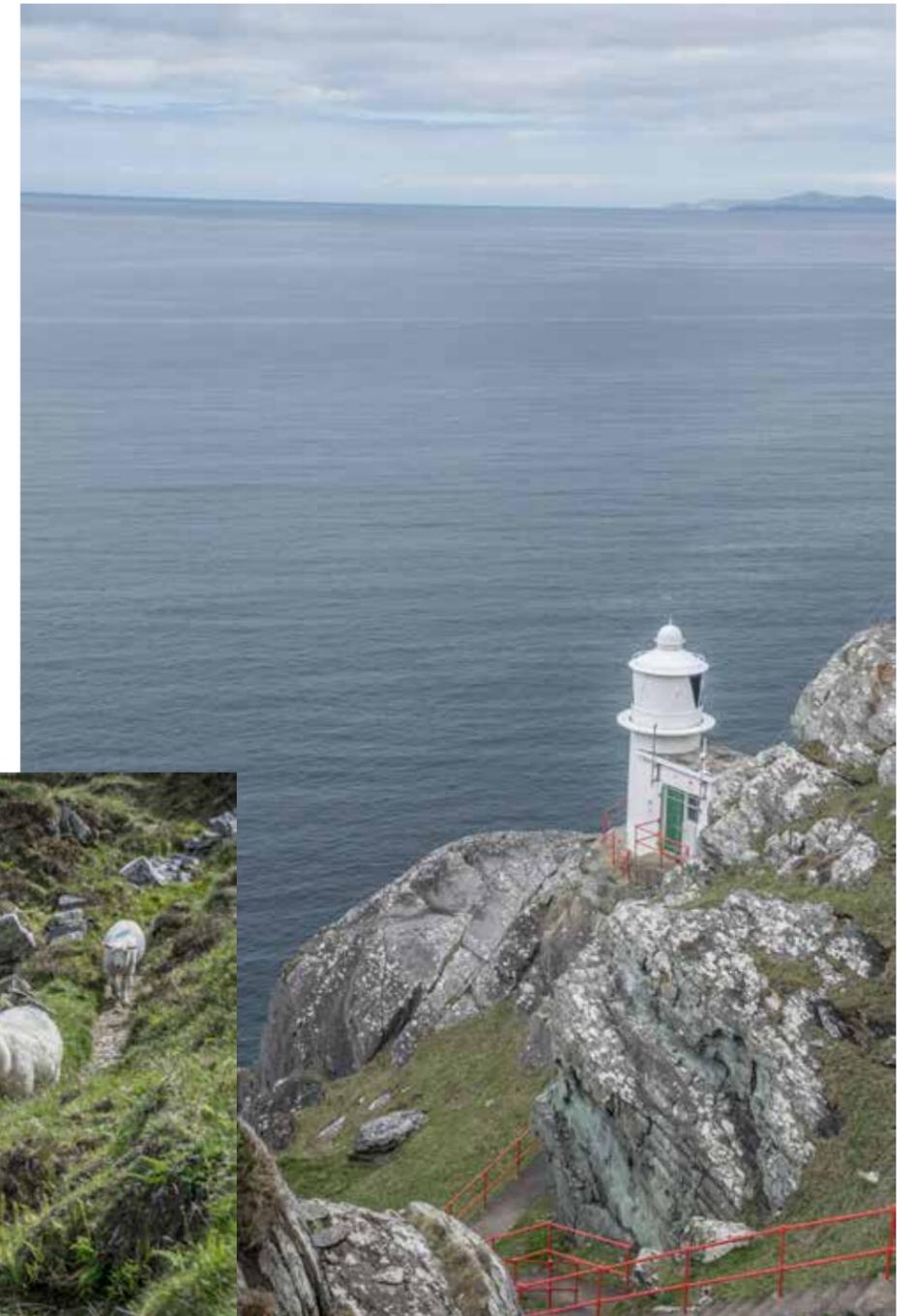


Knights Town in County Kerry



▲ Bantry House has a lovely formal garden while the garden at Muckross House is much more about pathways through some beautiful wooded areas. Which ever you prefer, Ireland has interesting gardens of all sizes.

Sheepshead Peninsula has miles and miles of terrific hiking trails, many leading to the lighthouse at the tip of the peninsula.



◀ Guess who gets the right-of-way on Sheeps Head Peninsula trails?



Whether you come to Ireland for the food or the scenery, following the Wild Atlantic Way will be an experience you won't soon forget. Try an electric bike, a horseback ride or climb a waterfall.

For more information, visit [www.discoverireland.ie/](http://www.discoverireland.ie/)  
[For my blogs complete list of WAW resources, go here.](#)



# The Top of the Rock Pod Páirc and Walking Centre

[www.topoftherock.ie](http://www.topoftherock.ie)

David and Elizabeth Ross welcome you to the Top of the Rock in West Cork, Ireland. This ancient meeting place goes back to Celtic and early Christian times. Today it is central to the Drimoleague Heritage Walkways, a network of nine miles of walks, and the start of St Finbarr's Pilgrim Way. We offer you a holiday where you can immerse yourself in the life of the little village of DRIMOLEAGUE, get to know local people in its quaint shops, three churches and four public houses and restaurants. You will enjoy life in a pod on our unique family farm.



**Pods are suitable for all ages** We have seven pods of varying degrees of comfort. Our Standard pod fits a couple on two camp beds with heat and light. You cook in the camper's kitchen and bring your own linen (or rent it for a little extra) It's basic and budget friendly! Our Luxury pod may be a little more expensive but it has a tiny bathroom, basic kitchen and a large double bed and pull out sofa. Our main building contains the restrooms, showers, fully fitted kitchen, laundry room and games room. Upstairs our large reception room is a wonderful place to relax, eat, check wi-fi and learn more about West Cork.



**Meet Sam** There's great excitement when David's dad arrives with his load of vegetables grown on another family member's farm close by. Our nine miles of walkways intersperse these farms and offer valuable insight into life in rural Ireland. If you have Irish roots, you will enjoy the remnants of old farmyards such as ours. And you don't need to hire a car as there is a good bus service from Cork serving Bantry and the Wild Atlantic Way.



**A warm welcome awaits you here!** email: [david@topoftherock.ie](mailto:david@topoftherock.ie)



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# 7 Days Along IRELAND'S Wild Atlantic Way

**M**ajestic, inspirational, dramatic... no adjective is worthy enough to describe **Ireland's untamed west coast**. Steep cliffs, enchanted castles, everlasting folklore, unique sunsets... There is no better way to discover them all than with the **convenience and comfort of your home on wheels**.

A campervan is your **transport and accommodation in one**, allowing you to explore this 1500-mile route at your own pace. Collect your camper from **Bunk Campers depot**, just minutes from Dublin Airport, and jump into Ireland's awe-inspiring scenery.

From North to South and coast to castle, follow this **7-day road trip along the Wild Atlantic Way**:

## GOT MORE TIME?

If you want to enjoy an authentic Irish experience, don't miss these 5 hidden gems along the Wild Atlantic Way that only locals know!



- ✓ **Tory Island:** Cross from Donegal to this "pirate" island. Great music, local artists and even a real king will welcome you!
- ✓ **Sligo Secret Gardens:** Locals open their gardens to the public from May to September!
- ✓ **Roundstone Village:** Close to Galway, enjoy the best seafood and a pint with locals!
- ✓ **St. Brigid holy well:** Beautiful pilgrimage site around Liscannor. Finding it is a fun challenge!
- ✓ **Geokaun Mountain:** The best viewpoint in the Ring of Kerry!



## CAMPERVAN HIRE SPECIALISTS

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**Dublin • Belfast • London • Edinburgh • Glasgow**

- **Day 1:** Drive west to Connemara and admire this land of **hills, moors and forests**.
- **Day 2:** Welcome to the **pubs of Galway**, the most authentic Irish vibes!
- **Day 3:** Explore the **Cliffs of Moher**, the wildest coastline on the Emerald Isle.
- **Day 4:** Feel the warm atmosphere of Clare and Limerick's **enchanted villages**.
- **Day 5:** Outdoor-lover? Find your paradise on the **sandy beaches** of Dingle!
- **Day 6:** Follow the **Ring of Kerry**: Mind-blowing views that you'll never forget!
- **Day 7:** Take a journey back in time through the **medieval castles** of Cork.

Driving along the Wild Atlantic Way you will encounter **moments of magic, myths and passion**. Plan your own adventure and **let your campervan lead the way** to the furthestmost towns and stunning landscapes.

**Want to know more?** Visit [www.bunkcampers.com](http://www.bunkcampers.com) for travel advice, more information and booking.

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# A WINE LOVER'S PARADISE. A BEER LOVER'S HEAVEN. & DINNER FROM A STAR THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD.

Tucked away in the hills of eastern Pennsylvania you'll find a foodie's nirvana. **Lehigh Valley** boasts of celebrity chef dining and a breathtakingly scenic wine trail. There's even a brand new ale trail littered with amazing craft beers! ([LehighValleyAleTrail.com](http://LehighValleyAleTrail.com))

For details on how to eat and drink your way across Lehigh Valley, visit [DiscoverLehighValley.com](http://DiscoverLehighValley.com).



