

# THE ROYAL EXCHANGE



CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE 2018  
LUXURY SHOPPING AND DINING IN THE CITY OF LONDON



## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Welcome to our 2018 Christmas gift guide, full of inspirational gift ideas from the luxury boutiques within the beautiful historic setting of The Royal Exchange.

Whatever you're looking for, we'll make it a pleasurable experience. From exquisite jewellery at Tiffany & Co. and festive hampers at Fortnum & Mason to elegant stationery at Smythson, The Royal Exchange has something for everyone.

In the lead up to Christmas there will be a full calendar of events and pop-up boutiques from the likes of Christian Louboutin – offering a specially curated selection of men's shoes, leather goods and a women's capsule collection – and Bucklesbury & More offering its fine leather goods. Visit [royalexchange.co.uk](http://royalexchange.co.uk) for a full list of our festive activities.

Season's greetings and happy shopping!

### ON THE COVER

CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT: Rolex Datejust 41, £9,350, Rolex at Watches of Switzerland; Marc de Champagne truffle drum 250g, £20, Fortnum & Mason; gold plated Acorn Christmas Collectible, £20, Georg Jensen; Panama mini crossbody bag in gold, £450, Smythson; Tiffany T Square bracelet in 18ct gold with pavé diamonds £10,700, Tiffany & Co.; Agarbathi Eau de Parfum 100ml, £168, Penhaligon's

# SPECIAL EFFECTS.

THIS SELECTION OF REFINED GIFTS FOR MEN WILL ADD A TOUCH OF CLASS TO HIS EVERYDAY

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Red zip top leather folder, £149, SageBrown; D-Lux camera, £850, Leica; men's leather driving gloves in black nappa, £95, Aspinal of London; burgundy billfold wallet with tan lining, £79, SageBrown; cavendish black calf leather tassel loafer, £425, Crockett & Jones; MBII watch, £3,795, Bremont  
All available at  
The Royal Exchange



# TRUE TO FORM

Handcrafted from supple Italian calf leather and featuring a small crocodile print, Aspinal of London's Mini Hat Box bag was inspired by the glamour and elegance of vintage hat boxes and comes in a variety of colours.



Mini Hat Box in Topaz Croc, £495, Aspinal of London at The Royal Exchange

# TAKE NOTE

The elegant Montblanc Homage to Homer Limited Edition Fountain Pen is inspired by Greek mythology, particularly the story of the Trojan horse, with a spear-shaped clip, and an engraving reflecting traditional Greek pottery.



Writers Edition Homage to Homer Fountain Pen, £3,400, Montblanc at The Royal Exchange



# THE SCENT OF CHRISTMAS.

WITH AN INSPIRING SELECTION ON OFFER, HERE'S HOW TO HARNESS THE POWER OF FESTIVE HOME FRAGRANCES

Picture the scene: the fire is crackling, the carols are playing and the tree is twinkling in the corner. There may even be a light flurry of snowflakes outside, but one thing's for sure, when you imagine your home this Christmas, you can already smell it.

For some it's the aroma of oranges blended with cloves in a steaming mug of mulled wine that instantly transports the mind to the most festive of scenes. For others it's freshly baked gingerbread, or the woodiness of roast chestnuts.

For L'Occitane, it is the scent of Provençal pine sap and needles encapsulated in its Winter Forest range (available as a candle, home perfume, or diffuser, from £16). With additional notes of peach and cinnamon, this classic choice is perfect for setting the scene before the guests start to arrive.

Of course, there are those who prefer headier, warmer scents for the winter months, and for that Penhaligon's has just the thing. Much like the perfume of the same name, the Elixir Classic candle (£36) is redolent of hot spices, green eucalyptus, Turkish rose and incense. Fans of this would also appreciate

Bamford Grooming Department's candle produced in its Edition I scent (£70), offering a smokiness offset by vetiver and leather.

For something a little more subtle but just as appealing, Jo Malone London has a timeless take on seasonal scents. Think candles, diffusers, and room sprays from £46 in Pine & Eucalyptus, Orange Bitters, or Frosted Cherry & Clove (the Deluxe Candle Collection featuring all three scents is £360).

In short, don't just deck the halls with boughs of holly, tailor your own aroma of Christmas by layering complementary aromas to build up a signature scent in your home. The best part is you don't even need to commission an expert; it's all down to experimentation. By placing different diffusers in each room and spritzing a contrasting room spray over the top or lighting a candle or two, you can explore the options to achieve the ideal festive scent for you and enjoy the warm glow of satisfaction.

