

Travel gadgets may come in handy

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Many people opt for destinations where all that's needed for enjoyment is a bathing suit, flip flops and a bottle of sunscreen.

Whether it's for a few days or a weeklong excursion, lightweight travel gear can be a welcome relief.

With this in mind, a company that offers various kinds of "go-gear" has compiled some ideas that won't break your back ... or the bank:

■ **iPod accessories.** No "fun in the sun" is complete without your tunes, but who wants to contend with those wires? Some cord control is in order, and the Cableoyo POP is one solution designed to store and protect iPod and other ear bud cords. This tiny cord winder keeps a headset organized and ready for use, and can be fastened to a belt clip, armband, shirt pocket or bag. It also has a suction cup for stationary use.

■ **Device armor:** Protect cell phones, PDAs, pagers and other gadgets — and even important paperwork or fragile jewelry items — from travel wear and tear, accidental drops and other damage with a

polycarbonate casing. The Pelican Micro Case Series, for example, offers a crush-proof, watertight, impact-absorbing protection barrier to assure its contents remain safe and dry. These cases are small enough to fit snugly into a purse, briefcase or other carry-on.

■ **Multi-gadget charging:** From cell phones to iPods, gadgets often hit the road as much as we do. But, most need to be charged to remain functional. For that person with so many gadgets to charge but so little time, multi-device chargers such as The Power Station Traveler, which can charge up to three small portable devices simultaneously, will allow the recipient to tote an array of fully functional electronics with ease.

■ **Power hungry:** Whether traveling by car or by airplane, Belkin's Universal 120W DC Power Adapter will come in handy to charge your portable devices in a pinch. This ultra-light adapter powers virtually all your portable devices from your car's lighter port or from an airplane's DC outlet.

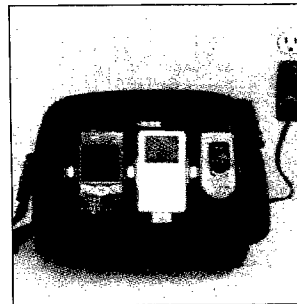
■ **Ties, wraps and straps:** Velcro ties, cable wraps and cinch straps are

multi-functional, and can help secure and fasten travel items to assure they remain neat, orderly and in good condition upon arrival. With many colors, you can even implement a color-coding system.

■ **Storage containers:** Clearly labeled lightweight storage containers can help compartmentalize your be-

longings for quick and easy access. From jewelry and other personal effects to food items and papers, magazines and books, storage containers will assure these items arrive safely and as packed.

The CableOrganizer.com Web site can be reached at CableOrganizer.com (no www) or by calling toll-free at 1-866-222-0030.



A multi-device charger can handle gadgets from cell phones to iPods and refresh up to three small portable devices simultaneously.



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A crushproof, watertight, impact-absorbing case assures its contents remain safe and dry.