# Holiday Gift Guide



## For the Gadget Lover



180°  
WIDE EYE



### [D-Link 180° Wide-Eye Camera \(DCS-2630L\)](#)

One of the most important components of home security is being able to monitor the premises from a remote location; but, there are many degrees of monitoring quality. Many of the least expensive solutions give you a 480p or less quality image and expect you to either pre-select or to manually move the camera to see your whole room.

With the D-Link Ultra-Wide Wi-Fi Camera, you'll get an entire 180° view and not the typical "fish-eye" circular view either. With D-Link's unique "de-warping" technology you get a rectangular view, similar to what your eye would see if you were standing there.

Special infra-red lighting allows you to see up to 16' away even in the dark. 11AC wireless allows placement anywhere there's an electrical outlet and a micro-SD card slot allows recording of action in the room. With remote viewing, notifications and two-way audio, it's just like being the proverbial fly-on-the-wall.

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### [Caseta Wireless lighting controls from Lutron](#)

Lutron is famous for their position as a leader in lighting controls, with some of the most prestigious installations literally around the world. They've brought that experience to the home now and made it affordable to all with the Caseta line. If you want to control lights, the simple setup couldn't be easier.

The Caseta Wireless Lighting kit comes with two remote control modules, two push-button controllers, and an Internet interface if you want to control your devices via Apple's HomeKit.

From the mfr. "Through the Lutron Smart Bridge, Caseta is compatible with Lutron's easy-to-install motorized Serena Shades, other connected home hubs like Wink, Staples Connect and Comcast's Xfinity Home, and third-party devices such as Nest Learning Thermostat, Honeywell Wi-Fi thermostats, Logitech Harmony Living remote controls and more."

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## For the Gadget Lover

### [Swiftpoint GT Travel Mouse](#)

I've used the Swiftpoint GT for over six months now and it is a pleasure to use. It took a few days to get comfortable changing from "claw" grip to "pen-styled" grip, but now I can use it quite effectively, and I love being able to use it on the palm rest of my Ultrabook. That means I can now work quite efficiently, even with the computer on my lap.

With a special ball on the bottom, you can now "flip" across your touch screens, just like you would if you touched the screen – but your hand never has to leave the desktop surface. Just a slight tilt of the mouse enables this feature.

The GT works either via Bluetooth or via USB; but the little USB dongle provides a magnetic rest for the mouse, so it won't slide off when you close the lid and walk around with it. It also magically recharges the mouse for at least one hour's operation within the first 30 seconds it's magnetically attached. Genius.

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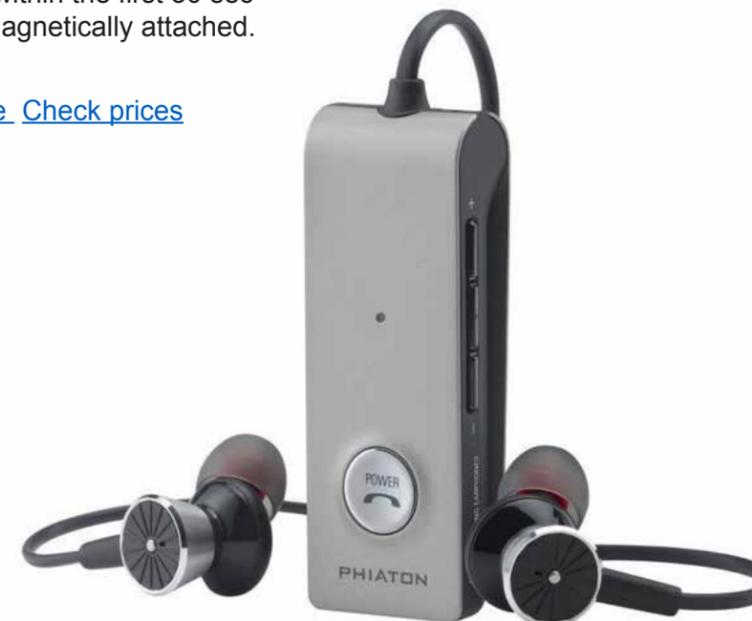
### [Phiaton BT220NC Headphones](#)

This is the second set of Phiaton headphones I've had the pleasure of testing and they are even better than the original, which I thought were great. Using Bluetooth 4.0 technology, you'll get the best reception ever along with extended range.

If your smartphone is NFC capable, you'll appreciate the tap and connect capability for instant pairing. Even without it, they always pair up immediately over standard Bluetooth on my iPhone.

Multipoint capable, they will connect with two of your devices at once. Now, you can listen to tunes from your tablet while still being able to hear and accept calls from your smartphone. Go ahead, walk around the room, you've got plenty of space to roam with Bluetooth 4.0.

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## For the Gadget Lover



### NEET Cable Keeper

The Cable Keeper allows you to form your cables into compact shapes and supports your cables by bearing some of the strain when winding and bending your cables, which can lengthen the life of your cable. The vibrant, fabric shell is designed to protect your cables from frays and ripping.

The zipper pull allows you to install new cables or install additional/multiple cables to give you the ability to organize all the cords you need in one sleeve.

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### Acer Aspire E Series (E5-573G-56RG)

If you are looking for a sturdy and dependable laptop for business or school, the Acer E5-573G-56RG is one to consider. With a 15.6" screen and full HD1920x1080 graphics, this is a dream to work on. The screen is sharp, clear and doesn't reflect glare like so many glossy screen surfaces on other computers.

MU-MIMO Wi-Fi connects the Aspire E series to the Internet as well as any Wi-Fi connection I've experienced in a laptop before. Three USB ports, an HDMI port, a VGA port and a full sized Ethernet port let you connect to about anything else you'd like.

The Acer E5-573G-56RG comes with a responsive 1TerraByte (1000 GB) hard drive for all your large, large videos and with 8GB DDR3 L memory and 4GB of dedicated VRAM your videos play flawlessly.

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## For the Gadget Lover

### Inateck AL4001 4 Port USB

Never thought I'd describe a USB charger as sexy, until now; but the Inateck AL4001 4-port USB car charger is about the nicest looking USB charger I've ever seen. With its aluminum alloy charging panel, not only is it good looking, this thing works extremely well, giving you four – count them – 2.4 volt USB ports.

That means you could theoretically be charging four iPads at the same time. While it's unlikely that would be your situation, it certainly can handle whatever combination of devices you will have.

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### iHome Omni 3000 Portable Battery & Lightning Charger (IH-CT4041J)

This slim battery pack holds a 3,000mAh charge – which means you can recharge your iPhone 1-1/2 times. Simple to recharge, the Omni 3000 has fold out prongs, so you can stick it directly into any 110v outlet.

A short, self-storing Lightning connector cable pops out and allows direct connection to your iPhone generation 5 or 6. LED indicator lights show how much power is left in the device. And alternate model (IH-CT4040E) is available for devices with a micro USB connector.

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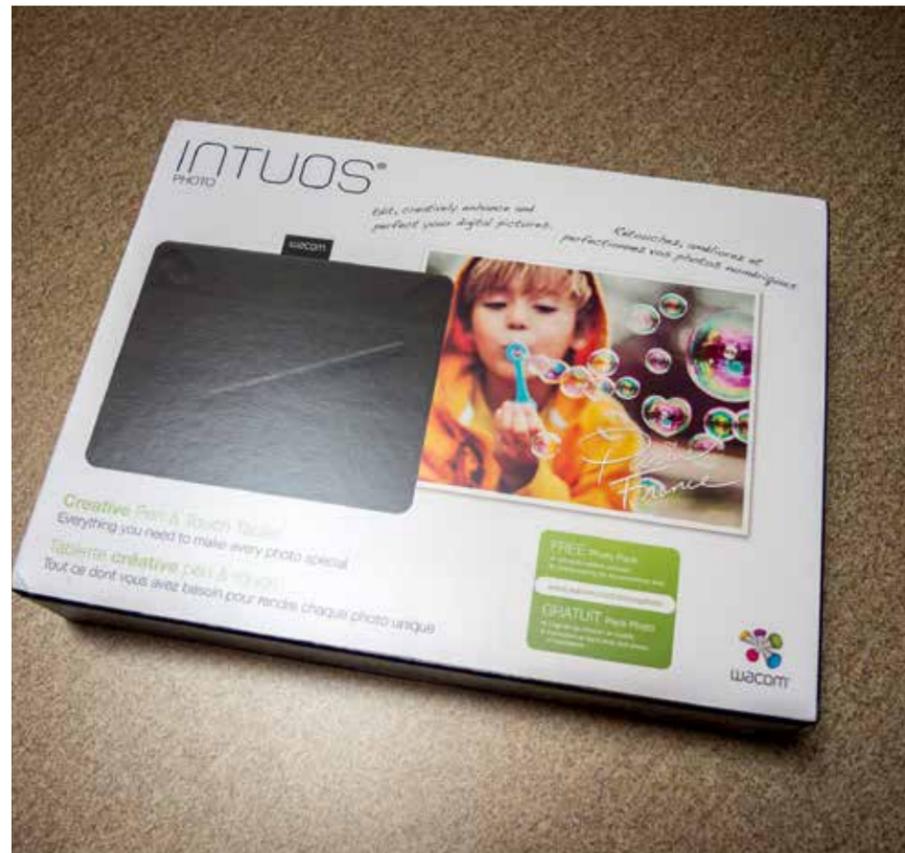
## For the Photographer



### Power Genius Rotating Power Outlet

The PowerGenius Rotating Outlet Surge Protector with Dual USB Charging provides six power outlets that rotate on a 180 degree axis, leaving no wasted space when using bulky power adapters. Quickly charge your tablet, smart-phones or other mobile devices using the built-in dual USB charging ports. The dual USB charging ports support up to 2.4A (shared) of high-speed charging. This is enough power to quickly charge 2 smartphones simultaneously or a tablet at full-speed. The dual USB charging ports are surge protected, designed to stop harmful power surges from reaching your valuable mobile electronics.

