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Holiday Gift Guide 2024: 12 Coolest Gifts For Adventure Travelers

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Adventure travel gifts aren't like other presents—they're an invitation to explore, push limits, and embrace the thrill of adrenaline-fueled activities in the great outdoors. Whether it's for scaling peaks, gliding through fresh powder, or diving into crystal-clear waters, the right gear can make all the difference on an adventure trip.

Here's a roundup of the best adventure travel gifts to supercharge any thrill seeker's next escapade, from the warmest gloves for ski trips to a compact, waterproof camera to capture every moment.

GoPro HERO



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The only thing that's *almost* as fun as adventure travel is showing off your epic moments on social media. Give a traveler a GoPro HERO for the holidays so they can capture *all* their thrills—from deep sea diving and ocean kayaking to mountain biking and rock climbing—in stunning clarity and detail. Compact, rugged, and waterproof, this super lightweight camera is built for any adventure. \$179.99 at gopro.com

Peak Design Travel Duffel



Peak Design Travel Duffel Peak Design

A regular rollaboard suitcase just doesn't cut it on an adventure trip, where rugged terrain and unpredictable weather demand something more durable and versatile. Enter Peak Design's travel duffel—a bag that's ready for anything. While it has a classic utilitarian shape, this weatherproof gear-hauler is jam-packed with features that set it well above conventional duffels, like theft-deterrent zipper pulls, long openings for easy packing, internal mesh pockets, and clip-in points. The best part about this duffel is its adjustable straps that convert it from a hand-carry bag to a sling-style shoulder bag to a backpack in almost no time. \$154.95+ at peakdesign.com

Ororo Stargazer Heated Jacket



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Ororo

This adventure travel gift might look like an everyday jacket, but it's got a hidden secret: four heating zones strategically placed in the pockets and back that warm up at the press of a button. At full charge, the battery-powered heating jacket stays warm for up to eight hours—plenty of time to ward off the chill on a long winter hike. It's the perfect cold-weather companion for any adventure. <u>\$189.99 at ororowear.com</u>

OOFOS Oolala Sandal



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After a long day of adventure, nothing soothes a traveler's feet better than the Oolala sandal from OOFOS. The shoes have a patented foam footbed that absorbs impact to reduce stress on the feet and joints, ultimately leading to faster recovery. Designed with comfort in mind, the Oolala sandals offer arch support and a cushioned feel, making them perfect for post-hike relaxation or casual wear around the pool. <u>\$74.95 at oofos.com</u>

HEST Pro Travel Pillow



HEST Pro Travel Pillow Emily Sierra Photography 2023 / HEST

This travel pillow from HEST will become an adventure traveler's best friend from the moment they leave their home. Filled with medium plush loft, it can transform from a supportive neck pillow to a small body pillow and even folded in half as a camping pillow. It packs down into an attached nylon cover, complete with an easy carry loop that attaches to a suitcase, to keep it free of dirt and moisture on the go. <u>\$84 at hest.com</u>

LifeStraw Sip



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No matter how off-the-beaten path a traveler goes in search of adventure, they can have access to clean drinking water with the LifeStraw Sip. This reusable steel filter straw removes bacteria, parasites, and microplastics from water. At less than 3 ounces, the straw and its accompanying leak-proof carry case slip into any size bag (or holiday stocking!). \$34.95 at lifestraw.com

Sanuk Puffy Chiller Slippers



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Whether it's après-ski or unwinding after a day of trekking, these Sanuk slippers are the perfect way for adventure travelers to give their feet some well-deserved R&R in the cooler months. They're decked out with high-rebound insoles, loads of arch support, and a microfiber lining that get you into chill mode instantly. Plus, you just can't beat that charming 80s-inspired retro design. <u>\$75 at sanuk.com</u>

Swany X-Cell Gloves



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Nothing can ruin a cold-weather adventure quite like cold hands. Hence why every adventure traveler will appreciate unwrapping a pair of X-Cell gloves from Swany for the holidays. Their insulation system and waterproof design promised unmatched warmth and protection against rain, sleet, and snow, all without compromising your dexterity. They're durable, too—don't be surprised if your favorite adventure traveler uses them every winter for the next decade. *\$180 at swanyamerica.com*

Arbor Day Foundation T-Shirt



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Help a traveler gear up for their next adventure while supporting a greener planet with this "Adventure Awaits" shirt from the Arbor Day Foundation. Made from a sustainable 50/50 blend of recycled polyester and organic cotton, this soft, comfortable tee is perfect for outdoor excursions. Better yet, every shirt purchased helps plant a tree in one of the nation's forests, making it a great way to give back to the natural world they love to explore. \$9.95 at shop.arborday.org

Gogglesoc Goggle Cover



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This goggle cover from Gogglesoc will protect skiers' and snowboarders' expensive goggles from scratches and dust. It's made from a stretchy, sustainable fabric that slips over almost any size or style goggles. Available in dozens of striking prints, this adventure travel gift not only keeps your gear in top condition but also adds a touch of personal style to your winter fun. <u>\$14.95 at gogglesoc.com</u>

Patagonia Ultralight Hip Pack



Patagonia Ultralight Hip Pack Sun and Ski / Patagonia

For the adventurer who needs just the right amount of space to stash essentials, the Patagonia Ultralight Hip Pack is the perfect gift. Crafted from 100% recycled materials, this compact, durable pack can be worn around the waist or as a crossbody, thanks to its adjustable strap. It comes in six different color combinations and even stows into its own pocket when not in use. \$35 at sunandski.com

Airstream x Bandits Bandanas



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Airstream

For the adventure traveler who's always on the move, Airstream's collaboration with Bandits Bandanas is a stylish and functional way to celebrate the fun of hitting the road. These Fair Trade-certified bandanas depict the quintessential adventure trailer in psychedelic colors and prints. They're just the thing to keep the sweat out of your eyes or clean off a pair of sunglasses on the fly. Your furry travel companion can join in the adventure, too—these bandanas make for an adorable accessory for your dog, ensuring they're as adventure-ready as you are on your next trip. \$30 at airstreamsupplycompany.com

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