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Excess baggage "Taking baggage onto a plane is no longer a given; it's almost a privilege," says James Garrod, managing director of Personal Porter. Billed as a "global door-to-door luggage delivery service", it's aimed at anyone who has special luggage requirements, wants to avoid excess baggage costs or is concerned about lost or stolen items. Every year, 204,000 pieces of luggage are stolen or lost in transit. Personal Porter uses DHL couriers, which Garrod says are fast and secure. The cost? A 23 kilogram suitcase is \$329 from Sydney to London. Phone: 8216 0793; www.personalporter.com.au.

Pack it in Montblanc has come up with an ingenious solution for the business traveller who'd prefer to use one bag rather than two. The 48-hour bag (above) has one compartment for business files and equipment and a second, zippered compartment for clothes. Part of Montblanc's new NightFlight collection, the \$1300 bag is available in sand silk-cotton fabric, with dark brown leather trim and handles. It comes with a combination lock, detachable shoulder strap and Jacquard lining. Montblanc, 115-117 King Street, city. Phone: 1300 364 810; www.montblanc.com.