



5 Must-Have Cell Phone Accessories When Traveling

In these days of Wi-Fi on flights and cell phones that can handle more than a 5-year-old desktop, the business traveler is as 'on the grid' as their colleague in an office cubicle. And just like your colleague back at their work station, the traveling professional has all sorts of accessories available to help you streamline your work via your phone.

1. Portable Power Bank

With almost every place on earth now home to an internet connection, there is just one other main factor that can come between you and getting your work done – the dreaded dead battery. First on every traveler's accessory must-have list is then a portable recharger. These are a lifesaver on international trips.



These smartphone-sized devices are good for 3-4 phone charges or (depending on the model) 1-2 tablet charges. Go big with a 10,000 mAh charger to last you for days or sacrifice some milliamp hours for a credit card sized power bank that can fit seamlessly in your front pocket. Pre-load before your trip and dust off when your red light starts blinking.

AmazonBasics 3,000 mAh Ultra-Slim Charger – available from [Amazon](#)

2. Noise-Cancelling Headphones

A traveler can control many things on the road, but ambient noise isn't one of them. You can, however, cut out the chatty flight passengers by creating your own acoustic environment with a good pair of [noise-cancelling headphones](#). Perfect for calling on the move or listening to some motivating tunes, treat yourself to a private suite wherever you may be.

Bose QuietComfort® 20 Earbuds – available from [Bose](#)



3. Portable Hard Drive

Is your phone starting to slow from the weight of Powerpoint presentations/HD cat videos on your hard drive? Ease the strain and expand your memory almost infinitely with an external hard drive. Up to 2 terabytes of extra space is just an online purchase away. Most current portable hard drives come with built-in encryption technology to give you an extra layer of security for important business documents. Eliminate cables by purchasing an external hard drive with built-in Wi-Fi to transfer documents from your phone or tablet wirelessly. If you're an iPhone user, consider an [iCloud Storage Plan](#) starting at only \$0.99/month.



WD My Passport Ultra 1 TB Portable External Hard Drive – available from [Amazon](#)

4. Protective Phone Case

The one better option than a good phone insurance plan is to not break the thing in the first place. And as anyone who has fumbled their phone over tiles will tell you, working through a spider web cracked screen can be about as easy as sending an email on a late-90s Nokia. For a traveling professional, a sturdy phone case is a *must*. Wrapping up your prized handset in something shock-proof and waterproof can save you hundreds of dollars when that inevitable drop occurs.



Speck MightyShell + Faceplate – Available from [Speck](#)

5. Portable Hotspot

What traveler wouldn't like to get back the time spent trying to find the prized free Wi-Fi connection in unfamiliar territory? Or save the money from an hour of pedestrian internet? In these cases, a personal portable Wi-Fi hotspot (or MiFi) can be a great investment. For frequent travelers, what may initially seem like a luxury can turn into a massive time and money saver for domestic travel. Start with a pay-as-you-go plan to gauge your use, and switch to a contract if you feel it's warranted. Make sure that device you purchase is compatible with your carrier.



Best Mobile Hotspots of 2017 – [PCMag](#)

Not forgetting to pack the essentials like your **charger** and **USB cords**, with this small selection you can treat anywhere – from a tropical beach to a downtown hotel suite – as your own personal office. Working on the road doesn't have to be a chore. In fact, it should be just the opposite. And if you surround yourself these and other essential [travel gadgets](#), it can be just that.

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