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The latest travel-related gear can help you stay connected — to family, friends, your suitcase, and even your most important files. Other products can add to your comfort and fun. Consider some of these for your next trip.

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RUGGED LAPTOP
HP's new EliteBook 820 seems perfectly crafted for frequent travelers: It has a 12.5-inch screen, weighs less than 3 pounds, comes with a built-in webcam for Skypeing, and has Bluetooth 4.0 connectivity so you can pair your wireless noise-canceling headphones. Don't stress if you hit turbulence at 33,000 feet or the crew turns off the lights on your night flight: The laptop also comes with a spill-resistant, backlit keyboard, and is made of magnesium, meaning it can withstand drops and vibrational shock. Another cool feature: You can quickly charge your smartphone, tablet, or other devices through the USB 3.0 ports when the EliteBook is turned off. It also comes with a fingerprint reader for logging on, and has a Sure Start program that restores the system's BIOS to its previous safe state if your computer gets hacked on the road. Starts at \$874. 866-625-0242, www.hp.com

PERFECT LITTLE KID'S PILLOW
Lull your child to sleep with the Sleepow Baby pillow, a super-soft and cuddly portable pillow that can play soothing music or even your own voice to help your little one drift off. It has built-in speakers and an MP3 player that comes preloaded with peaceful music to help induce sleep. The music, which has slower tempos and reduced sound frequencies, ranges from soft piano numbers to trickling water tunes. Or sing your favorite bedtime lullaby and record it for playback on the MP3 player. The pillow comes in the shape of a pink bunny or blue cat. It weighs under 13 ounces and runs on three AAA batteries. It comes perfectly contoured to fit a child's head, and best suits ages 1 to 5. Available in May, \$69. 339-368-6969, www.sleepow.com

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Clockwise from above: AT&T Unite Pro; Sleepow Baby pillow; Lenovo Yoga 2 Pro laptop-tablet; and Eye-Fi secure digital cards.



LAPTOP AND TABLET

Lenovo's Yoga 2 Pro can bend and flip to fit all sorts of spaces as you travel. The lightweight ultrabook, which has a super high-resolution (3200 x 1800) touchscreen display, functions as a regular laptop, but has a unique hinge that lets you flip it over and stand it up in "tent" mode on its nonslip rubber edges so you can watch a movie, surf the web, or play a game. In this A-frame configuration, you can fit the Yoga 2 Pro into smaller spaces, like your airline's tray table even with the seat in front angled down. Flip the screen all the way over and the device turns into a tablet. The ultrabook has a solid-state drive (good protection in case of bumps or drops), backlit keyboard for low-light situations, and in-plane switching technology that means screen quality looks good even when viewed from different angles, so you can entertain several children in the car's back seats, or your plane's seatmates. It weighs 3.1 pounds, and offers up to 9 hours of battery life. Starts at \$999. 855-253-6686, www.lenovo.com

CAMERA HANDLES IT ALL

Nikon's latest super-rugged mirrorless camera handles bumps, dips, and cold temps without sacrificing versatility: The Nikon 1 AW1 is the world's first waterproof camera with interchangeable lenses. Use it with the standard 11-27.5mm kit lens (equivalent to 30-74mm), or swap that for a 10mm (or 27mm) lens. The camera remains waterproof to 15 feet, shockproof from 6.6 feet, and functional down to 14 degrees. It has a somewhat boxy feel, but also has easy-to-work buttons, a waterproof pop-up flash that doesn't blow out images, a 3-inch LCD screen, and a built-in GPS with compass, altimeter, and depth meter. It does the trick for your white-water, kayaking, and snorkeling adventures, and can bounce around in your backpack without breaking down. The 14-megapixel camera handles different lighting scenarios with ease and captures the best-quality shots of the many mirrorless cameras I've tried. It also shoots 1080p high-def video. \$799.95 for body and 11-27.5mm lens. 800-645-6687, www.nikonusa.com

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