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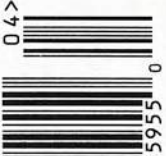


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In a world of fast food and one-size-fits-all sensibilities, how often does something feel made especially for you? The “Made for You” section celebrates those items that are created with such high quality of hand workmanship and degree of customization that they become individual to you. In each issue, our editors will endeavor to bring you special things from anywhere on the globe, choosing them solely on the basis of outstanding quality. Our goal is to give you guidance on the best of everything.

1 DANDY BRANDY—LOUIS XIII BLACK PEARL

Rémy Martin’s hyper-premium Louis XIII not exclusive enough for you? The Cognac maker is boosting its four-figure brandy to \$8,000 a bottle with Black Pearl, a numbered offering in a handcrafted Baccarat decanter in black crystal with platinum accents. Meant as a tribute to the first Louis XIII decanter, bottles are limited to the 786 decanters that can be poured from a *tierçon*—the oak barrel in which Louis XIII is aged. The Web site lists spirits retailers that will carry it. www.louisxiiiblackpearl.com

2 BESPOKE TRAVEL—REMOTE LANDS INC.

Traditional group tours can be routine at best and tedious at worst. If you’re interested in something personalized, consider Remote Lands Inc., which fashions tailor-made journeys throughout Asia for those seeking the ultimate in luxury and adventure. It arranges every aspect of your trip from charter jet flights to dinner at a sultan’s palace to guided helicopter tours to remote villages. The company takes every traveler’s lifestyle preferences and desires into consideration when coordinating a trip. www.remotelands.com

3 FLYING HIGH—EOS AIRLINES

Tired of cramped airplanes and long lines, but don’t own a jet? EOS Airlines puts the premium back in premium travel with twice daily flights from New York to London’s Stansted. Each 757 carries just 48 passengers, all in lie-flat combination seat/beds in 21-square-foot “suites.” Each has a combination ottoman-companion seat and an entertainment center with Bose headphones. Turn-down service and a 6-to-1 guest-to-staff ratio are among other amenities. Check-in is a breeze—you can arrive as little as 45 minutes before departure and be seated through security. www.eosairlines.com

4 PERFECT PENCIL—GRAF VON FABER-CASTELL

A stylish pen in your breast pocket is a statement, but what if the writing or drawing you do calls for that most utilitarian writing instrument, the pencil. Graf von Faber Castell, the venerable German pencil brand you might recall from No. 2s you used in school, has provided the solution with The Perfect Pencil, a set of silver accompaniments that pretties up the wood and graphite standard and provides pocket protection. Sharpener and extra pencils and erasers included. www.graf-von-faber-castell.com

5 TAILOR TO THE JET SET—TED FISHER

Private jets and a taste for custom clothing: how do you put them together? Consider Ted Fisher, self-styled “personal clothier in the sky,” who will meet your jet and do a private fitting in the air. Fisher, also the official custom clothier of the charter-helicopter service HeliFlite, offers custom-made suits, jackets and shirts in fabrics from fine suppliers like Loro Piana and Holland & Sherry, as well as accessories and casual clothes. No jet? He’ll come to your office. Or you can go to his in Rye, New York. www.mypersonalclothier.com

6 GET IT WRITE—TIBALDI PENS

Tibaldi, the Italian pen crafter who created special pens for *The Da Vinci Code* and the 60th anniversary of Bentley’s Crewe factory, makes its bespoke service available for individual customers as an offshoot of its Fulgor Nocturnus (from the Latin for “night glow”) line. The jewel-encrusted pens which comprise an average of 2,200 diamonds, rubies and other gems as well as 18K gold plated with ruthenium, can be customized to your desires or own image, as was done in the company’s tribute to Pele, the soccer great, accurate down to the number 10 on his uniform. www.tibaldi.it