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Editor **Dan Joyce** previews a selection of new cycling products available in the shops, online, or coming soon



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Choosing a bicycle and the accessories you'll need for touring.

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Planning a route, finding villages for sleep and what to eat.

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How to get started, where to go and stories from experienced cyclists.

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1. RIDGEBACK EXPEDITION £899

Like its Genesis Tour de Fer stablemate, this 26in-wheel tourer gets a Continental-style flat bar and bar-ends instead of drops for 2016.

ridgeback.co.uk

2. BIKE TOURING BASICS £FREE

Just getting started in touring? The third edition of this 86-page ebook has plenty of advice that won't cost you a penny. Download it from

bit.ly/ctc-travelling2ebook

3. TOPEAK NINJA C £24.99

This two-piece 11-speed chain tool hides in your handlebar ends. You need straight bar sections at least 70mm long. Weight 77g. topeak.com, extrauk.co.uk

4. OSLOH PORTEUR JEANS \$198 (\$25 P&P)

US-company Osloh are one of the few making cycling-specific jeans for women as well as men. They're not cheap (£150) but, going by the gent's version, will be well made. osloh.com

5. BOPWORX £14.99+

Various plastic widgets to protect your bike in transit, they're more expensive than pipe-lagging and disposable spacers but look durable and effective. bopworx.com, zyro.co.uk

6. SALSA DEADWOOD FRAMESET £1,100

We liked Salsa's off-road tourer, the Fargo (reviewed Oct/Nov 2012). The Deadwood supersedes the idea with 29+ tyres. It comes with a rigid carbon fork; an 80-100mm suspension fork will fit too. raleigh.co.uk, salsacycles.com

7. SUNRACE MX3 CASSETTE £59.99

A wide-ratio 10-speed Shimano/Sram-compatible cassette for about the price of an expander sprocket. 11-40 or 11-42T in silver or black. ison-distribution.com



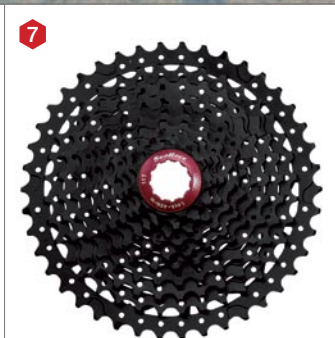
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IT'S SHOW TIME. The London Bike show takes place from 11-14 February at ExCeL. See page 78 for more details.