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Travel Stroller Recommendation: gb Pockit Stroller

Without the right stroller, it can be hard visiting your local *shopping mall* with a toddler in tow. And if you're planning any kind of domestic or international travel, forget it: You *need* to invest in a good stroller for *everyone's* comfort, convenience, and general sanity.

But with so many strollers on the market today, which is the best for international travelers? The one we're going to recommend isn't necessarily the cheapest one out there, but it offers huge value and a lot of perks. If you're traveling, it's a *wonderful* product to have.

Our Favorite Stroller

Our go-to stroller for all our international travel is the <u>gb Pockit Stroller</u>—noteworthy first and foremost for its size and heft, or rather, its lack thereof. Though certainly a sturdy and durable product, the Pockit is also incredibly lightweight—less than 10 pounds! It's also easily foldable, which makes it simple to stash it underneath an airplane seat or in an overhead storage area.

Because it's so compact, you can store it in a small shopping bag—so if you're on a flight that doesn't allow strollers, you can very discreetly conceal it. And, because you can so easily carry it with you on your flight, you never have to go without a stroller; for example, many international flights don't have gate check-in for a stroller so you don't have to carry your baby all way to the checked baggage area.

Some additional selling points for the Pockit:

- It supports kids up to 55 pounds—so if your child is under five or six years old, that should be no issue.
- We found the dimensions of this stroller to be ideal. It's got some height, which is good for parents who are on the tall side! It's also very narrow, which helps you navigate some of the slimmer streets of Europe. We were frequently encouraged not to bring a stroller on certain tours, where streets were narrow, but we didn't have any problem with our gb Pockit.
- Because the stroller's so light, it's easy to just pick it up as you walk up a flight of stairs (w/ the baby in it as well!).
- We found the stroller worked well on almost all terrain types, including cobblestone.
 The only time we had an issue was going through sand— the wheels were too small for sand so we had to carry the stroller on the beach.

- We used the stroller for 8.5 months, taking it across many types of terrain—grass, cobblestone, and even some rough "off-roading" areas—and it performed extremely well. We were impressed with its durability and high quality.

We can think of just one or two minor downsides: Since the Pockit is so light, a child in midtantrum might accidentally knock it backward, so you've got to be on the alert. (We only had this happen once and he was fine.) And, it doesn't have a full cover to protect the child from the sun. Once or twice, we had to angle it a certain way to avoid the glare—a minor hassle, but something to be aware of. These are two things we thought we should mention, but it's not anything that makes us rethink our endorsement of this great product.

One final note: The Pockit is a great stroller for *one* child. If you have a couple of kids, you'll obviously need a dual stroller. We have family members who use the McLaren Twin Triumph, and it seems like an excellent option, though we have no personal experience with it.

Again, you can find cheaper strollers—but for a product you'll use so much, cheaping out isn't necessarily the best approach. We were thrilled with the Pockit, and think you'll agree with us that it makes your travels much easier.

Useful resources/links

- Buy our stroller recommendation gb Pockit Stroller
- Buy our recommendation for a dual stroller McLaren Twin Triumph