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### Intuos Photo from Wacom

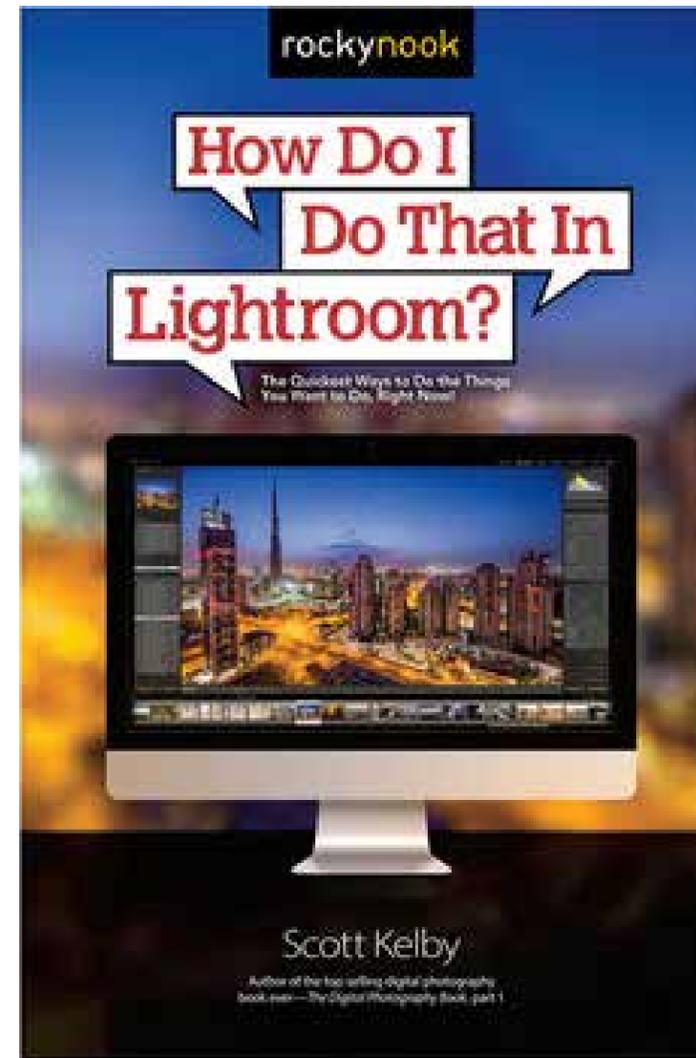
Make memories even better with the new Intuos Photo. It includes Wacom's leading pen & touch tablet technology, downloadable creative software and online training. So whether your dream is posting the perfect portrait, pushing the limits of creativity, or winning your first prize, Intuos Photo has everything you need to make every picture perfect.

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## For the Photographer



### How Do you Do That In Lightroom?

The one program that has probably changed the workflow of traveling photographers more than any other has been Adobe's Lightroom. Infinitesimally easier to master than Photoshop, it does 95% of what most photographers want to do when it comes to editing photos and then cataloging them for easy reference.

If you've never experienced Lightroom, you need to try it. A great way to start is with Scott Kelby's first book from RockyNook publishing house, [How Do I Do That In Lightroom?](#) The subtitle says it all, *The quickest way to do the things you want to do, right now!*

This 256-page book is set up with hundreds of one-page illustrations and answers to the most common requests from newcomers to Lightroom. No lengthy chapters to digest. No starting here and finishing there. Just dive right into the topic you need to know about and whammo, a quick 30-second answer to your immediate question.

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### Eyefi Wi-Fi SD CF Adapter

More than one traveling photographer has had the opportunity to pick up a used professional camera in their travels and is often surprised to discover that the media used is not an SD card. Compact flash has long been the standard for pro-grade cameras and many still use this format.

While compact flash cards are still available, chances are you just won't find them at your local drugstore or electronics store where many people typically will buy an extra SD card when traveling. That's where the Eyefi Wi-Fi SD CF adapter comes in. With this compact flash insert, you can slip an existing SD card in and you're ready to shoot.

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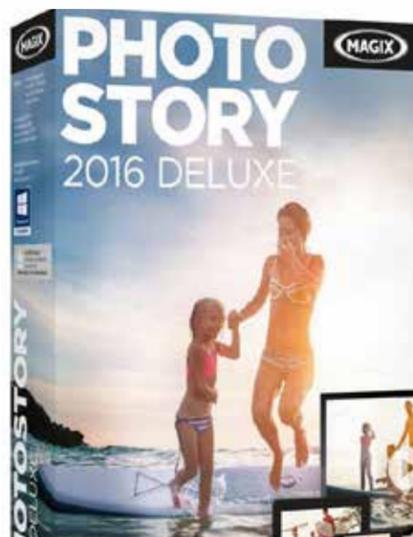
### [Nikon Coolpix P900](#)

If you can only carry one camera, you seriously need to consider the Nikon Coolpix P900. This comes as a complete unit featuring an 83x optical zoom/166x Dynamic Fine Zoom super telephoto NIKKOR lens.

Built-in Wi-Fi and NFC (Near Field Communication technology) allow wirelessly sharing photos to a compatible smartphone or tablet. Dual viewing systems provide a swiveling Vari-angle LCD display and a high resolution Electronic Viewfinder.

Built-in GPS, full manual control, creative effects and more make this an awesome unit for less than \$600.

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### [MAGIX Photostory](#)

If you shoot lots of photos, chances are you like to share them. Short of letting folks click through them one at a time on Facebook, a nicely composed slideshow can be much preferable. Now, with the latest version of MAGIX Photostory 2016 Deluxe, you'll be outputting slideshows in under five minutes – not hours.

This latest version is full of great effects, music, transitions, animations – all the things you could ever want for compelling photo stories. There are even prebuilt templates so you can create movie trailers from your video footage.

One of my favorites is the travel animation where you can trace your travels either by picking the various destinations you visited or by allowing the GPS info in your photos to automatically create the map. If you enjoy sharing your photos and video, you'll certainly want to give this a try.

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## For the Photographer

### [Flashpoint Auto Stand](#)

Imagine a light stand that folds up when you want it to and unfolds itself just as quickly. We're talking about almost instantaneously here folks. When you've got to get up and go, we're talking about the [Flashpoint Auto Stand](#) from [Adorama](#).

Not the "unclip this, fold up that" style lightstand, this is engineering done well. As you set the stand down, it automatically extends its three legs. When you lift it to move it, the three legs automatically collapse against the shaft. This is ideal for tight places. You've got to try it to really appreciate how easily it works.

The stand is available in two models – 7' and 9'. The smaller model folds down and stores in a 30" carrying case while the larger stores in a 40" case. Minimum height for the smaller is 3.1' and the larger is 3.5'.

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### [Rodelink Filmmaker Kit](#)

Without naming names, I've tested a number of major manufacturer's wireless microphones... and been rather disappointed with most. Many cost far more than the RODELink and can't compare with the simplicity and performance.

This is dead simple and should appeal to anyone who doesn't want to figure out wave frequencies, channels and the like. I merely took the transmitter and receiver out of the box, added batteries, and plugged in the microphone. Push one button on each and "Vi-olá" – it worked.

That's not to say the microphone is too simple. Quite to the contrary, watch the [RODELink video here](#) for all its capabilities. There's not much you'll find missing here.

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## For the Photographer

### Lexar Professional 1000x 256GB SDXC

As cameras continue to shoot bigger and better images and video, the need for quicker and bigger storage never lets up. The transfer rate for 4K video will overwhelm a number of cards that were the best of their day just two years ago.

If you are looking for top quantity and top speed, look no further than the 1000x (150MB/s) SDXC card from Lexar. In sizes up to 256GB, you can now pack as much stor-



age in your camera or camcorder as you might have on your SSD laptop – maybe more.

Which also brings up another suggestion. With this card, I can now double the amount of storage on my Ultrabook, making it easy to take massive Lightroom catalogs with me when I travel. With the fast read/write times of this card, my workflow never slows down. And when I return, it's as simple as removing the card from my SD slot and returning the contents to my office catalog.

