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Large MotoFizz Camping Seat Bag

Loading camping gear onto a motorcycle is a challenging task. The standard routine involves stuffing all bags to capacity then securing them with various straps and nets. This task can be made easier, however, thanks to the Large MotoFizz Camping Seat Bag, available exclusively at Aerostich.

Measuring 14 inches deep, 14 inches tall and 21 inches wide (28 inches expanded), this fabric footlocker dwarfs conventional tail and seat bags. It easily swallowed my tent, two compact sleeping bags, pillows, cooking gear, and a folded cooler and bucket.

Mounting the bag is simple thanks to four adjustable, lasso-style straps with clips that wrap around any frame or luggage rack. The bag contains a plethora of useful features, including an insulated drink holder, external D-rings laced with a small bungee cord, access openings at both ends as well as on top, and two zippered compartments on the ends, one of which is removable. There is a waterproof bag with drawstring closure under the top flap, a rain cover, and internal and external straps to secure loads. Constructed of coated nylon fabrics, the bag is infinitely functional without being gimmicky.

A word of caution: This bag is capable of holding enough weight to exceed your bike's luggage-rack capacity and can affect the bike's handling if improperly packed and positioned, so pack appropriately.

Large MotoFizz Camping Seat Bag

Color: black, gray Price: \$197

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Held Warm n Dry

Most touring riders know that Held makes some of the finest motorcycling gloves on the market. Its jackets and pants have the same attention to detail and quality, but compared with the competition Held gloves excel even more. The Warm n Dry gloves do just as the name implies. Extra layers and lining on the back of the hands provide enough padding to shield against whatever Mother Nature throws at them. Knuckle protectors give these winter-sports-looking gloves the distinction they need for hardcore touring enthusiasts. They use less material in the palm to allow a comfortable position around grips. For lucky riders who have heated grips this feature becomes even more

useful, as the thinner palm lining lets more warmth through.

Although I have not found gloves that are 100 percent waterproof, this pair is very close. Somehow water always finds its way in, either through the actual glove or along the sleeve of the jacket. The X-TRAFIT" by GORE-TEX* is a laminated, waterproof lining system that ensures the lining stays inside and won't come out as you pull out your hands. I used these gloves primarily on a highaltitude tour of Peru, through three days of torrential rain and through a snowstorm. Without heated grips, but with wind deflectors, my hands stayed warm and dry.

GirlGear GG2 Diane Jacket

Most motorcycle-apparel companies make gear for women, but many of the products are not cut right. GirlGear makes only women's motorcycle gear and guess by who? That's right – by women. The feminine cut of the Diane Jacket will flatter any woman. Some of its features

include a wind-resistant outer shell and a somewhat waterproof and breathable membrane. Although the jacket is dark other than the lavender on the sides and arms, it sports reflective piping all around and a 2-inch strip of it across the upper back. CE rated protectors are in the shoulders and elbows, and the jacket also comes with a removable spine protector. Three pockets on the outside and two on the in-

side are ideal for

carrying essentials.



Held Warm n Dry

Color: black Sizes: 7-12 Price: \$199.99

www.heldusa.com



GirlGear GG2 Diane Jacket

Color: lavender/black Sizes: XS-XXL (6-18) Price: \$205

www.girlgearapparel.com