

## 25+ Luxury Gifts

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They say the best things come in small packages. But a private chef or a built-to-order rally fighter can't very well be squeezed into a little gift bag. From gorgeous baubles and one-of-a-kind experiences to gifts that actually give back to local or worldwide communities, check out these luxury gifts that would make even Scrooge smile.



### 1 Sip in Style

Make the Dapper Dan in your life the ultimate entertainer with the **Whisky and Cards Set**. The set features nine soapstones designed to chill the beverage without diluting it; four shallow sipping glasses; a handsome dark-wood serving tray; and a helpful book dedicated to hundreds of card games. \$124. [www.oliveandcocoa.com](http://www.oliveandcocoa.com).

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### 2 Pedal the Metal

Sin City's all-inclusive **Dream Racing Experience: Full Throttle** is the supreme getaway for car enthusiasts. The package is highlighted by round-trip transportation to and from the Las Vegas Motor Speedway via private helicopter, 36 laps around the track in a Ferrari and time with one of Dream Racing's founders, Enrico Bertaggia and Adriano de Micheli. (They also happen to be celebrated former professional racers.) \$5,500. [www.dreamracing.com](http://www.dreamracing.com).

### 3 Road Warrior

Chandler-based Local Motors gives auto enthusiasts the once-in-a-lifetime chance to build his own custom **Rally Fighter**. (Only 2,000 will be made.) In addition to a completely custom on-road/off-road vehicle, customers will spend six nights at a local hotel (plus meals) and six days in the factory with the build team. Base price starts at \$74,900. [www.localmotors.com](http://www.localmotors.com); [www.rallyfighter.com](http://www.rallyfighter.com).

### 4 Cuff Candy

Diamonds aren't just a girl's best friend. This gent's **Rolex Platinum Pearlmaster Day-Date Watch** has a unique meteorite diamond dial and 40 individual diamonds in the surrounding bezel. \$100,550. **Hamra Jewelers**.

### 5 Tee-riffic

The golf lover in your life is counting down the days until the 2013 **Waste Management Phoenix Open**, taking place Jan. 28 to Feb. 3. Stick a few tickets for "The Greatest Show on Grass" in his stocking and he'll be seeing green (grass, of course) Christmas morning. Prices start at \$25. [www.wmphenixopen.com](http://www.wmphenixopen.com).

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### 1 Join the Club

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Treat your deserving wife or mother to a memorable soiree in her honor—with the help of **Private Chefs, Inc. Billionaires Dining Club**. To pair with an unforgettable feast prepared by a Michelin-caliber chef, the club takes care of lighting, music, décor, tableware, glassware, utensils, linens and art for the event—whether it be intimate or over the top. Prices start at \$2,800 per person. [www.privatechefsinc.com](http://www.privatechefsinc.com).

### 2 Geek Chic

Keep your most precious technological devices safe and stylish with this sumptuous **Nile Blue iPad Folding Case** from Smythson's Grosvenor Collection. \$635. [www.smythson.com](http://www.smythson.com).

### 3 Fab Cabs

Is your lady a lover of big, bold reds? Through **The California Wine Club's Aged Cabernet Series**, you can gift her with two top-tier bottles of leading cabs from a variety of well-known producers each month. \$2,388 for a 12-month gift subscription. [www.cawineclub.com](http://www.cawineclub.com).

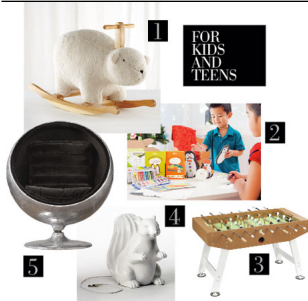
### 4 Wheeled Wonder

After taking a seat aboard this limited-edition **St-Germain Bicycle**, any woman will feel undeniably French (thanks to its retro-modern look) and fancy-free. And to tote her St-Germain, of course, the bike features an orange leather bottle holder. \$1,000. [www.stgermain.fr](http://www.stgermain.fr).

### 5 Flaky

Valley dwellers might miss out on building snowmen each winter, but Waterford's set of 10 **Snowflake Wishes 2011-2020 Prestige Cased Double Old-Fashioned Glasses** more than makes up for it. The ultimate hostess gift, the colorful collection features different snowflake patterns etched into Waterford's elegant crystal. \$3,000. [na.wfwd.com](http://na.wfwd.com).

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### 1 Frosty Friend

Designed by artist Hillary Lang, the season's smallest enthusiasts will adore this soft yet sturdy **Arctic Rocker**. Wouldn't this cushy creature be adorable in the corner of a nursery? \$169. [www.landofnod.com](http://www.landofnod.com).