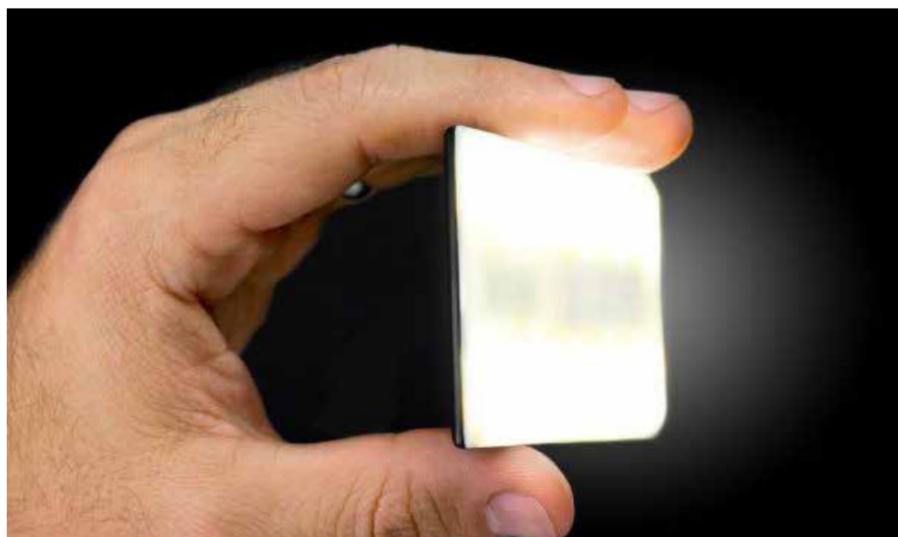
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### Nova Bluetooth Flash

Now there's a flash you can carry easily in a pocket, but will make a huge impact on your iPhone photos – the Nova Off-Camera Wireless Flash for iPhone. First to come up with a Bluetooth off-camera flash for iPhone, Nova has gone a step further letting you sync multiple flash at the same time.

While the flash is perfectly sized to fit in your wallet, it's a bit thick, the same thickness as six credit cards, and I'm guessing you'll prefer a shirt pocket or purse. In either case, when it's photo shoot time, you're going to love having this infinitely adjustable light with its 40 warm and cool, slightly diffused LED's creating the illumination for your photos.

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## For the Photographer

### Tenba BYOB & Packlite Bags

If you are a traveling photographer, chances are you take more gear than you need for any one given outing. Today, maybe it's an indoor event and you take your short lenses. Tomorrow, maybe it's wildlife and you need your long lenses. Wouldn't it be nice to have a bag when you arrive that would let you just take a couple of those lenses and leave the rest behind?

Tenba knows photogs and finally came up with just the answer. Now, you can stuff your Tenba Transport case or your Pelican case with all your gear, using the [BYOB inserts for organization](#), and then pull out just what you need on location, stuffing it into a [Packlite Travel Bag](#) for the day's activities.

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Packed

Expanded



Shown with optional BYOB insert



## For the Traveler

### Nomadix – one towel – four seasons

The Nomadix Multi-Purpose Towel has been designed by a group of minimalists, who wanted one towel for all reasons and seasons. A towel that would be durable and yet compact. A towel that would look great, but would also be absorbent. A towel that would be sturdy, but would also have an elegant touch.

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### Epson Workforce WF100 Travel Printer

As much as we love to travel, we just couldn't always fill all our photo requests while on the road. Certainly much is digital, but at times you still need a good color print. And that's the one thing most hotel business centers lack – a good color printer.

That's no longer an issue with the Epson WF100. Heading for the mountains or heading for the beach? If you've got the paper, the WF100 is ready to print. The built-in rechargeable battery should last 50-100 pages, and you can print anything from borderless 4x6 color prints all the way up to 8-1/2x14 legal pages.

Want to print wirelessly from your Android tablet/phone, your Kindle, or from your iOS device? There's an app for that. Epson's got you covered, so get up and get out of that office.

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## For the Traveler

### Thinkware X500 Dash Cam

When someone crosses the line, crashes a stop sign or heaven forbid, intentionally backs into you at a red light, dash cam video is invaluable. The Thinkware X500 that I've been using even senses the impact and makes a secure recording for you to save for the police and insurance company.

One of the amazing features of the X500 is the warning systems you can activate to protect yourself. The Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS) alerts you when your vehicle strays out of the present lane without using your blinker. The Front Collision Warning System (FCWS) alerts you if you are approaching the car in front of you too closely. Ever driven when you are tired? This will reinforce good driving habits for teens and be the proof you need should your car ever be involved in an accident.

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### Scottevest System 8

You can always count on Scottevest to push the limits of what to expect in vests and coats – with all the specialty concealed pockets, etc. Now they've gone further and created a real jacket system – great for all your inclement weather months – the System 8.

Composed of two vest/jackets, the System 8 has a Fleece 8 that can be worn as a base layer or totally by itself – as a jacket or with sleeves zipped off, as a vest. You'll still find the famous 19 Scottevest pockets you've come to expect. Then there is the Shell 8, a water-resistant, wind blocking jacket with stowable and removable hood. 20 more pockets here bring your total to 39 for the system and now you can just about forget that backpack.

Available in two colors and sizes from XS to XXXL. With the pair, you'll have eight ways to wear them, guaranteeing you can beat whatever Mother Nature throws at you this winter.

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## For the Traveler

### iControl Piper nv

If you've ever dreamed of being able to be connected to your home while on the road, but couldn't stomach the idea of high monitoring fees every month, then Piper may be just what you are looking for. Easy to install – just download the app, plug in the Piper and connect to your Wi-Fi network.

Unusual in the line of home monitors, the Piper also enables full house automation. You'll enjoy two way audio, so you can communicate with whomever is in the house. With a 180° view, you can see when someone enters a room or watch when Fido jumps up onto the sofa. Special sensors also let you monitor temperature as well as noise and light for full knowledge that your home or office is secure. Settings allow you or your trusted circle to be notified by push message, phone call, email or text. Different alerts can be set for different situations.

The unit also includes a Z-Wave controller, meaning you can use it to control different home automation

devices like thermostats, indoor or outdoor lighting, even your front door lock. There's a lot to like in this small package.

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## For the Traveler

### Weego Jump Starter Professional

Power packs to recharge your portable devices are all the rage, but why not buy the best...one powerful enough to jump your car? Weego has now come out with one that will do both and yet fit in your pocket. Okay, it needs a big pocket, but you can do it.

The Professional is their largest and packs a whopping 18,000 mAh of power. That's enough to start your car, your RV, or even your 18-wheeler. With the included cables, you can even recharge your laptop with the appropriate cable ends.

With an 18-month warranty, it'll handle up to 1000 charges. Works from -4°F to +140°F. Power one up and it'll hold its charge for months. Only loses 2-5% of its charge per month, so there will always be enough to get you going again.

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### Smartwool PhD Ultra-Light Zip Tee

Light in weight but big in performance, this Smartwool tee blends Merino wool for temp and moisture control with polyester for stretch and recovery as well as quicker dry times.

Separate constructions fit men and women differently but both offer flatlock seams for comfort and a 10" zipper for easy on/off. Thumbholes at the end of the raglan sleeves anchor them for full winter comfort when worn as a base layer.

Available in both black and alloy (silver) in sizes S through XL.

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## For the Traveler

### Sage Method Humidor

Enjoy a good cigar? If you do, you've probably discovered the advantage of keeping them in a humidor. But what happens when you travel? Humidors have been traditionally too large and bulky to take on that occasional trip.

The Sage Humidor is your answer. Brought to you by Sage, the fly fishing people, this elegant humidor is ideal for travel. Two inches in diameter and eight inches long, it's built of sturdy rod tube aluminum and gasket sealed with a cedar interior. Now your cigars will retain their freshness no matter where you take them. Perfect for suitcase, backpack or your favorite fly fishing vest.

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### Bubba Tasteguard Travel Mug

The ceramic interior is unique in the travel mug space, and maintains impeccably clean-tasting beverages. I don't know about you, but there is a certain metallic taste with using stainless steel mugs that I can notice. Not bad, mind you, but with teas, any taste is going to be noticeable. There's none of that with the TasteGuard.

We also love how well the mug holds the heat. Outside it's durable stainless steel, inside it's ceramic; but in between, there is some great vacuum insulation happening that really retains the heat. After four and six hours, we have come back to a mug partially full of tea and found it still pleasingly hot.

Available in 12 and 16-ounce sizes, these dishwasher safe mugs can be found at many retailers including Walmart and Bed Bath & Beyond.

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## For the Traveler

### AeroPress Coffee Maker

Aerobie may be a company you never heard of, but they are the Made-In-The-USA makers of the acclaimed AeroPress Coffee Maker. Recommended by dozens of master coffee tasters and thousands of consumers, when you think of fine pressed coffee, the AeroPress is the unchallenged best of the best.

Secret to its success is that the coffee is brewed quickly (20 seconds) and uniformly, avoiding over-extraction and bitterness. You can make from one to three cups of coffee in under one minute. You'll also have your choice of regular brews, lattes, cappuccino or espresso. With a single use paper filter, you'll enjoy grit free coffee every time.

