

KIT BAG ▶ Bags

Specialist camera bags

If you want to be comfortable and practical on the go, you need to be spot on when selecting the kit bag for the job. We reveal all you need to know in our eight-page guide

SPECIALIST CAMERA BAGS

A camera bag is an absolute necessity for the photographer who's out and about on the job. To help you pick the best one for your needs, we've tried and tested a range of brands and models so you can take your gear from A to B in comfort, style and, most importantly, confidence.

We kick off with the ultimate camera handbags for the female photographer. With fashionable designs from Kelly Moore to Jo Totes, you're sure to find something practical that also looks fabulous. These are ideal for those who are after something where style and practicality go hand in hand.

The second part of the guide focuses on all-in-one laptop and camera bag combinations, and to meet the high standard requirements we've got an impressive line-up of models that cover a range of styles and designs. We have the solution for any photographer going to an important meeting to secure a job on location.

In the final part we reveal our top cases for the travelling photographer needing to shift a load of expensive kit across the globe. With a range of carry-on and check-in options to choose from, there's sure to be something that fills your requirements. ▶▶



Women's fashion camera bags

Fashionable photographers can stay on trend with these stylish camera bag designs

Fashionable female photographers will find there is a whole range of camera bags out there that cater to the style-conscious. These bags enable you to seamlessly blend fashion and function, enabling you to stay on trend while out on a shoot. You no longer have to carry around

clunky camera bags or backpacks, as all your kit can now fit comfortably among your personal effects in a handbag-style camera bag. We've put together a few of the best ladies' camera bags out there to give you a clear round-up of what's on offer.



Kelly Moore – 2 Sues bag

Price: \$199/£128 Web: kellymoorebag.com

The 2 Sues camera bag from Kelly Moore has two strap options so that users can select between a satchel or underarm handbag. There are also five alternate colour options, including mustard, black, and raspberry. With plenty of pockets and a compartmentalised interior, this bag is ideal for carrying around your pro camera body, lens and accessories.



COMPETITION

WIN! One of these stunning bags



How to enter...
You could win one of the featured fashionable camera bags from Kelly Moore or Jo Totes simply by answering the following question:

Q) What is leather made from?
A) Wood
B) Cattlehide
C) Plastic

Email your answers to competition@dphotographer.co.uk quoting 'Camera Bag' in the subject line. Closing date: 23 February 2012.

Jo Totes – Rose

Price: \$89/£57 Web: jototes.com



The Rose handbag from Jo Totes comes in nine different colours, including teal, black, and raspberry, and has an attractive rosette and pleated design on the front. Made from faux leather, the padded interior comes in an attractive black-and-white houndstooth design and also includes optional dividers for separating camera kit securely.

Jo Totes – Betsy

Price: \$109/£70 Web: jototes.com



The Betsy satchel bag from Jo Totes is made from quality faux leather and is available in chocolate, black, and mustard. With adjustable dividers inside and a foam softened lining, the bag is ideal for safely carrying around your camera kit. The exterior zippered front flap will also fit an iPad.

Kelly Moore – Libby

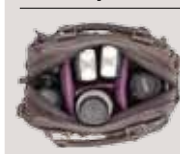
Price: \$249/£160 Web: kellymoorebag.com



The large Libby bag from Kelly Moore is not only stylish but is also capable of carrying a 17-inch laptop and a pro camera body with a ten-inch lens. Available in six colours, the bag has a padded interior and comes with plenty of adjustable dividers so you can organise your kit for a shoot.

Kelly Moore – Mimi

Price: \$199/£128 Web: kellymoorebag.com



The modern Mimi handbag from Kelly Moore comes in three colour options: lavender, grey, and black. Featuring five adjustable dividers and a padded interior it's perfect for carrying your camera kit and personal effects. The bag is capable of holding a pro camera body and lens up to nine inches.

TOP PICKS ▶

A selection of other stylish camera bags for women



ONA – THE VENICE
Price: \$329
Web: www.onabags.com
Ona designs beautifully built leather camera bags for men and women. The Venice ladies' camera bag can hold a pro-camera body and up to three lenses, including personal items and an iPad. Available in four colours, the interior of the bag is also protectively padded and has adjustable compartments.



