

# Hidden In Plain Sight

Camo and French luxury may not seem obvious flight companions, but this soon-to-be-iconic Saint Laurent weekender upgrades the rugged military motif to executive class



BAG £1,170  
WALLET £195  
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**For professionals in the global economy,** 48-hour stopovers are increasingly part of the routine. On a flying visit, maximising your minutes and minimising the hassle can help you make business a pleasure – and you can start by ditching your suitcase for something less cumbersome.

At first glance, Saint Laurent's camouflage-print holdall might not shout blue-chip work conference, though the price point sets out its stall at the aspirational end of the market. But if you're fond of making an aesthetic declaration and want to turn corporate heads without attracting a P45, it's a shrewd

investment. While its conservative shape and black calf-leather handle give it an aura of authority in the boardroom, the striking print guarantees that you won't look out of place at post-work drinks or while checking into a boutique hotel.

And the appeal of this weekender goes far beyond its eye-catching design. Crucially, it's built to last. "I have two Saint Laurent bags that I've owned for 15 years, and they're both still in great condition," says Professor Patrick Michael Hughes at New York's Parsons School of Design.

"It's a testament to the brand's use of quality materials."

Saint Laurent also offers an aftercare service, so should you come a cropper with your zip, or snag that fine Italian canvas, it will repair your bag free of charge. All of which puts the daunting price tag in context. So, take to the skies secure in the knowledge that your hard-earned pounds have been wisely invested. This is one travel companion that will be reporting for duty, whatever action it has seen.

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