

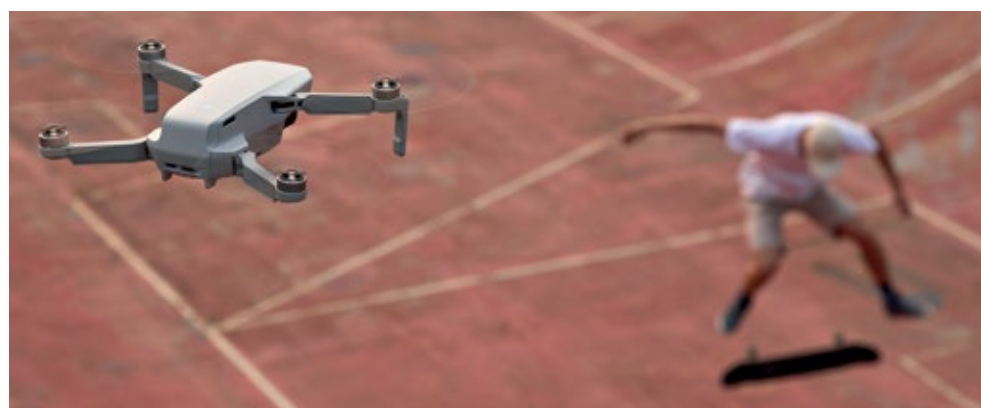
travel essentials



COLOUR YOUR CAMPING

OK, we know you're probably not going to pitch this on the side of a mountain, but if you're on a camping trip with friends or heading to a music festival this bright bad boy will stand out from the crowd. And let's face it, there's nothing worse than looking across a vast paddock of tents trying to find your grey two-man shelter in a sea of monochrome. These polyester Luna Weekender bell tents, a collaboration with fashion brand L.O.M., come in plenty of patterns, and have reflective guy ropes and big zipped windows. One person can put them up and they're rated to survive heavy rainstorms. This monster comfortably sleeps six adults.

AU\$1,095 | boutiquecamping.com.au



MAKE MINE A MINI MAV

Everyone's caught the drone bug and there's no reason why you can't, too. Especially now that DJI, the global leader in civilian drones, has released its Mavic Mini. It folds up to a super-compact size and weighs less than 250 grams. It's simple to fly and operate, captures 12-megapixel images and high-quality video, and utilises the new DJI Fly intuitive mobile app. If you've been contemplating taking your photography to new heights, now could be the time.

From AU\$599 | dji.com



GIVE IT A PLUG

It's one of the most boring yet essential pieces of travel kit, especially these days when seemingly everything – phone, watch, tablet, laptop, camera, headphones – has to be charged. We love this all-in-one travel adaptor from Unidapt that can be used in more than 160 countries, has five USB outlets, and can charge up to six devices at the same time.

About AU\$32 | proglobe.com



A CUT ABOVE

Here's a simple and stylish way to help the environment. This reusable bamboo cutlery set – fork, knife, spoon, chopsticks and straw with cleaner – comes in a roll pouch so you can stash it in your bag. Use it whenever you're out and about, including while you're travelling.

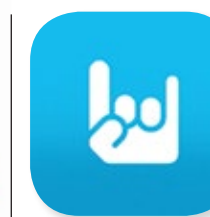
AU\$25 | lujohome.com.au



STAND UP ANYWHERE

Jumping on a paddle board is a great way to explore anywhere with plenty of water, but wrangling one at the airport is a huge pain. Enter Red Paddle Co's inflatable stand-up. Professional windsurfer John Hibbard decided he wanted everyone to be able to access stand-up paddle boarding and so, in 2008, set out to create a high-quality blow-up design that is both stiffer than its competitors' models – to deliver better performance – and more durable. Each has a built-in rocker and layered rails and comes with fins, paddle, pump, replacement parts and a bag. The company describes its 10'6" Ride MSL package, which weighs slightly less than 10 kilograms, as the Swiss Army Knife of inflatable paddle boards, but there are also models for racing, windsurfing, yoga and multiple riders available.

From AU\$1,599 | redpaddleco.com



PARTY WITH

If you find it intimidating hitting the town while you're travelling solo try this. Party With is like a dating app, but it's

got nothing to do with romance. Upload your profile, tell people where you are and what you want to do – drinks, dancing, a night of jazz-funk fusion – then wait for the invite. There's also space to review fellow Party With users, so you can check 'em out before you make a plan. Available for Apple and Android. **partywith.co**



COLOURFUL CARRY-ALLS

Bored with your basic backpack? Ethnotek offers a range of high-quality bags – day packs, camera and laptop bags, and carry-ons – in basic black. Its USP, however, is the detachable cloth panels created by craftspeople in places like Ghana, Guatemala and India. The bags themselves, made using fabric created from 100 per cent recycled PET, are responsibly produced in Vietnam, providing well-paid employment for 30 locals.

From about AU\$160 for 20-litre day pack | ethnotek.com



THREE HOURS FROM

City life can get you down, even when you're on the road. Thankfully the editors at Lonely Planet have been doing their thing for long

enough to know just where you can get away from the crowds. Here, you can choose from 894 short trips starting at 60 of the world's favourite cities. Find an easy-access swamp tour from New Orleans or a wellness retreat an hour from Lisbon. Plus, it's colour coded and mapped to make the search even easier.

AU\$30 | lonelyplanet.com