

VIRTUOSO LIFE

HOW TO TRAVEL BETTER

HOW TO

EXTEND YOUR PHONE'S BATTERY LIFE

All those travel photos, videos, and GPS-enabled apps can leave you with a low-battery warning before lunch. Pick up one of these chargers and skip the plug-in search.

The **Boostcase** for iPhone 6 improves on the bulky battery-pack cases of the past with a sleek, two-piece design: a standard case and a detachable, ultrathin battery sleeve that clicks on when you need a charge. boostcase.com, \$100.



Fashion-tech start-up **Everpurse** has partnered with **Kate Spade** on an innovative new line of bags, including this smart clutch with an interior iPhone charging dock. katespade.com, \$198 (available in November).



The size of a saltshaker, the **Fluxmob Bolt** portable battery backup weighs 3.1 ounces and comes in an array of colors. It also doubles as a wall charger, which means one less piece of tech to pack. fluxmob.com, \$60.

HOW TO

UNPLUG

Detaching yourself from your tech can yield some of the most genuine travel memories, says Jess Davis, the founder of **Folk Rebellion**, a fashion and lifestyle brand dedicated to setting mindful technology boundaries. Her advice: Use your email's out-of-office tool, which grants permission to not respond immediately to every message. Then leave your phone at home for an hour or two and **go explore untethered**: you can take photos later. "We feel like nothing is real unless it's recorded, but there's a different experience with face-to-face interaction than through a lens," says Jess. "There's something to be said for having a mental picture rather than an actual one for Instagram."

HOW TO

STEP UP YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA GAME

Beyond Facebook and Instagram: apps for sharing your travels.



Snapchat

Share videos and photos that can only be viewed for a set amount of time — anything posted to your network vanishes after 24 hours. **BEST FOR:** Making a montage of candid moments, staying in touch with kids away at college. snapchat.com, free.



Periscope

This app lets you broadcast live video to your followers, then link to it via Twitter. **BEST FOR:** In-the-moment footage of jaw-dropping views and scenic drives. periscope.tv, free.



Postify

Upload a photo from your phone, add a personalized message and a mailing address, and the company will print a postcard and mail it. **BEST FOR:** Connecting with friends and family who aren't big social media users. postify.com, \$2 per postcard.



Google Photos

Google's web and mobile app lets you organize and edit photos; create albums, movies, and slide shows; and send them all via email. **BEST FOR:** Sharing photos without having to post them all online. photos.google.com, free.