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TRAVEL

## INSPECT YOUR GADGETS

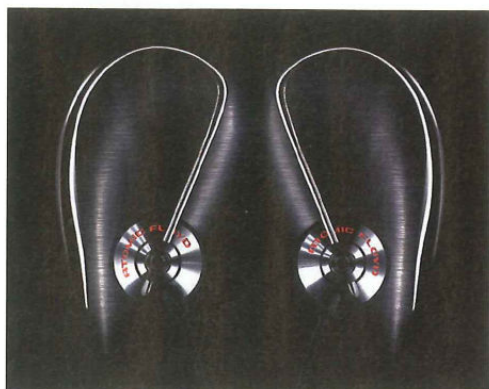
A touch of creativity may be just the thing for the jaded jet set, **Kendall Hill** reports

PICTURE A Christmas wish-list where money and imagination are no object. It might include an umbrella that guarantees clear skies, whatever the weather. Maybe a pen that transforms handwritten notes into typed documents. Or a camera that's also a movie projector? Read on for more gift ideas.

### 1. BAG THAT

All smart travellers need a good-looking case to carry their computer. Bondi Beach-based STM makes only laptop bags and iPad sleeves, and they do a slick job of it. The new Jacket range suits both devices and comes with a shoulder strap to show off the fashionable colours and high-tech fabric. There's also a new backpack range called The Revolution, for those with a lot of hardware to lug who want it safe, organised and stylish.

Jacket from \$59.95; The Revolution from \$139.95



### 2. PROJECT IT

This digital camera has a built-in projector, so you can screen videos as soon as you've shot them. The Coolpix S1100pj is the new, improved version of Nikon's original camera-projector, with a touch screen for easier use and 40 per cent brighter images than its predecessor. Record high-definition video, then project home movies directly onto walls, ceilings or make-shift screens across a distance of 2.4 metres. You can also connect to your PC and project whatever's on your computer screen. \$499.

[www.nikon.com.au](http://www.nikon.com.au)



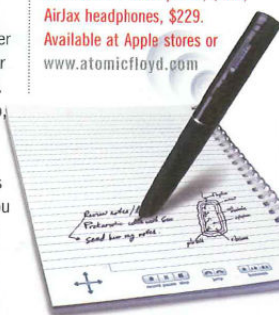
### 3. AUDITORY TRAIL

When a bunch of designers and engineers from sport and electronic arenas with a passion for quality sound get together, it's a pleasing result. Atomic Floyd headphones and microphones provide great sound with sharp aesthetics and without bulk. They work with iPhones, iPods, Skype and BlackBerry. There's even an attachment that hooks onto aircraft seats.

HiDefDrum + Microphone, \$196;

AirJax headphones, \$229.

Available at Apple stores or [www.atomicfloyd.com](http://www.atomicfloyd.com)



### 4. PEN ULTIMATE

It's a pen, Jim, but not as we know it. Livescribe are the clever heads behind the Echo Smartpen, a gadget that records spoken and handwritten words and then transmits them to your computer. With a 4-gigabyte memory, this little quill can store about 400 hours of audio. You can also upload "pencasts" of your notes to a blog or website and, using MyScript software, automatically convert your handwriting to digital text files.

4Gb version with MyScript, \$303; 8Gb, \$343. From major retailers. [smartpen.com.au](http://smartpen.com.au)

### 5. MON AMI

Now for some serious holiday hardware. Louis Vuitton has been crafting travelling trunks since 1854 and, judging by the thriving trade in counterfeit LV, its mallettes are the most coveted on the planet. The venerable French house has gone hip, with its Mon Monogram service allowing owners to customise. Buyers can pimp their purchase online with stripes in 17 colours and their monogrammed initials. Available for three luggage types: the Pégase, \$4050 (pictured); the Keepall, \$2010; and the Speedy, \$1200. [louisvuitton.com](http://louisvuitton.com)

### 6. DRY SIDE

Raindrops keep falling but you can see is blue sky. That's the ingenious gimmick behind the Sky Umbrella, created by designer Tibor Kalman for New York's Museum of Modern Art. On the outside, it's a bog-standard black brolly but the interior lining of blue skies brightens up the greyest of days. \$69. Available from RG Madden [rgmadden.com.au](http://rgmadden.com.au)

