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# IN THE BAG

TL's FASHION DIRECTOR AND PACKING GURU **MIMI LOMBARDO** RECOMMENDS NINE COMPACT ITEMS TO HELP YOU SAVE SPACE—AND STAY ORGANIZED—ON THE GO.



**1 BROOKSTONE TRAVEL IRON** Just over five inches long, it fits right into a corner of your suitcase. [brookstone.com](http://brookstone.com); \$35.

**2 AQUA O TRENCH** These polyester jackets come in five different colors for women (and two for men) and fold into small envelopes that slide right into your laptop case. [aquanet.com](http://aquanet.com); \$69.99.

**3 PEEK A BOO BY LESLIE HSU** These smart shoe bags with clear windows can also be used for small items like swimsuits, socks, and undergarments. [beebathand.com](http://beebathand.com); set of two \$14.99.

**4 NIKE FREE RUN+ SNEAKERS** Made of lightweight materials, Nike Frees have uppers that collapse to their soles. [nike.com](http://nike.com); \$85.

**5 CONAIR MINIPRO 1/2" STRAIGHTENER** At six inches, it's the smallest ceramic flat iron I've ever seen; there's also a curling version. [conair.com](http://conair.com); \$22.99.

**6 MERRELL GUISE JACKET** Perfect for the plane: a men's jacket that folds into a headrest. [merrell.com](http://merrell.com); \$129.

**7 CAPRI HANGING COSMETIC BAG** A three-in-one

toiletory case opens into clear plastic compartments, with a loop for the bathroom door. [containerstore.com](http://containerstore.com); \$19.99.

**8 COCOON INNOVATIONS GRID-IT ORGANIZER** Keep your electronic chargers tidy with a clever elastic-covered board that straps everything into place. [cocooninnovations.com](http://cocooninnovations.com); \$22.99.

**9 REISENTHEL SMALL SHOPPER** An extra bag is a must for any trip; this nylon one has a hook to attach to your purse. [containerstore.com](http://containerstore.com); \$6.99.

## BEYOND THE CAROUSEL

DOES SHIPPING LUGGAGE TO YOUR DESTINATION MAKE MORE SENSE THAN CARRYING IT WITH YOU? HERE'S HOW THE OPTIONS STACK UP.

SERVICE	WHAT IT IS	COST	SPEED	EASE OF USE
<b>LUGGAGE FREE (LUGGAGEFREE.COM)</b>	A dedicated baggage-delivery company that offers four tiers of service, from the flat-rate domestic Luggage Free Economy to the more expensive Luggage Concierge.	For economy service, \$70 per bag weighing up to 50 pounds, anywhere in the continental U.S.; insured up to \$100.	Overnight to three business days.	They'll pick up or you can drop off at any location FedEx serves; shipments can be scheduled 14 days in advance. Track bags online.
<b>DOOR-TO-DOOR BAGGAGE (UNITED.COM/DOORTODOOR)</b>	This partnership between FedEx and United Airlines allows passengers to schedule and pay for bag shipping on united.com for flights in the continental U.S.	\$79 per bag when flying 1,000 miles or fewer; \$99 for longer flights. Insurance capped at \$3,300.	Overnight, excluding Sundays and holidays.	They'll pick up or you can drop off at any location FedEx serves; shipments scheduled 10 days in advance. Track bags online.
<b>UPS (UPS.COM)</b>	The global giant eliminates the need for a suitcase by selling two sizes of cardboard luggage boxes with handles that can be shipped within the U.S. and abroad.	Varies. A 30-pound box sent from Los Angeles to New York City starts at \$41 for a five-day delivery.	Options range from next-day air to five-day ground service.	They'll pick up from any location or UPS Store. Track bags online or via smart phone.

**SHIPPING SERVICES**  
FOR MORE EASY-TO-USE OPTIONS, VISIT [TRAVELANDLEISURE.COM](http://TRAVELANDLEISURE.COM).

TOP: GARY FRENKEL; PRODUCTS: GLENDAVIS PHOTO; BOTTOM LEFT: DAVIES; STAIRS (R): COURTESY OF COCOON INNOVATIONS; PRODUCTS: CENTER: DAVIES; STARBUCKS

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