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www.alteclansing.com, £269.99

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iPad Slingbags

www.cocooninnovations.com, \$49
Along with the iPad, right, an overwhelming number of accessories have been announced, ranging from the ultra-stylish to the actually usable. Cocoon offers two solutions somewhere in the middle. The Gramercy bag, pictured, features a windowed front pocket that allows for use of an iPhone or iPod Touch even while the phone is stored, as well as the necessary storage pockets to keep an iPad safe and secure. The Harlem offers similar security in a form of a cross-body sling. Both bags come with Cocoon's innovative Grid-it organisation system: a rubberised surface woven with elastic straps, designed to create as many pockets in as many dimensions as needed.



Leica APO-Televid 65

www.leica-camera.com, £1,620

This top-class, compact spotting scope is just 30cm long and 2.5lbs - ideal for trekkers who want to keep on the move but don't want to miss out on the best safari sights. It's built for durability, with the independent body and eyepiece filled with nitrogen and a robust magnesium housing coated in full rubber protective armour. It's waterproof to 5m, has water and dust repellent coating, and an optically neutral front lens protects the sensitive APO optic from harsh weather conditions. Fast and precise focusing is delivered using two focus rings, and the wide-angle zoom eyepiece - available in a straight, or angled fitting - is capable of magnifications between 25 and 50 times.



Yeti Roadie Cooler

www.yeticoolers.com, \$199.99

One of the most durable and rugged lunchboxes on the market, a Yeti Roadie will withstand pretty much anything that can be thrown at it, including bear attack. The polyethylene body is constructed using single-piece rotational moulding - the same method used to make whitewater kayaks - and features unbreakable hinges and moulded padlock holes in the body and lid. Two inches of polyurethane foam and freezer-style seals provide superior insulation. The Roadie models go up to 25qt (20"x14"x13") and feature a stainless steel handle that make it ideal to use as a sturdy picnic basket; the Tundra range, meanwhile, goes up to a coffin-sized 250qt for more serious sport anglers.

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