ONA – THE UNION STREET
Price: \$279
Web: www.onabags.com
Made from fine cotton canvas and infused with wax to add extra strength, the Union Street satchel is robust and stylish. The bag, which is available in three colours, can hold a DSLR, three lenses, accessories, personal items and a 15-inch laptop. This bag's classic design will never date.



JILL.E DESIGNS – EVERYWEAR GADGET BAG
Price: \$100
Web: www.jill-e.com
An attractively designed camera bag from Jill.e designs, the Everywear Gadget bag is great for carrying your camera kit. With a weather-resistant nylon exterior and leather trim, the bag also has a protective padded interior that, alongside holding your camera kit and personal possessions, can also carry an iPad or other tablet device.



JILL.E DESIGNS – MEDIUM BONE & RED LEATHER CAMERA/CARRY-ALL BAG
Price: \$240
Web: www.jill-e.com
This well-built leather camera bag has a modern attractive design and detailed finish. Ideal for carrying all of your camera kit, the bag can hold a DSLR with 2-3 moderately sized lenses, including accessories and personal effects. With plenty of dividers and pockets, you won't be short of storage space.



EMERA – CIRCLE PRINT MESSENGER
Price: \$129
Web: www.emerabags.com
The Circle Print Messenger bag from Emera is a practical and compact satchel with a water-resistant cover and four adjustable compartments. It's available in two different designs: black with white circle print or block green with black trim.



EPIPHANIE – LOLA
Price: \$165
Web: epiphaniebags.com
Available in three different colours, including striking red, the Lola ladies' bag is made of high-quality water-resistant synthetic leather. With a padded interior and Velcro dividers, you can adjust compartments to suit your kit. The bag also comes with an additional body strap for flexibility.

Laptop camera bags

Carry your camera kit and laptop to a shoot with one of these multi-use backpacks

Crumpler – Cupcake Full Photo Backpack

Price: £149 Web: www.intro2020.co.uk



The Cupcake Full Photo Backpack from Crumpler fits comfortably to your body, and with a protective padded interior it's great for photographers on the go. Capable of carrying not only your essential camera kit in organised compartments, the bag can also accommodate a 15-inch laptop.

Over the years, camera bags have become a lot more versatile, making better use of space with adjustable compartments and sections. They offer more than just the ability to carry basic camera kit – most camera bags now provide space specifically for your personal effects, such as phones, iPads and laptops.

They are fantastic for photographers who are always on the go and working on location. By bringing your laptop along with you, you can shoot tethered or edit images on the way home. These multi-use bags are ideal for those who are keen to have all their necessary kit and more on hand. Check out our round-up of the best camera bags for laptops out there at the moment.

TOP PICKS ▶

Here's a selection of other great camera bags that offer enough space for your laptop



CRUMPLER – PONY BOX BACKPACK

Price: £189 Web: www.intro2020.co.uk
Crumpler's pony box backpack is made from a lightweight and durable fabric with a soft Nylex interior that helps to keep your kit protected. With plenty of adjustable compartments, the backpack is capable of carrying a 13-inch laptop alongside a DSLR camera body and up to five lenses.



LOWEPRO – PRO TREKKER AW SERIES

Price: From £189 Web: www.lowepro.com
Available in three different sizes, the Pro Trekker from Lowepro is built for outdoor photographers. It's lightweight and rugged, and can carry all your expedition essentials, including your DSLR, lenses, accessories and a 15-inch laptop.



KATA DR-467i DIGITAL RUCKSACK

Price: £80 Web: www.kata-bags.com
The Kata DR-467i Digital rucksack has structured rib protection TST (thermo shield technology) that helps to ensure your kit stays safe and protected while on location. Capable of carrying two DSLRs with lenses attached, you can also fit 3-4 additional lenses, a flash and other accessories, including a 17-inch laptop.



VANGUARD UP-RISE 46 BACKPACK

Price: £85 Web: www.vanguardworld.com
The Up-Rise 46 has the capacity to hold a DSLR with lens attached, 3-4 additional lenses, a tripod, flash, accessories and a 14-inch laptop. Its simple design means you can access kit quickly while shooting and even has an expandable zip for when you are carrying extra kit.