L'Occitane, Penhaligon's, Bamford Grooming Department and Jo Malone London are all available at The Royal Exchange

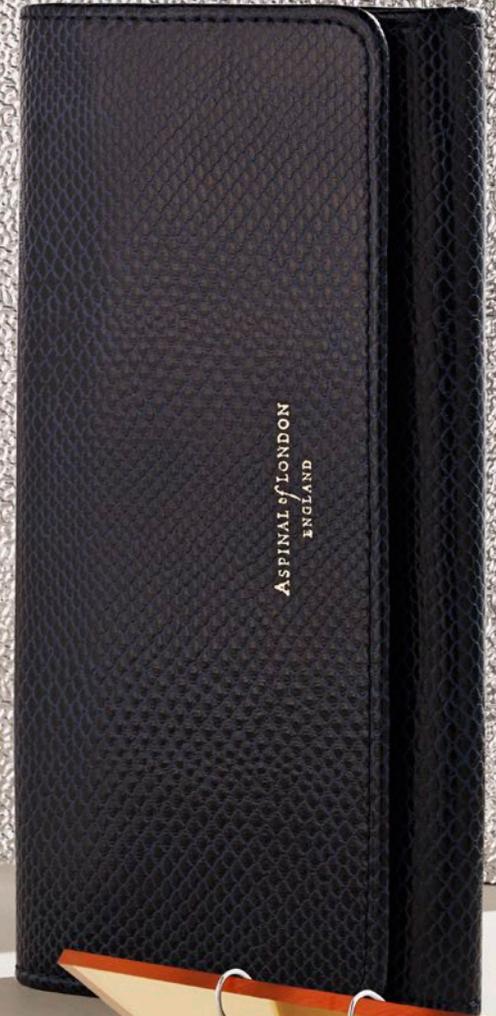
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

On A Summer Day narrow enamel bracelet, £345, and wide enamel bracelet, £435, both Hermès; Terre de Lumiere L'eau Eau de Parfum 90ml, £65, L'Occitane; 2019 Panama Diary in blue camouflage, £95, and 2019 Soho Diary in Nile blue, £155, both Smythson; large essential cosmetic case in midnight blue lizard, £95, Aspinal of London; Moonlight Grapes earrings in sterling silver, £250, Georg Jensen. All available at The Royal Exchange



# FUTURE PERFECT.

FROM EXQUISITE JEWELLERY TO ELEGANT STATIONERY, ENSURE SHE HAS EVERYTHING SHE NEEDS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



# DARK DESIRES

The latest iteration of the Omega Seamaster embraces the company's ocean heritage and updates it with advanced design and innovation. It features a stainless steel strap and 42mm case, with a ceramic bezel and diving scale.



Seamaster Diver 300m co-axial master chronometer 42 mm, £3,600,  
Omega at The Royal Exchange

# LOVE LETTERS

Hermès' Lettres au Carre scarf is made from 100% silk twill. With hand rolled edges and an elegant red, white and blue alphabet pattern it has the versatility to complement any outfit.



Lettres au Carre silk scarf, £330, Hermès at The Royal Exchange

# GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

WITH FORTNUM & MASON'S ARRIVAL AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, THERE'S NO EXCUSE TO GO WITHOUT THE FINEST IN CHRISTMAS FARE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

'Food, glorious food!' sang the wide-eyed workhouse boys in the 1968 *Oliver Twist* film adaptation, *Oliver!*, dreaming of 'hot sausage and mustard'. Imagine what their reaction would have been when setting eyes upon the new Fortnum & Mason space in the central courtyard at The Royal Exchange. In fact, Charles Dickens was himself a loyal Fortnum's customer, name-checked the store in many of his novels, and is widely credited with creating the traditional scenes of Christmas we strive to emulate today.

A stroll around the new and beautifully designed store will reveal an expertly edited selection of goods from Fortnum's famed food halls, including an enticing array of teas, preserves and biscuits, alongside an informed range of wines and its iconic hampers. Filled with a whole host of delectable treats, its famous handwoven hampers have made the ideal Christmas gift since Fortnum's started making them especially for the festive season in the early 1900s.

Should you prefer to shop while simultaneously enjoying the retailer's renowned products for yourself, then take advantage of the personal

shopping service. Your desired goods can be packaged up while you relax from the comfort of your dining table in Fortnum & Mason's intimate restaurant and bar area set within The Royal Exchange's majestic covered courtyard. Seating up to 90 covers, and serving seasonal dishes from breakfast through to dinner, diners can select the products they want to buy and staff will shop for them while you sip on a cup of Fortnum's famous tea or tuck in to one of its delicious signature dishes such as Glenarm beef or Welsh rarebit, accompanied by a glass of champagne from the generous list.

