

BEST SMART-PHONES FOR TRAVELERS

Our phones are our world—or at the very least, the doorway into our digital world. They're what we use to photograph our most spontaneous moments. They're our personal assistant and our personal trainer. They're our boarding pass and our alarm clock. And as travelers, many of us would literally be lost without them. The latest smartphones offer faster processors for productivity, better cameras than ever and bigger screens for business and pleasure.

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THE HTC ONE M9 IS A TOP CHOICE FOR MUSIC LOVERS.

FOR WIRELESS TRAVELERS

Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge

The most stunning Android phone yet, the Galaxy S6 Edge has a 5.1-inch display that is slightly smaller than the iPhone 6s Plus', but it packs more pixels for stunning, crisp images. The camera is superb, with an f/1.9 aperture for better results in low light. And it boasts fingerprint recognition. What truly sets the phone apart, though, is its wireless charging ability: It's compatible with both of the big wireless charging standards (WPC and PMA), so it works with the very widest range of charging mats that are increasingly found in hotels. *From \$672 without contract; samsung.com*

FOR MUSIC ON THE MOVE ▶

HTC One M9

This sleek Android smartphone boasts an outstanding design, with a curved metal body meant to last and Gorilla Glass protecting its 5-inch display. Cameras are 20 megapixels on the rear and 4 megapixels on the front. But its strongest suit is music. It can store your entire collection with ease (it has 32GB of storage that can be expanded affordably with a microSD card) and, unusually, its front-facing built-in speakers do a good job reproducing sound. For example, no hi-fi in your hotel room? No problem. BoomSound speakers with Dolby Audio mean it even sounds good when playing movies. *From \$649 without contract; htc.com*

FOR APPLE LOVERS ▶

Apple iPhone 6s Plus

If you're a fan of Apple—its sleek, industrial design, its intuitive operating system, its expensive smart watch—you want either this or the smaller 6s. This update on the 6 Plus retains the larger "phablet" form factor with a 5.5-inch display and doesn't cost a penny more than its predecessor. It adds clever 3-D touch controls that can differentiate between light taps and strong presses. Plus, it has a faster processor, a better camera (12 megapixels, 4K video) and more. *From \$649 without contract; apple.com*



PUNKT. MP 01 MOBILE PHONE

While smartphones are brilliant, there's a time and place for simplicity. Designed by Jasper Morrison, the MP 01 offers only the most basic communication needs: calling and texting plus a straightforward contact list and calendar. Punkt doesn't expect you to replace your big-screen phone with the MP 01, but rather use the sleek and simple little phone during moments you want to savor instead of being distracted by constant app notifications and social media pings. *\$295; punkt.ch | Josh Rubin, founder/editor in chief, coolhunting.com*

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