MANFROTTO STILE VELOCE VII BACKPACK

Price: £99 Web: www.manfrotto.co.uk
The Stile Veloce VII is great for easy access to your kit – with a separate top opening you won't need to open the entire bag to get to your camera. You can also fit a 17-inch laptop in. The bag is also suitable for most airline carry-on requirements, so it's great for exotic location shoots.



TAMRAC EXPEDITION 8X PHOTO BACKPACK

Price: £175 Web: www.intro2020.co.uk
Tamrac's Expedition 8x Photo Backpack is suitably sized to fit in an extensive amount of camera kit, including a 17-inch laptop. With a plastic foam-padded bottom, the bag provides shock protection to ensure your kit stays safe while shooting out in rough locations.

Lowepro – Classified Sling AW

Price: From £114 Web: www.lowepro.com

Lowepro's Classified Sling backpack is ideal. Fitting comfortably across your body, the bag is available in two sizes and can hold not only your camera kit but also a 15-inch laptop and personal effects. It also comes with a waterproof cover and meets most airline size requirements, making it a perfect travel companion.





Peli 1510 Case

Price: £200

Web: www.peliproducts.co.uk

Keeping your gear protected against the elements is vital. The Peli 1510 Case does just this. The model comes in a tan, black or yellow finish, and the handy internal Velcro compartments can be moved around. The Peli 1510 also features an easy-release, extendable handle and rugged wheels so it can be wheeled along for transportation.

Bobblee Double Decker Cargo DD 130L Studio

Price: €448/£380

Web: www.bobblee.com

The Bobblee Double Decker case has been crafted for photographers taking lots of kit over vast distances. The stylish design of the silver outer case teamed with the bright lime green dividers makes this a trendy-looking case that stands out from the crowd. If you don't require the internal studio panel then the model retails cheaper. The Bobblee Double Decker can be purchased in 40L, 90L and 130L sizes.

Peli Storm iM2200

Price: £143

Web: www.pelistormdirect.co.uk

Peli Storm cases are designed for extreme weather conditions and are waterproof and dustproof so the photographer has peace of mind when on the road. The iM2200 model featured here is a medium size and is available with padded dividers to ensure your camera gear is well protected.

Travel cases

Safely and securely transport your kit all over the world in these durable cases

If you need to transport a load of expensive photographic gear to the other side of the world in one bulk load, you'll need to know it's going to be protected on any type of public transport. You want to know your beloved and expensive camera

gear is stashed into a waterproof, dustproof case that will withstand the hazardous and unrelenting conditions. To keep the traveller's peace of mind in tact, here are our top recommendations for the jet-setting photographer.



▶ A soft shell case has thick foam dividers that protect your kit

▶▶ Hard cases feature a soft inner lining

▶▶▶ Case size depends on how much kit you have

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TOP PICKS ▶ Alternative hard-wearing travel options



ALZO DIGITAL WHEELED STORAGE TRAVEL CASE

Price: \$144/£93

Web: www.alzodigital.com

Transporting heavy photographic equipment around is made a lot easier with the Alzo Digital wheeled storage travel case. This case measures 32 x 16 x 13 inches and comes with two moulded side handles and one side strap. A covering foam cushion rests over the top to stop your gear bashing against the lid.



THINKTANK PHOTO LOGISTICS MANAGER

Price: \$499/£320

Web: www.thinktankphoto.com

The ThinkTank Photo Logistics Manager is a plain and inconspicuous-looking travel case that has been designed to transport lots of photographic gear to your location. A seam-sealed rain cover is also included and a TSA combination lock secures the main compartment.



LOWEPRO PRO ROLLER X200

Price: £450

Web: www.lowepro.com/prorollerx

The Lowepro X200 is part of the Pro Roller x-Series. This series of cases has been designed with the travelling photographer in mind. As the name suggests, the wheels on the bottom make it easy to pull along and airport-friendly.



PCI DELUXE CAMERA DIVIDER

Price: \$347/£225

Web: portercase.com

The PCI Deluxe Camera Divider case can be taken on a plane as hand luggage and has the option to be secured if needed with the TSA combination draw lock. You can be sure your gear is safe as the case comes with padded adjustable dividers to custom fit the interior.