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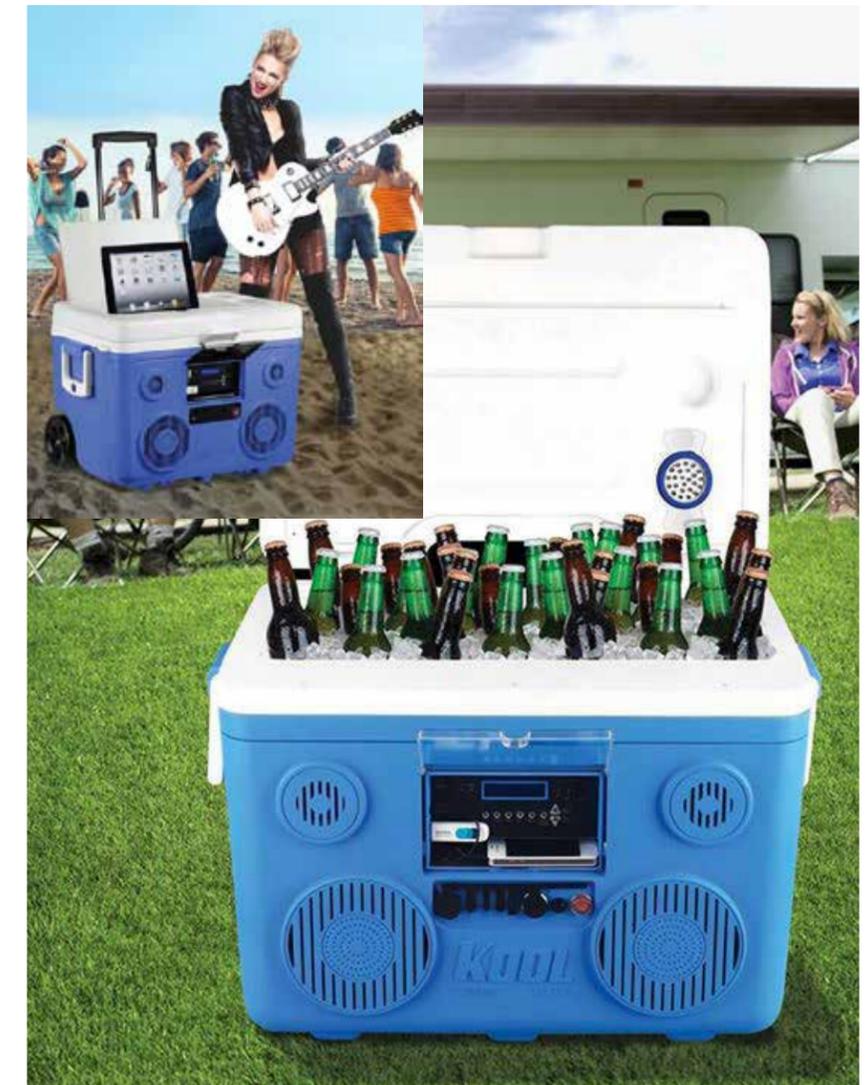


### KoolMAX – The Party in a Cooler

How do you liven up a party? How do you entertain your guests? How do you get people to dance? Simple...turn up the tunes and play some great music. But wait, we're out on the beach, how will they ever hear your smartphone? KoolMAX can handle that.

This 40-quart cooler is so much more than a great cooler. It's also got a 350 watt stereo sound system built in, functions as a public address system, recharges your devices, and plays your favorite radio stations.

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## For the Traveler

### Qumi Q5 Portable Projector

If a portable projector is in your future, the Qumi Q5 ought to be on your radar. At 6" x 4" x 1-1/4", it is just slightly larger than many of the pico projectors out there, but this thing is truly useable in many lighting conditions. While the pico projectors I've seen can only be used either 17" away from the screen or in totally darkened rooms, the Q5 has got enough horsepower (lumens) that it could be used during a typical business meeting.

When you first turn on the Qumi, you'll see what's called the Media Player Screen. From here you'll select the media type you want to play: movies, audio, photos, office documents, etc. Yep, you read that right. The projector will play all those WITHOUT your computer, if you have them stored on a USB stick. Now we are talking portable!

With the MHL cable – you can also play directly from your Micro-USB equipped smartphone or tablet. More and more reasons you may be able to finally leave that laptop at home.

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### Klean Kanteen

No matter where you travel, a handy hot or cold beverage can improve the experience. Question is, how to keep them hot or cold? This is the first time I've seen Klean Kanteen, but they have a dynamite line of products. [Read more](#) [Check prices](#)



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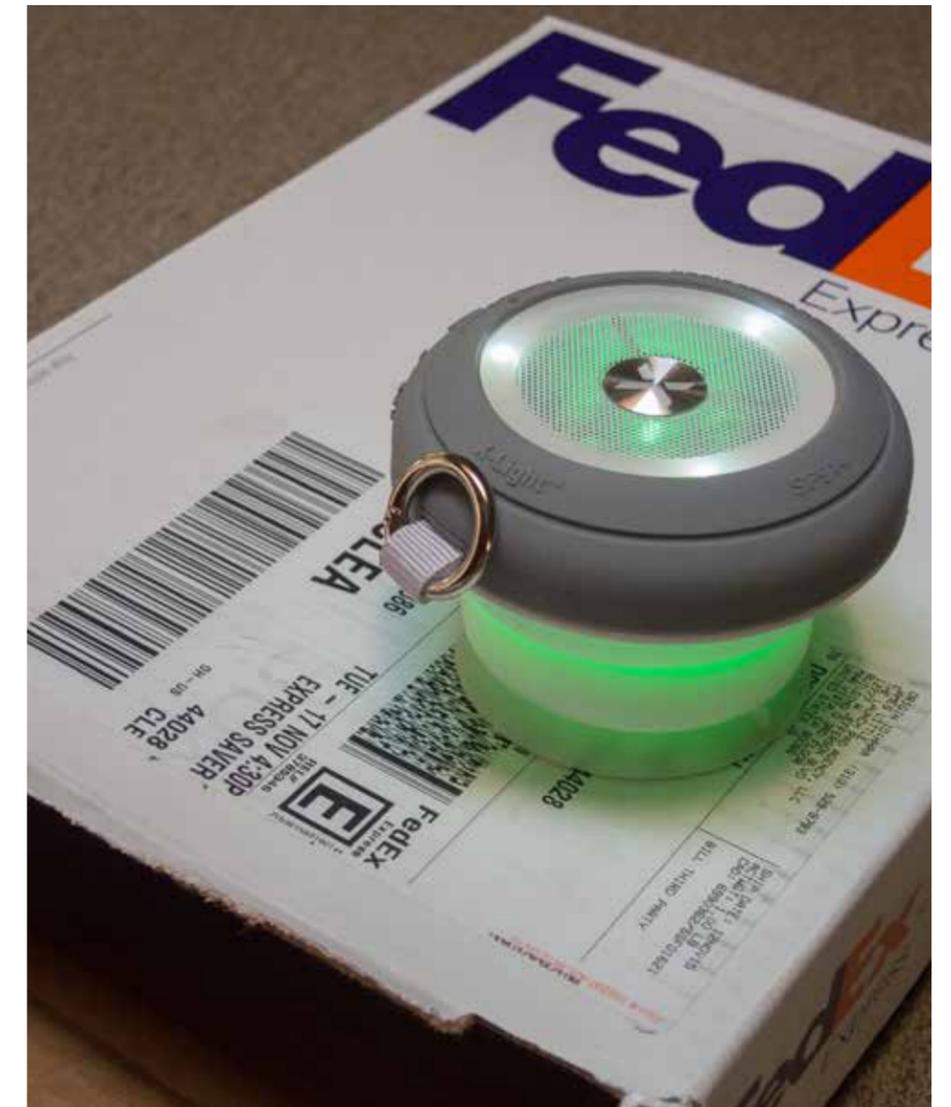
### Pocket Party

Finally, an easy to carry Bluetooth speaker that sounds like its big wooden-cased brothers. The Pocket Party is a splash proof expandable speaker with a built-in lightshow that will dance with the music. Actually there are four light show modes from mild to wild as well as "off."

The base of the unit is a suction cup that sticks to any smooth surface. A carabiner will support it anywhere you've got a hook.

But the big trick is how this thing cranks out the bass. Set it on a cardboard box and the Pocket Party radiates big sounding base from the thin cardboard sides of the box.

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## For the Adventurer

### FishHunter Directional 3D

FishHunter™ brings you a world first – a completely portable fish finder that packs the power of 5 transducers working at a dual frequency into a sonar that fits in your pocket. Anglers have longed to truly know the underwater contours when fishing. Now with FishHunter Directional 3D you can see in a way you never thought possible, up to 160 feet below the surface, with 3D Bottom Contouring technology. Additionally, you can use FishHunter's patent pending Directional Casting™ to know exactly where to cast to catch more fish.

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### Hi-Tec Terra Lox Mid 200 i

Slip into the new Hi-Tec Terra Lox Mid 200 i boot. A leather upper is combined with a durable canvas for durability and comfort. This boot is engineered to handle the office and the outdoors. This boot repels water and dirt, and is resistant to stains.

200g Thinsulate™ insulation traps heat and keeps the foot warm. Micro-fleece moisture-wicking lining keeps the foot dry. An OrthoLite impressions sockliner with slow recovery foam delivers superior cushioning and has anti-odor and anti-microbial properties. A Vibram rubber outsole provides durability and outstanding traction.

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## For the Adventurer

### Thermacell Repellent Camp Lantern

The Thermacell Repellent Camp Lantern is a new durable, water-resistant repellent Camp Lantern that provides bright light and repels mosquitoes. With a heavy-duty rubberized base and the ability to keep biting mosquitoes, black flies and “no see-ums” at bay, this lantern makes camping more enjoyable.

Four D-cell batteries (not included) provide 50 hours of 300 lumen light on the highest setting and even more on one of the other two lower settings. Use the carry handle when walking or the retractable carabiner for hanging. The lantern is water resistant and stands 9.5 inches tall.

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### Helinox Camp Chair

A simple, lightweight, technically designed chair with back and neck support for a seriously comfortable backcountry experience. Single shock corded pole design makes set up quick and easy. The comfort to weight ratio on this chair is astounding.

