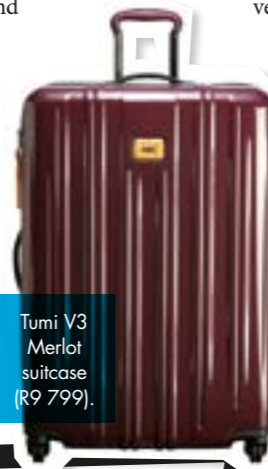




upright rolling in multiple directions, ease of movement and control. This will prevent you from rolling over an innocent bystander's feet as you rush to the security control. Samsonite offers a range of spinner wheel luggage in both soft- and hard-side options.

WEIGHT: Increasing airline baggage costs have led to a rise in demand for lightweight luggage. Soft bags are more common than hard-side luggage and are ideal if you need to squeeze them into tight spaces.



Tumi V3 Merlot suitcase (R9 799).

an **OVERNIGHT BUSINESS TRIP, A SHORT GETAWAY** or **A BUDGET HOLIDAY**. Invest in a multi-purpose bag that's lightweight, durable and versatile, with a number of compartments for improved organisation.

The maximum weight restriction for overhead cabin luggage is 7kg. However, dimensions vary from airline to airline. Check the carry-on size restrictions for the airline you're travelling with before purchasing your piece. The dimensions of an on-board bag may not exceed 56cm in length, 45cm in width and 25cm in height.

For business trips, choose either a **GARMENT CARRIER BAG** that minimises wrinkling (very important when travelling on business) or a **LAPTOP LUGGAGE BAG**. Garment carrier bags have a hanger system for clothes and most have different compartments for shoes. **Samsonite's Pro-DLX4** garment bag with wheels includes a removable zipped wet pocket to store your liquids, cosmetics or swimsuit. A laptop luggage bag allows you to wheel around your laptop and documents, ensuring you remain productive while travelling. The interior of Samsonite's Pro-DLX4 rolling tote is divided into a compartment for clothes and a padded compartment that can be adjusted to the size of your laptop.

For a weekend getaway, the **Osprey Ozone Convertible 50L** gives you three bags in one. It converts from being a piece of wheeled luggage to a backpack with a suspension system, so you can carry it on your back when the pavement ends. The detachable daypack zips off, making it ideal for sightseeing during the day with storage for a



Samsonite Pro-DLX 4 rolling tote 41,7cm/16,4" (R5 295).



Thule 60L men's Versant backpack (R3 499).

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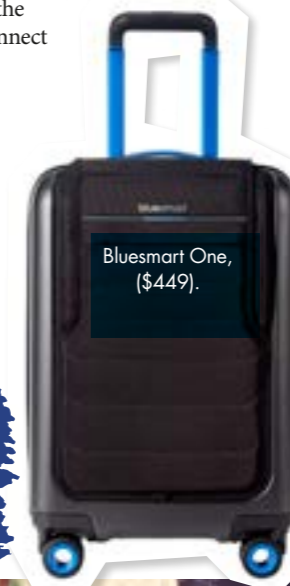
Checked luggage with a standout design not only looks good, but you can easily spot it among the bags rotating on the luggage carousel.

laptop, tablet and extra clothes or food. **BACKPACKS** remain firm favourites among students travelling through a number of countries on a budget and provide ease and mobility. They need to be durable, but also light and versatile. The capacity of your backpack should correspond to the length of your trip. Ensure it ticks the following: water-resistant material, lockable zippers, multiple compartments, an internal frame, a customisable hip belt, padded shoulder pads and a contoured padded back (for comfort). Always choose a size that fits your torso length, rather than

your height. **Thule** offers a selection of backpacks to suit different travel needs. We love the **Versant 60L** – it has a lid that converts into a sling and is the ideal size for three- to five-day trips.

BAG TO THE FUTURE

A built-in combination lock may prevent people from opening your luggage, but it won't stop it from getting lost. However, thanks to GPS tracking, the inconvenience and cost of lost luggage may history. **Bluesmart's smart luggage** is the first suitcase to connect wirelessly to your smartphone, allowing you to track, charge, lock and weigh your luggage at the touch of a button, anywhere in the world.



Bluesmart One, (\$449).

Travel tips from seasoned travellers

When packing a suitcase, the general rule is to place heavier items first and lighter ones last. Roll clothes to save space. If you do fold garments, place tissue paper between them to prevent creasing. Stuff bags and shoes with socks to save space and avoid crushing. Other handy items to pack are a hand-held steamer, washing powder (to avoid expensive dry-cleaning bills at hotels) and a bar of soap to keep your clothes smelling fresh.



EUGENE YIGA, writer and blogger

(www.eugeneyiga.com) Because I travel with my technology, I always carry a universal adaptor, rechargeable batteries and a power bank. I also ensure I have plenty of notebooks and pens.

I use a sturdy, hard-shell suitcase with a built-in combination lock (using a separate padlock doesn't guarantee safety). Hard items like shoes go at the bottom, followed by pants/jeans and jackets, and lighter items like shirts on top.



THE TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO LUGGAGE

Choosing the right luggage can help you avoid damaged suitcases, airline baggage fees and even lost luggage, saving you time and stress at the airport. We look at the best luggage solutions to suit your different travel experiences. **By Teresa Goncalves**

The first step to picking the perfect travel luggage is to consider every aspect of your trip, from the moment you leave your front door to the time you arrive at your destination. Your itinerary will determine your luggage requirements. How long are you travelling for? How many destinations are on your list? Will you be walking long distances with your luggage? Do you plan to take any gadgets with you?