Reflecting the diverse tastes of Londoners, the restaurant also serves a luxurious selection of caviar, shellfish and hand-carved smoked salmon alongside delectable light, raw and vegan dishes.

Fortnum's has spent more than 300 years perfecting the art of entertaining and its store at The Royal Exchange is the next chapter in the story, uniting two London icons just in time for the festive season. Dickens, for one, would approve.

[Fortnum & Mason at The Royal Exchange, Bank, London EC3V 3LR](#)



# THANKS, SANTA.

TICK OFF YOUR GIFT LIST IN STYLE WITH THESE LUXURY STOCKING FILLERS UNDER £200 FROM THE ROYAL EXCHANGE

## OFF THE CUFF ↓

Let Tateossian's sleek cufflinks add a little personality to your workwear with its signature texture. *Tateossian Blue Rettangolo Ice cufflinks, £120*



## QUEEN BEE ↓

Elevate your winter wardrobe with this statement bangle from Halcyon Days' Bee Sparkle collection. *Halcyon Days bangle, £135*



## HIGH FLYER ↑

Refine your airport style with Georg Jensen's minimalist luxury leather luggage tag from the Shades range of accessories. *Georg Jensen Shades travel tag, £55*



## ACE IT ↓

Play Boxing Day games the chic way with Tiffany & Co.'s playing cards, which come in a signature blue box. *Tiffany & Co. Paper Clip playing cards, £65*



## ON THE MONEY ↓

This studded cardholder features six card slots and an inner pouch for notes, which is lined in the designer's signature red. *Christian Louboutin Kios card holder, £195*



## TOP NOTE →

Bamford Grooming Department's Edition I scent will ensure you're ready for anything this winter. *Bamford Grooming Department Edition I cologne 50ml, £90*



## CANDY CRUSH ↑

For the festive season, chocolatier Paul A. Young is offering handcrafted delights such as mulled wine truffles, mince pie marzipan and this 8cm tall brandy butter ball bombe. *£5.50*



## WINTER WONDERLAND ←

Jo Malone London's seasonal scent conjures up a vision of snow-capped petals in its limited-edition candle and cologne. *Jo Malone London White Moss & Snowdrop, £126*



## POWER COUPLE →

Bremont has joined sartorial forces with Turnbull & Asser to create a 100% silk tie, perfect for adding a finishing touch to formal looks. *Bremont tie by Turnbull & Asser, £95*



## SWEET DREAMS ↑

Spritz your way to a restful night's sleep with L'Occitane's fragrant mix of calming essential oils. *L'Occitane Aromachologie relaxing pillow mist 100ml, £18*



## GOLD RUSH

Inject some elegance into the year ahead with this delicate beaded disc charm bracelet. *Links of London Amulet 18ct yellow gold carabiner bracelet, £140*



## HEAVEN SCENT ↑

Sandalwood, vetiver and patchouli combine in this sensual fragrance that draws on Penhaligon's rich London heritage. *Penhaligon's Marylebone Wood eau de parfum 100ml, £137*



## IT'S A WINNER →

Timeless classics are always a hit, and heritage brand Church's offers not only expertly-made shoes, but belts and accessories too. *Church's black polished belt, £115*



# SOCIAL NETWORK.

FROM STYLISH POCKET SQUARES TO STATEMENT SHOES, THE RIGHT ACCESSORY WILL ADD THE FINISHING TOUCH TO ANY EVENING LOOK



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:  
Bohème Automatic Date, 28mm  
in 18ct red gold, £4,100, Montblanc;  
Zen tie clip, £105, Tateossian; Ella  
mules, £159, Pretty Ballerinas;  
Enchainés vintage silk pocket square,  
£120, Hermès; Zen Garden cufflinks,  
£135, Tateossian; 18ct white gold  
amethyst and diamond ring, £3,875,  
Searle & Co. All available at  
The Royal Exchange

Boodles Orchard white gold pendant featuring diamonds set in 18 carat white gold, £3,000. Boodles at The Royal Exchange



## NATURE'S FINEST

Taking cues from British history, culture and landscapes, the understated and classic Orchard white gold pendant from Boodles has a softly reflective finish, which is reminiscent of a pear's freckled peel.

Christmas iced fruit cake 48Og, £25, Fortnum & Mason at The Royal Exchange



## TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS

This delectably rich Christmas iced fruit cake from Fortnum & Mason is made with succulent fruits, generously enriched with French brandy and covered in snow-white icing to create an indulgent festive treat.



