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Men

[shades]

Costa Del Mar Man-o'-War

"Killer technical performance made for a lot of wow moments on the Super Inca Trail," raved our online editor after wearing these glasses on a Machu Picchu trek. Costa's 580 lenses block yellow light to enhance blues, greens, and reds and create better contrast and deeper natural colors. They come in a four colors, including a cyborg blue (pictured). Removable side panels make them glacier ready. Best for big faces. \$139; costadelmar.com. Reader service #107

[shell]

Lafuma Track Jacket

With a 2.5-layer waterproof/breathable membrane, a wide storm flap, and an adjustable hood, this shell breathed moderately well even when testers humped packs through summer downpours. But roll the hood under the collar and the Track moonlights as an around-town jacket that looks like a car coat—with enough cargo space to leave your daypack at the hotel. A three-tiered interior organizer pocket safely stashes a passport and other essentials, but adds extra weight. \$130; S-XXL; 1 lb. 2 oz. (S); lafumausa.com. Reader service #108

[boots]

Patagonia Drifter GTX

These all-leather waterproof hikers proved trail-worthy from Colorado to the Swiss Alps, thanks to stiff midfoot support that can handle extended dayhiking with loads up to 25 pounds. The Capilene lining boosts comfort and wicks moisture. One complaint: The lugged sole stuck to most surfaces, but slipped on wet rock. Bonus: The Drifter is made in part from recycled materials. Best for medium- to high-volume feet. \$130; men's 7-12, 13, 14, 15; women's 5-11, 12; 2 lbs. 7 oz. (men's 9); patagonia.com/footwear. Reader service #109



[Add for warmth]

EMS All Mountain Sweater With a micro-fleece interior and wool outer, this handsome hybrid is cozy to the low 50s. A three-quarter-length zipper enables venting. \$79; ems.com

[Add for cooling]

ARC'TERYX Tactician Shorts The nylon dries fast yet rivals canvas for durability, an elastic waist offers boxer-like comfort, and two zippered pockets hold cash. \$59; arcteryx.com

[hat]

prAna Supplex Hat

A good travel hat should be a masterpiece of minimalism: nothing but essentials. This one is quick-drying, crushable, sweat-absorbing, moisture-resistant, adjustable, and stylishly subtle. \$22; 2 oz.; prana.com. Reader service #110

[shirt]

The North Face Harvey Pass

This long-sleeve button-down combines high-performance fabric with upgrade-me style. Tightly woven polyester fabric is water-resistant and wicks well. Two chest pockets (one is zippered) are hardly noticeable and secure a boarding pass or a wad of euros. The shirt excels in cool, dry conditions, but a mesh-flap back vent and two welded shoulder vents kept testers comfortable in temps up to the mid-60s. \$75; S-XXL; 12 oz. (M); thenorthface.com. Reader service #111

[pants]

Mountain Hardwear Canmore

Supple yet tough, these nylon pants can take a week of bushwhacking and still pass muster at a dress-code restaurant. And after a fall rim-to-river-to-rim hike, our Grand Canyon tester reported, "The fabric dries quickly and breathes well enough for warm-weather trekking." A fleece-lined waistband is comfortable under a hipbelt, and a short inseam gusset enhances mobility (without adding excess tech stitching). A discreet zippered cargo pocket holds a passport. \$65; S-XL; 11 oz. (M); mountainhardwear.com. Reader service #112