### 2 Ding, Dong

**Kiwi Crate** offers a gift that keeps on giving, specially designed for kiddos ages 3 to 7. Via a monthly subscription, a box chock-full of fun, educational projects is delivered to the recipient to encourage creativity and hands-on learning each month. The December Kiwi Crate—Antarctic Adventure—features penguin bowling, ice experiments and aurora paintings. About \$20 per month. [www.kiwicrate.com](http://www.kiwicrate.com).

### 3 Have a Ball

Featuring a handsome design by Scot Herbst, this modern take on the **Phoos Table** is a teen dream. \$599. [www.cb2.com](http://www.cb2.com).

### 4 The Rhythm is Gonna Get You

Whether you choose the squirrel, fox, bear or owl, these too-cute ceramic **Animal Speakers** hit all the right notes with music-loving teens. \$49. **West Elm**.

### 5 Take a Seat

Suitable for children ages 6 and up, this Restoration Hardware Orbit **Spitfire Chair** is inspired by a World War II aircraft and is the perfect space-age-y accent for an out-of-this-world bedroom. \$1,299. [www.rhbabyandchild.com](http://www.rhbabyandchild.com).

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### 1 Buckle Up

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For the jewelry lover on the cutting-edge, this cinched **14-karat White-Gold Buckle Bracelet** glistens with 3.52 carats of white diamonds and is an accessory to covet. \$14,000. **Jacqueline Nerguizian Fine Jewelry**.

### 2 Light My Fire

**APOTHIA LA's Chrismukkah Candle Set** boasts scents of the season and an impressive 15-hour burn time. \$65. **Citrine Natural Beauty Bar**.

### 3 Members Only

Is your loved one deserving of a little r-n-r? Surprise them with an exclusive spa membership at **Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa**. Membership provides unlimited access to the resort's fitness center, lap pool, tennis courts, world-class spa with steam room and whirlpools and 40 classes a week. As a bonus, the spa membership also allows discounts at elements restaurant, complimentary rooms and much more. **480.624.8513**.

### 4 Hear Me Roar

**Burberry London Animal-Head Cuff Links**, made of silver-tone brass, add a touch of whimsy to a 9-to-5 suit. \$275. **Nordstrom**.

### 5 Say Cheese

In the days of Instagram and Facebook, people are snapping pictures more than ever before. Do so with a dash of quirk with the **La Sardina Camera**. \$110. [www.momastore.org](http://www.momastore.org).

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### 1 Suds with a Purpose

Knowing that 70 percent of the world's poorest people are women, **Raven + Lily** has dedicated itself to empowering women in impoverished areas through design partnerships and sustainable economic opportunities. Each purchase, including this delicate hand-milled soap set, helps to end the cycle of poverty. \$22. [www.ravenandlily.com](http://www.ravenandlily.com).

### 2 Happily Ever After

When purchasing brownies, brown-sugar bars, cookies and more from Phoenix's **Fairytale Brownies**, customers have the option to donate to nonprofit KaBOOM!, which builds safe play spaces for children across the country. Best of all? Fairytale Brownies matches each donation up to \$5,000. [www.brownies.com](http://www.brownies.com).

### 3 You Light Up My Life

Through Dec. 31, enter "Ronan" as a giving code when purchasing a handmade candle holder from **glassybaby** and 10 percent of the proceeds will benefit the Valley's own Ronan Thompson Foundation. The organization is dedicated to finding a cure for neuroblastoma, a form of childhood cancer. [www.glassybaby.com](http://www.glassybaby.com).

### 4 Sweet Sensation

For every limited-edition **FEED 8 GODIVA Origins Collection** box sold, the chocolatier will provide eight school meals for children in cocoa-producing regions of the world. \$25. [www.godiva.com](http://www.godiva.com).

### 5 Twinkle Toes

The lucky little girls who don a pair from the **Roger Vivier Jeune Fille Collection** of mini Gomette ballerina flats will undoubtedly be walking on sunshine. Proceeds from the shoes will benefit New Yorkers for Children, a charity dedicated to improving the lives of foster care in New York City. \$315. **Roger Vivier**.

### 6 Looks Good on You

One hundred percent of proceeds from **philosophy's Graceful Journey** shampoo, bath and shower gel will benefit Look Good...Feel Better, an organization dedicated to aiding the quality of life for people undergoing cancer treatment. \$25. [www.philosophy.com](http://www.philosophy.com).