Unzip the handy carrying case and the shock-corded poles can't be inserted incorrectly. Stretch the heavy duty fabric over the four posts and you've got yourself one mighty comfortable seat that is easy to stash in backpack, on your bike or in your trunk.

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### New GOURMET 10-Piece Block Set by WÜSTHOF

Why leave the good stuff at home when setting up a vacation house or camping cabin? Pack one of these along and enjoy the ease of cooking with the finest cutlery you may have ever experienced.

This 10-piece block set includes all the most needed and requested knives and tools, housed in one efficient wooden block. There are even four extra slots in the bottom of the block for your favorite set of steak knives or possibly some specialty spreaders.

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Setting up a vacation home or camping cabin?  
Outfit it with the best tools.

### Circulon Momentum Cookware

All the Circulon Momentum pans are made from heavy-gauge, hard-anodized, non-stick aluminum; famous for quick and thorough heating. Suitable for glass, ceramic, gas and electric stoves, you can even use them in the oven up to 400°F. (If you need induction cookware, consider the Circulon Symmetry collection.)

The non-stick surface of the Momentum collection is augmented with Circulon's patented circular pattern on the bottom, allowing you to use metal utensils on this non-stick surface. The TOTAL® Nonstick System on the pan interiors features top-quality PFOA-free nonstick coating for your safety and convenience. It resists chipping, scratching and staining.

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## For the Adventurer

### Philips Airfryer XL

"Fry with a tablespoon or less of oil." I love fried foods, but they don't exactly fit with a healthy lifestyle. But, what if you really could fry with only a tablespoon of oil? Ooooooh...

I started experimenting with the Philips Airfryer about a month ago and it wasn't demonstration trickery. This thing is the real deal...and it couldn't be any simpler to use.

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### Blendtec Designer 725

As life gets more automated and robots get closer to a commonplace reality, it's not a surprise that you can now have a conversation with your blender. The Blendtec Designer 725 is the first high speed blender, completely controlled and programmed by an easy to use touchscreen...and it communicates...sort of.

After each blend, the touchscreen displays how many times it's been used and then usually dispenses a little message like "Nice job on that one" or "That looks yummy." You're inclined to agree, because everything it does – it does really well. The basic unit comes with one of two full-sized blender jars: the WildSide+ or the FourSide.

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### SkylinkNet Alarm/Alert System SK200

If you are out in the field for days at a time, wouldn't it be satisfying to know your home is monitored and protected. With the Skylink App you have full control and can see the status of your alarm sensors while you are at home, at work or on vacation.

It's a smarter, more affordable home alarm system for everyone. Remotely arm and disarm the alarm system with the free Skylink-Net App. If a sensor is triggered, you can be automatically informed with a push notification on your Smartphone.

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### Cuisinart Alfrescamorè Outdoor Pizza Oven

When our kids were younger, a favorite activity was making pizzas. They weren't great, but the kids didn't seem to care. Now however, with the new Cuisinart Alfrescamorè Outdoor Pizza Oven, (C-PO-600) you can enjoy making your own pizzas AND they will undoubtedly taste terrific. With this oven, even store-bought frozen pizzas taste better than ever.

The oven will work with either standard propane bottles or with an additional hose, directly from your large BBQ propane tanks. A stainless steel cup in the corner of the grill lets you add wood chips for that wood fired pizza taste. One additional feature to the oven is that it has a warming drawer below the firebox so you can keep your first pizza warm while cooking your second.

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## For the Adventurer



### Thule Urban Glide

This sports stroller is amazingly sturdy, but lightweight and easy to fold and store with just one hand. That helps when you don't want to let go of your toddler with the other hand.

The front wheel can be set to swivel for casual walking or quickly locked in place for jogging/running. The large rear wheels provide an extremely smooth ride whether on pavement or crushed gravel paths.

Underneath, there's a large storage compartment with zippered cover. Above, the canopy offers multiple positions for sun protection. The handlebars also are completely adjustable for various height users.

The Urban Glide is available in a choice of three colors and there's a boatload of accessories that can be added from a snack tray to a bassinet.

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### Dunkley Belay Jacket

When it comes to winter, there one thing that's a given – we want to stay warm. With the new Dunkley Belay jacket from Big Agnes of Colorado, you'll be getting great warmth with an ultra-light weight jacket. A mens' large jacket only weighs 27 oz. and stuffs into a supplied sack for storage.

Light in weight, this jacket doesn't scrimp on the insulation. 120g of Pinneco Core line the body and another 80g is used in the sleeves. Bottom line – you're going to stay warm. The polyester shell is both wind-proof and water resistant.

A helmet compatible hood with drawstring helps when the winds start howling. Outside, you'll find one chest pocket with zipper and two hand warmer pockets also with zippers. Inside, two stash pockets are great for gloves and misc. gear. Zipper pulls are large enough that they can be used easily with gloves on.

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### OutCross Evo shoes by Chaco

Who doesn't love sandals for summertime; but, how many times have you been told, "Sorry, you need closed toe shoes to participate in (name your sport). I've heard that for zip-lining, rappelling, horseback riding, NASCAR ride-alongs, and probably a dozen more times. So, do you give up on sandals? Not if you're are going to be around water. You need something that can handle both.

Enter Chaco's newest line – OutCross Evo. They've come up with the best of both worlds. These are serious water shoes, with traction and drainability. Yet, all four models have closed toe areas.

OutCross Evo1 is the most open of the four, with lots of open area around the webbing, very similar to the Z/1 Unawep Sandal I fell for last year. The sole offers great traction with good sized tread depth.

OutCross Evo2 for women offers slightly less open webbing on the sides, but comes in wonderfully colorful options and a slightly less aggressive sole. Either will let you hit the water with confidence and still meet those pesky regulations for closed toe footwear.

Check out the full line of OutCross Evo shoes for men, women and children.

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### EnerPlex

If there's a company that's pushing the limits of portable power, it's EnerPlex. Not only do they manufacture efficient solar cells, they also package battery packs in super durable but sleek looking enclosures.

The Slate 10K is a great looking, thin 10,000mAh battery pack that will easily slip in anyplace your tablet would fit. It weighs about ¾ pounds, but will charge your iPhone 5 or 6 times on one charge. Can actually charge two tablets at the same time.

The Kickr IV; is a rugged portable solar charger that packs away into the corner of your bag, but opens up to a four panel solar collector which will charge your electronics at the same rate as your 110v wall outlet at home. Should charge your phone in about two hours with direct sunlight or use it to recharge/top off the Slate 10K battery pack.

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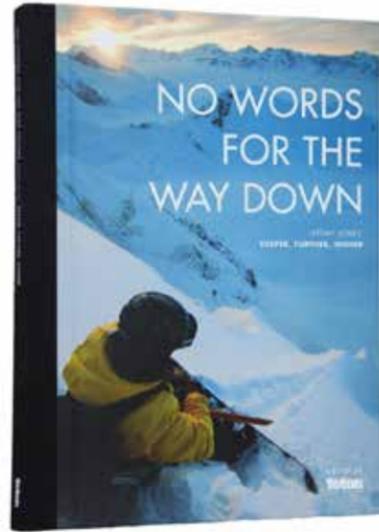
### Gerber Gator Premium Clip Point

Made in the USA, this is one beauty of a hunting knife. With a leather sheath, this folding knife has a 3.6-inch clip point blade. Opened, the knife measures 8.5". The handle is glass-filled nylon, covered with a great grip rubberized covering. Wet hands? Not a problem with this gator grip.

The blade is CPM-S30V steel that's up for any cutting task. The blades are what Gerber has been known for since 1939 and this is another welcome addition to their line. Like all Gerber products, the Gator is covered by their lifetime warranty.

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### No Words For The Way Down

In what may be the most awe inspiring action photography book I've ever seen, this book tracks the exploits of Jeremy Jones, skier and snowboarder extraordinaire. Climbing or being helicoptered into the most vertically challenging locations around the world was the stuff he lived for.

A trilogy of movies was created as he climbed the most dangerous mountains around and then snowboarded down almost totally vertical snow walls at breakneck speeds. The Deeper, Further, Higher trilogy had some footage that didn't make the final cut and it's included with interviews on a DVD with the book.

If winter sports are your thing, this book is a must read. Lots of previously unreleased beautiful photography along with his sketches and notebooks detail Jones's accomplishments.

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### Cannon Safe

If you've spent your life accumulating digital photos, documents and more; could you imagine the devastation of coming home to a fire and finding everything gone? That's why sensible people have been locking things up in safes for almost 200 years now.

But, how about those digital hard drives you use every day? You know it's just not practical to disconnect them each night and lock them in your vault. Well, with the new Cannon Office Solutions OS4, you don't have to. They've actually added two outlets and two USB ports inside the safe so your external hard drives can stay safely locked up even while they are in use.

I'm working with the OS4 model which stands 24"H x 20"W x 18"D. It fits perfectly under a slide-out shelf of my desk. They also make an OS8 model which measures 34"H x 24"W x 18"D and has the same power and data ports.

Obviously it will hold my cameras, guns, and other valuables as well, but most of those could be replaced. Digital photos, if they haven't been edited and uploaded to the cloud yet could be gone in the wink of an eye. Give a safe some thought and see what it feels like to feel safe.

