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pick of the week

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kipling



Don't Monkey Around! Travel Smart!

Can you believe it was just a decade ago when jaunty little backpacks started turning up on everybody from school girls to executives? **Kipling** was making its mark, and also making it cool (and slightly ironic in modern times) to have a little monkey on your back in the form of that adorable, furry keychain.

Ten years on, the monkey and the collection are hotter than ever. While the general line is offered in a variety of punchy colors (making it far easier for travelers to spot their bags in a river of black and brown valises), prints, fabric treatments and silhouettes are expanding this species of travel gear to new levels of sophistication. This fall, the **Deva Collection** (priced from \$98 to \$195) was launched, bringing to the table bold bags in **solid black and red, indigo blue, and lilac**, graphically enhanced with a keyhole trim to add interest. The keyhole contrast detail, also available as a full print in either a black/grey tone, lilac/azura or indigo, appears under the carrying strap, along the trim, and lines both the bag interior and the zipper detailing on the bag's exterior. Each bag in the Deva fall/holiday collection combines special micro-fiber fabric, attractive finishings such as horizontal and vertical zippers and lusciously hued interior linings. Designer jean fanatics, meanwhile, will love the **Denim Collection** (\$68 to \$128), where the trademark nylon is transformed with a denim-effect and accented with rivets and double stitching, in some cases, faux-fur for the fashionista crowd.

The **If Collection**, (\$26 to \$238), meanwhile, incorporates playful use of motifs, instantly dressing up any look with their vibrant colors and patterns. Dots & Bows and Las Vegas prints cover the entire bag, including the straps and zipper trims, for a dramatic statement that is anything but boring. Additionally, all bags from the If collection have a fully lined interior with an inside organizer, in check with the combination of style and function for which the brand is famous. Suggested retail prices for the If fall/holiday 2006 collection range from \$26 to \$238. Beyond that, more colors, (such as **azura, violet and mandarin**), bag styles and prints (i.e. **The Tweed Bunny** pattern), make their way into the **Basic Collection** everybody knows and loves.

Celebrities who have traveled in style with Kipling (some thanks to events like **On3 Productions**) include **Christina Aguilera, Kelis** and **Jewel**. The monkey has also made appearances on such shows **Desperate Housewives, The O.C., E.R., Sex and the City, The Late Show with David Letterman, MTV's Real World, 7th Heaven,** and **Will & Grace**.

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