



THE BEST NEW

BACKPACKS OF 2016



As the great Sir Ranulph Fiennes said, “The key is to learn from failures and then to keep going”. Every explorer will tell you that their backpack comes with with pain and sweat, endured during days of carrying loads that are too heavy, too bulky, or unbalanced, or all of the above.

It takes time and experience to pinpoint the optimal carrier for you, and there’s nothing like harsh experience to prove it. When selecting our recommended new backpacks, we looked at some important points that can turn a good backpack into an excellent one. Versatility is key. Check all the options for expanding the backpack while balancing the weight. Check for side pockets, extra flaps and nets, symmetric compartment design. Spine support is crucial for a good climbing experience. Measure your spine and never be tempted to take anything longer, or you will end up harming your skeleton with extra weight. Remember that your backpack is your true companion in your journey, so once you find the best one for you, stick to it and treat it well.



MySpine // \$82

Volume	[S/M] 43 L (2,624 cu in), [M/L] 45 L (2,746 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	[S/M] 1.71 kg (3 lb 10 oz), [M/L] 1.73 kg (3 lb 11 oz)
Materials	420d nylon



Silverlight // \$78

Volume	[S/M] 48 L (2,929 cu in) [M/L] 50 L (3,051 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	2 kg (4 lb 7 oz)
Materials	1200d polyester with TPU coating



ExpediPack // \$82

Volume	16 L (976 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	526 g (1 lb 2 oz)
Materials	420d nylon, 1260d ballistic nylon



C&H Experts BP45 // \$75

Volume	[S/M] 48 L (2,929 cu in) [M/L] 50 L (3,051 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	2 kg (4 lb 7 oz)
Materials	1200d polyester with TPU coating



C&H Experts BP55 // \$80

Volume	[S/M] 53 L (3,234 cu in) [M/L] 55 L (3,356 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	[S/M] 1.81 kg (3 lb 10 oz) [M/L] 1.83 kg (4 lb)
Materials	420d nylon



SpiderBack // \$88

Volume	22 L (1,340 cu in)
Average Stock Weight	536 g (1 lb 3 oz)
Materials	210d ripstop main, 420d abrasion



Trending: Smart Pockets

Messy backpacks are not helpful on a long adventure. When going out on a journey your backpack is your house, your kitchen, your safe and your best friend. A well-organized backpack will help you ration your supplies and protect your most valuable belongings. The concept of Smart Pockets, developed by Silverlight R&D department, makes this easy even for the messy traveler. "Our products, with the Smart Pocket concept, give their users the option of making their backpacks modular, without compromising on balance and weight," says Pernilla O'Reilly, Silverlight's VP R&D. "Our designers took the idea of compartments, and made them into internal and external containers that can be easily modified with smart latches, strips and nets."