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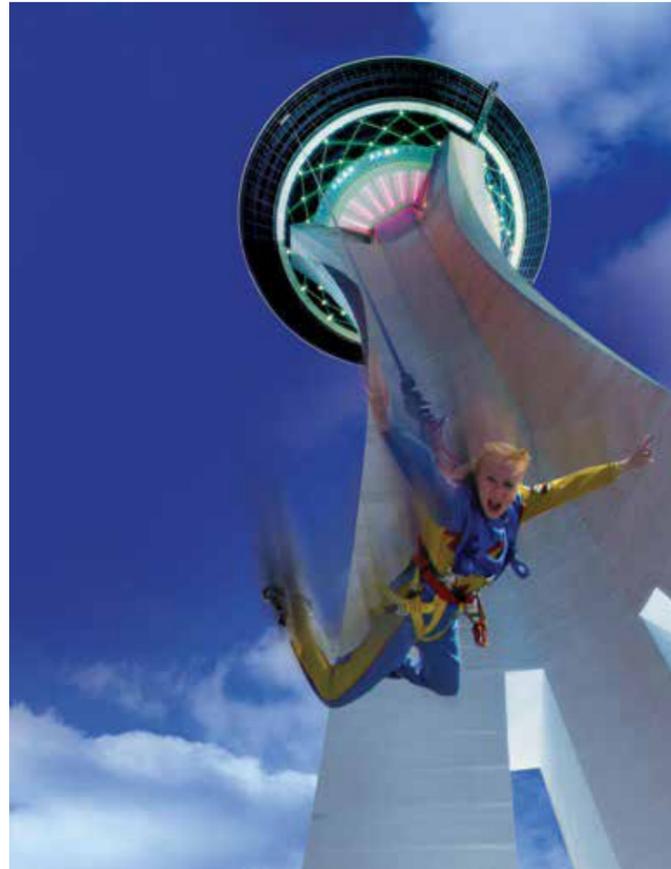
When you're not winning in the casino, lounging by the pool or savoring delicious cuisine, you'll find that Las Vegas has a variety of must-see attractions and entertainment options to keep you occupied. From thrilling roller coasters to erupting volcanoes and the world's tallest observation wheel, Las Vegas' attractions appeal to people around the world.

### Things to Do

The High Roller is the tallest observation wheel in the world at an impressive 550 feet tall and is located at The LINQ Promenade. Towering above The LINQ Promenade's \$550 million outdoor dining, entertainment and retail district by Caesars Entertainment, the High Roller provides spectacular views of the Las Vegas Strip and Valley.



Downtown's famous casino-lined Fremont Street has been converted into a 175,700-square-foot pedestrian area covered by the Viva Vision canopy, the world's largest graphic display system. Called the Fremont Street Experience, this canopy showcases spectacular light and sound shows every hour on the hour during the evenings. If you're looking for thrills of a different nature, ride "SlotZilla," the world's most unique zipline attraction, featuring the 850-foot Zipline and the 1,750-foot Zoomline as people launch from a 12-story slot-machine themed takeoff platform to fly under the Viva Vision canopy.



Stratosphere Casino, Hotel & Tower has four of the world's highest rides located 100 stories above the ground. SkyJump is a "controlled free-fall" in which participants plummet 855 feet at a speed of up to 40 miles per hour. X-Screamteeters riders over the edge of the tower 900 feet above the ground, 30 feet over the edge of the building, at 33 miles per hour. Big

Shot is a thrill ride that shoots adrenaline-seekers 160 feet into the air at a force of 4Gs before letting them free-fall back to the launching pad. Insanity is an appropriately named, dizzying, spinning ride that dangles passengers over the edge of the tower before whirling them around at speeds approaching 40 miles per hour.

Dig This! is the only place in Las Vegas that allows you to drive an excavator or bulldozer. Tear, dig, rip and claw to your heart's content (under the supervision of the instructors, of course). This 90-minute experience is fun for all ages.

Explore Las Vegas like never before with a helicopter tour. There are a number of tour operators in and around the Las Vegas Valley with flights to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, over the Strip and other natural wonders in the desert southwest.



The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino's VooDoo ZipLine is a thrill ride that puts riders 490 feet above the Las Vegas Strip, sending them between the Rio towers at 33 miles per hour on a secure line.

Indoor Skydiving simulates the free-falling sensation of sky diving in a controlled setting with trampoline floor and padded walls. Without the airplane ride, parachute or gut-wrenching leap, guests can earn their wings with an indoor and controllable wind tunnel.

Experience the natural beauty of the surrounding

desert and scenery from the comfort of a vehicle. Pink Jeep Tours breaks off the beaten path to bring you to local iconic stops such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Red Rock Canyon and Death Valley.



Take the Zero1 Desert Adventure and explore the Mojave Desert from behind the wheel of a Polaris RZR. Ride through scenic terrain, over ridges and into valleys on a guided tour.

Nature-lovers can explore the great outdoors and experience the beauty of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area with 19 hiking trails, a scenic driving loop, picnic areas and wildlife.

Man-made Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the United States and is probably most famous for The Hoover Dam. This peaceful lake is nestled among two, beautiful mountain ranges, The River Mountains and the Muddy Mountains that create a gorgeous backdrop. Approved activities for the Lake Mead National Recreation Area include camping, hiking, swimming, boating and horseback riding.

Lake Las Vegas offers a plethora of activities, both on the water and off. You can hit the green at Reflection Bay Golf Club, shop or indulge in the many restaurants. Those looking for fun in the sun can head to the marina to rent a variety of boats, stand up paddleboards, flyboards, canoes, kayaks, gondola rides and more.

## Things to See

The Neon Museum exhibits iconic Las Vegas signs and is available to the public through an hour-long guided tour. Tours are available seven days a week.

The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, better known as The Mob Museum is a world-class destination in downtown Las Vegas dedicated to telling the thrilling story of the downfall of organized crime led by law enforcement. True stories of the mob's history are brought to life in a bold and contemporary style via engaging exhibits, high-tech theater presentations and more than 600 artifacts – the largest collection of the mob's and related law enforcement memorabilia under one roof.

The National Atomic Testing Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, takes guests back to the 1950's and through the history of nuclear testing that occurred in the desert north of Las Vegas. The Museum is one of the most comprehensive collections of nuclear history and offers insight in atmospheric testing, radiation, development, underground testing and atomic culture.

Springs Preserve features 180 acres of botanical gardens, museums, walking trails, wildlife habitats and more. The botanical gardens are home to the largest collection of Mojave Desert cacti and plants, a variety of wetland bird species, seasonal butterfly pavilion and host events.



The Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens displays gorgeous plants, flowers, trees and rare, natural finds from all over the world. Admire the essence of every season and treat yourself to this ever-changing attraction. After exploring the Conservatory, head over to the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Arts

where world-class art is displayed. The exhibit changes twice a year.

Discover the wild side of Las Vegas at a variety of attractions for animal-lovers. Visit the Flamingo Wildlife Habitat at Flamingo Las Vegas and see Chilean flamingos, swans, ducks, Koi, goldfish and turtles. Venture over to The Mirage Hotel & Casino for Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat. The Secret Garden is home to royal white tigers, white lions, black panthers, a snow leopard, lion cubs and golden tigers. The Dolphin Habitat, adjacent to the Secret Garden, houses an extended family of bottlenose dolphins. Get up close and personal with endangered and unusual aquatic animals at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino's Shark Reef Aquarium. Visitors journey through a replica of an ancient temple ruin and a sunken galleon ship surrounded by several varieties of sharks and other predatory creatures.

The Lion Habitat Ranch located in Henderson features more than 50 exotic animals, including ostriches, emus, lions and a giraffe. The Ranch is open for visitors to view these animals in a natural habitat.

The world-famous Fountains of Bellagio will speak to your heart as opera, classical and even electronic dance music (EDM) are carefully choreographed with the movements of more than 1,000 water-emitting devices.



For the best view of the fountains and a panoramic view of the Las Vegas Valley, take an elevator ride to the observation deck atop the 50-story replica of the Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas.

Las Vegas also offers a variety of themed mini-pro-

ductions that occur regularly throughout the day. Travel back in time and into the fascinating world of Roman mythology with the Fall of Atlantis inside The Forum Shops at Caesars. The Volcano at The Mirage Hotel & Casino forges a primal volcanic environment of sound, light, music and heat with choreographed fire shooters that send massive fireballs more than 12 feet into the air.



Penske-Wynn Ferrari/Maserati Showroom at Wynn Las Vegas is Nevada's first and only factory-authorized Ferrari and Maserati dealership, offering the finest in new and pre-owned cars.

After you've chosen your dream car, you'll be ready to meet and greet some of the most famous celebrities in the world at Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. Located at The Venetian Las Vegas, the museum showcases more than 100 wax figures of some of the world's most popular film, television, music and sports celebrities. Visitors can even interact with several "celebrity" experiences for a truly memorable photo opportunity. The museum also recently opened the Hangover Experience that includes a mock hotel room and wedding chapel.

Golden Nugget has the first GOLD to go ATM in Las Vegas. The GOLD to go ATM vending machine dispenses 24-karat gold bars of various weights ranging between 1 to 250 grams. The vending machine also sells traditional gold coins and signature gold bars featuring the Golden



Entertainment is always available throughout Las Vegas and its surrounds. Here country star Carrie Underwood performs for a sold out crowd of more than 20,000 fans in the open-air Laughlin Event Center on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 in Laughlin, Nevada.