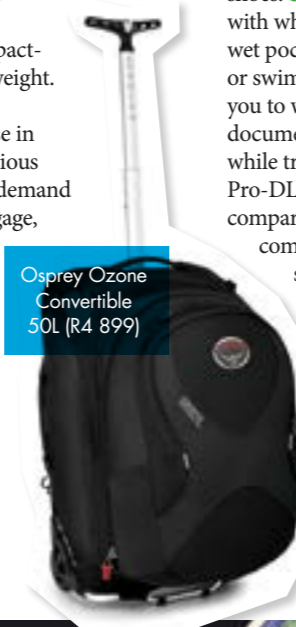
FOR EXTENDED TRIPS, the best luggage to invest in is a suitcase, as it provides safety and gives you a clear view of all your belongings when you zip it open. Always go for a piece with wheels, an ergonomically designed, retractable handle or back straps. If you're a keen shopper, travel as lightly as possible so that you have extra space for all your purchases.

WHEELS: Wheels provide quick and easy mobility through the airport and ensure you don't break your back lugging cumbersome luggage around. Opt for spinner luggage with wheels that turn 360°, allowing for

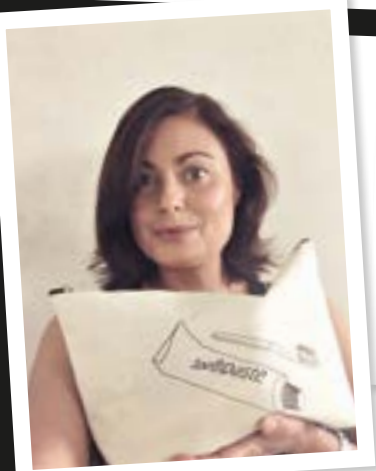
However, a hard-sided suitcase is your best option when it comes to checked luggage. Not only are hard-shell materials ultra-lightweight, but they're also secure and durable. **Tumi's V3 A/W 2016** collection is constructed from a multi-layer polycarbonate shell, engineered to offer supreme strength and impact-resistance at a very light weight.

WEARABILITY: An increase in fashion- and brand-conscious consumers is driving the demand for stylishly designed luggage, particularly men's bags. Choose checked luggage with a standout design, as this not only looks good, but you can easily spot it among the plethora of bags rotating on the luggage carousel.

Small carry-on cabin luggage is the cheapest, quickest and most convenient option for



Osprey Ozone Convertible 50L (R4 899)



CANDICE-LEE KANNEMEYER,

blogger, www.inmybag.co.za

I like to keep things to a minimum when packing beauty products for a trip. In my handbag, I ensure I have a small hand cream, a hairbrush, a hand sanitiser, fragrance, eyedrops and lip balm. I always also carry my make-up bag in my handbag and include multi-tasking products to save space.

Generally, I only pack the following essentials:

- Foundation (with an added SPF) or BB cream.
- Concealer.
- A cream blush that can double as a lipstick.
- Mascara.
- Eyeliner – I prefer a soft kohl that’s easy to blend with my fingers. If I want to create smoky eyes, this is all I need.
- Red lipstick – the one thing I can just slap on for an instant, pulled-together, elegant look.



My vanity bag goes into my suitcase and contains the following:

- Facial cleansing wipes to remove make-up.
- Facial wash.
- An overnight mask (to boost moisture and encourage skin radiance) that doubles as a night cream.
- A day cream with an added SPF.
- A roll-on deodorant.
- Body lotion.
- Sun protection for face and body.
 - A travel toothbrush and a small tube of toothpaste.

My top tip for preventing spillage is to gently squeeze all the air out of tubes of products and then close the cap. As an extra safeguard, put liquid products in a zip-loc bag.

I buy shampoo and conditioner at my destination, as these two products tend to be bulky. However, if I’m on a short two- or three-day business trip, I pack sample sachets of shampoo and conditioner (keep an eye out for these value-add gifts in magazines).



ANTON CRONE,

**CEO and Editor:
www.safarius.com**



When packing for a safari, I’m not one for a complete khaki outfit, because it gives the impression that you’re trying too hard to look the part. But I do avoid bright colours and bold prints – not because they frighten animals, but because they frighten fellow safari-goers!

If you embark on a safari in winter, bring really warm stuff. Summer nights can also be cold, so a fleece jacket and a windbreaker are essential.

Pack light. The majority of lodges have laundry services and you’ll need to keep weight down if you’re travelling in small planes.

My essentials are the following:

- A kikoi.** This East African sarong is probably the most useful thing you can carry. Wrap it around your head to ward off the sun, protect your mouth from dust, warm your neck on chilly mornings, cushion your camera in between shots and much more.
- A sturdy waterproof bag.** It protects your camera, lenses and any other items you want to keep dust-free.
- A headlamp or flashlight.** This is a must for making your way back to your tent on dark nights, when wild encounters are best avoided.
- A good pair of compact binoculars.**
- A bird book of the region to which you’re travelling.** Even if you’re not a twitcher, this is a wonderful companion in the wild. When big game’s scarce, bird-spotting will keep you enthralled.

MERUSCHKA GOVENDER,

travel blogger (www.mzansigirl.com)

A camera is essential for my job and I like the Canon EOS 100D, as it’s small and easily portable.

I always pack a **Consol glass water bottle**, which I refill wherever I can, rather than buying plastic water bottles that are thrown into landfills. I never leave home without a **sarong** – it has multiple uses, from a scarf, to a shade cloth or towel.

I also always take a **battery pack** – begone, dead cellphones! – and **sunglasses**, which are useful for watching people without looking creepy!