# DECK THE HALLS.

GEORG JENSEN'S 2018 CHRISTMAS COLLECTIBLES PUT NATURE IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH RESTRAINED SCANDINAVIAN STYLE

There's something thrilling about opening a box of Christmas decorations and surveying the blank canvas of a bare tree in front of you, deciding which is the tree's "best side", and which sparse branch will have to be hidden with tinsel. Georg Jensen understands this. The Danish design house has been capturing the creative spirit of holiday decorating since 1984, when it launched its annual Christmas Collectibles series.

Each year, the Danish brand collaborates with a new designer who puts their spin on the traditional festive symbols, and for 2018 it's the turn of Monica Förster. A leading light in Scandinavian design, Förster has crafted an ode to Mother Nature with a collection of contemporary ornaments featuring: a winter bird, a birdhouse, a pinecone and an acorn. Why an acorn? Well, it has been considered a symbol of luck for many cultures over the years. And as well as its association with Christmas, the pinecone is a symbol of enlightenment. As for the bird, he represents freedom and possibilities.

Dangling from a red or forest-green ribbon, the limited-edition pieces are available in 18-carat-gold-

plated zinc alloy or in a palladium-plated zinc alloy.

Speaking about her main source of inspiration, Förster explains, 'I always start by asking myself the question: why? And from here I start developing the creative idea and specific concept. For this project, we began by tapping into the history and more specifically the brand's Bernadotte pieces. It secured the creative platform and the concept to renew and create pieces that are both functional and poetic'.

It certainly seems like a partnership made in heaven, with Förster and Georg Jensen's complementary approaches to Scandinavian design. In fact, Förster talks about drawing inspiration from her home in northern Sweden to express the peacefulness of nature during winter. There's nothing brash or noisy here. Even something as restless as a bird has been captured in as few lines as possible.

Trust the Scandinavians to find the minimalism in something as maximalist as Christmas.

2018 Christmas Collectibles, from £15. Georg Jensen at The Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LR

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:  
Blenheim bouquet  
classic candle 140g, £36,  
Penhaligon's; 15" backgammon  
set in jet black lizard, £495,  
Aspinal of London; silver  
mounted crystal magnum  
decanter, £495, Searle & Co.;  
vintage port gift box, £39.50,  
Fortnum & Mason; playing  
cards twin pack, £55, Smythson;  
Christmas collection 36-piece  
box, £56, Paul A. Young  
Fine Chocolates  
All available at  
The Royal Exchange

# AFTER EIGHT.

RELAX THIS CHRISTMAS WITH OUR EDIT OF REFINED  
EVENING-IN ESSENTIALS THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY



# JUST THE TIPPLE.

HOWARD GILL OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE GRIND CAFÉ-BAR ON HIS FAVOURITE FESTIVE COCKTAILS



'At Royal Exchange Grind we serve coffee, food and cocktails, but our heart is always going to be in the coffee – and you can find a lot of that on our cocktail menu. Of course, it's hard to talk about Grind without talking about the Grind Espresso Martini – regularly name-checked as one of the best in London. It's not even a secret as to why: many bars don't have access to good coffee, so they make it with sugary syrups and flavourings. But when you're starting out with a great espresso you don't have to do too much; we just shake ours with a shot of vodka and a dash of sugar.

We roast all of our coffee in our roastery in Shoreditch and we work really hard – sourcing and blending coffees from all over the world – to keep the Grind House Blend flavour profile consistently good. This can be a challenge when one season we may be working with Rwandan coffee, and the next, South American. There's no single special ingredient that makes our coffee what it is, but rather an obsession with getting it right every single time.

People often ask us why coffee works so well as a cocktail ingredient. It's because there's so much flavour variety and complexity in coffee, and we have lots of fun experimenting.

Christmas this year sees the return of another Grind classic – the Hot Flat White Russian. A hot cocktail made from Grind House Blend coffee, vodka, coffee liqueur and steamed milk. It's a real winter warmer, with a kick. We'll also be debuting a killer hot buttered rum that we've been perfecting since last Christmas – it's really special.

Of course, there's no shortage of caffeine-free cocktails on our menu either. One of my favourites is the Millennial Pink – a Grind original, which combines Hendrick's gin with Campari, rosemary and lemon, shaken over ice with an egg white to contrast the bright and zesty flavours with a creamy texture.

We're open Monday to Friday, 6.30am to 7pm and we can't wait to celebrate Christmas with our customers.'

Royal Exchange Grind, 29a Threadneedle Street, London EC3V 3LP



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