A Lamborghini Gallardo LP 550 decorates the stage during set-up for the groundbreaking ceremony for the SPEEDVEGAS "supercar experience" on South Las Vegas Blvd, in Sloan on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

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# IN OTHER NEWS:



HomeToGo, the world's largest search engine for vacation rentals, now connects to the world's biggest online travel booking market: the United States. [HomeToGo.com](http://HomeToGo.com) brings vacation seekers 3 million offerings in over 200 countries from more than 150 vacation rental websites.

"This is a very exciting time for HomeToGo," says CEO and Co-Founder, Dr. Patrick Andrä. "The impressive variety in our search results of vacation rentals ranging from charming waterfront cottages to swanky modern city apartments makes it easier to secure vacation home rentals." HomeToGo is the largest vacation rental metasearch engine in the world which has primarily done business in Europe. "With the tremendous variety of global accommodations we have in our portfolio it was the perfect time to debut this system in the United States," adds Dr. Andrä.

Founded in 2014, HomeToGo has become the largest comparison website for vacation rentals in less than two years. With its easy-to-use, powerful metasearch engine, HomeToGo quickly searches and compares listings and prices from over 150 vacation rental websites.

Through numerous accommodation filters, HomeToGo presents more relevant search results for customers and increases the likelihood of a completed booking (good news for vacation rental partners). Users can find their ideal vacation rental by sorting according to their preferred destination, travel dates, budget and amenities. Once interested, users click on the offer and are redirected to the respective vacation rental partner's website to complete the booking.

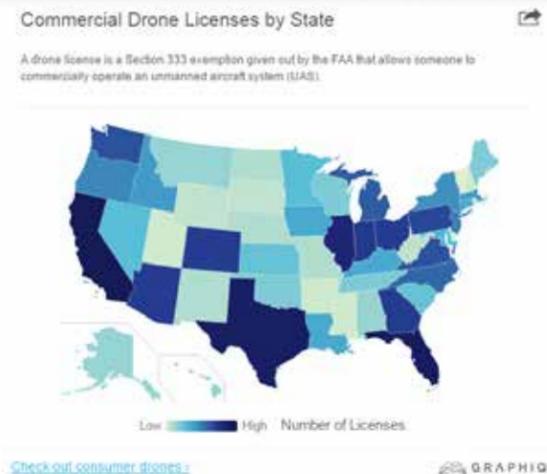
## Amazing travel photos - from space

Okay, so maybe you won't be traveling there anytime soon, but [these photos and video](#) are worth a look.



Then again, if traveling up 100,000 feet above earth sounds interesting, that's going to be doable before long. [WorldView](#) just tested a 10% scale model in October and got the picture below of the Grand Canyon.

Commercial flights with Voyagers are scheduled to begin in 2017, when passengers will pay \$75,000 each to travel to the edge of space and witness a sunrise against the curvature of the Earth and the blackness of space. The final capsule will be comfortably styled, offering Wi-Fi, a bar and a lavatory for Voyagers as they float along the edge of space for one-to-two hours



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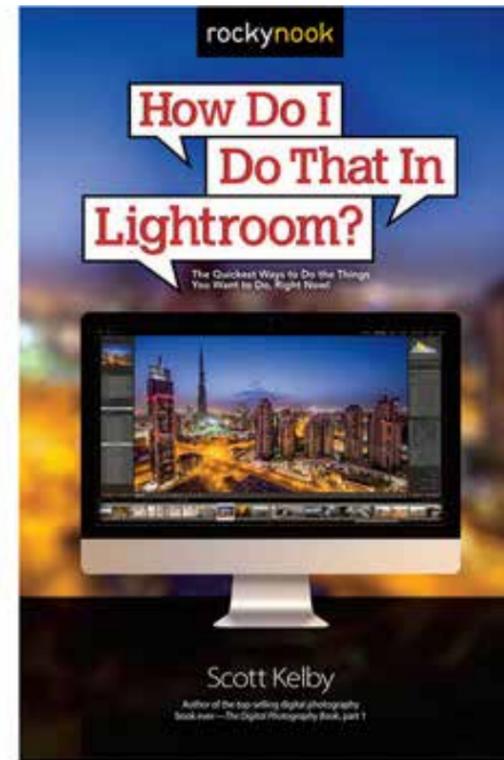


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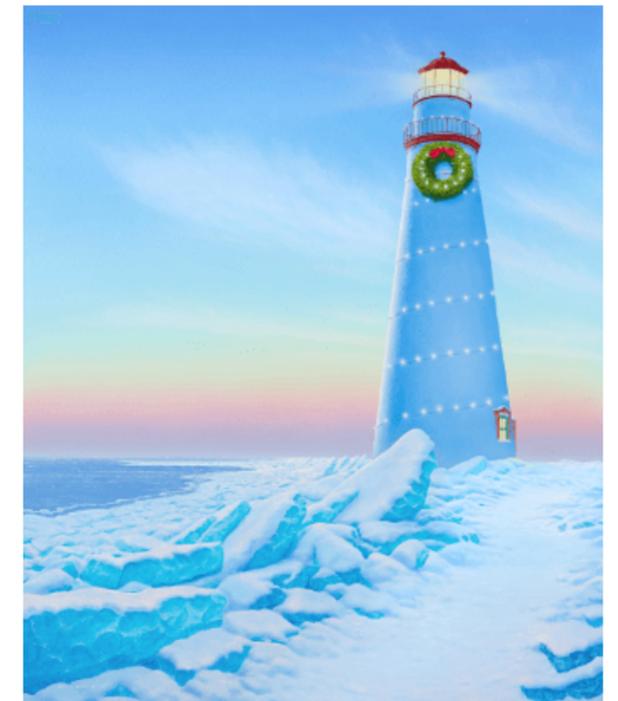
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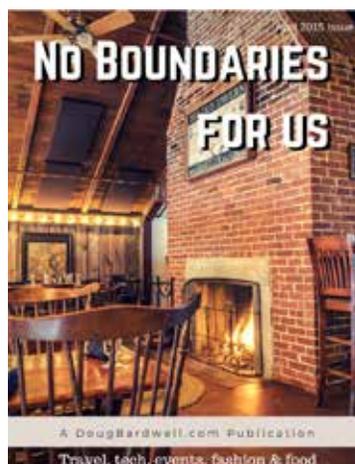
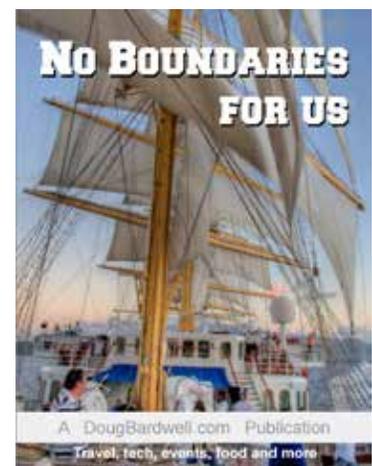
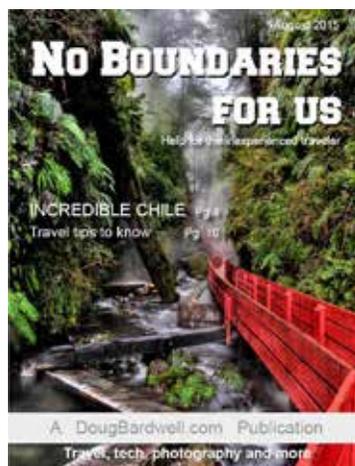
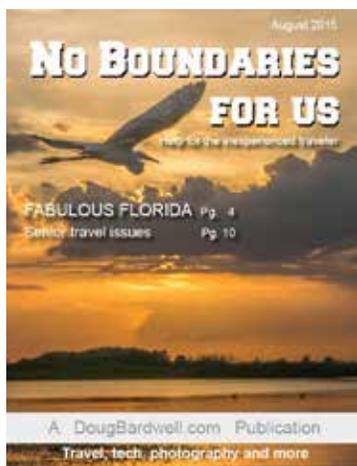
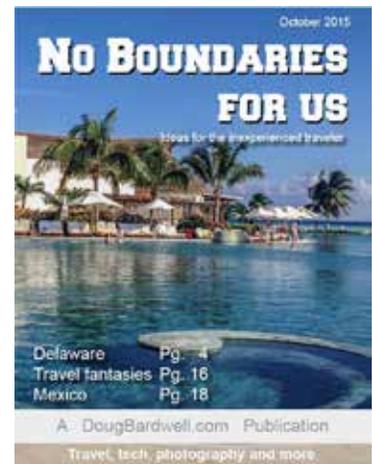
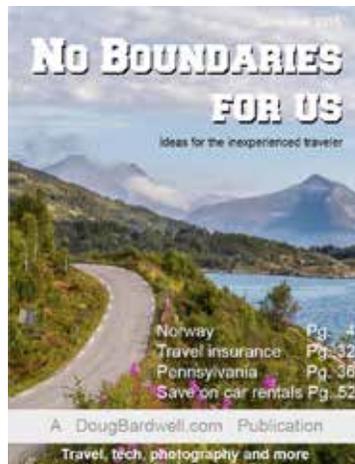


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