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A selection of luxury goods that will make a fitting addition to any Christmas wish list

Leica Ultravid 8x20 BL binoculars
Now available with the tan leather case that made the C-Lux 2 camera such a hit, these binos are incredibly subtle. Just 6cm long and weighing only 245g, they're watertight to 11m and nitrogen-filled to prevent internal fogging. €650 www.leica-camera.com



Victorinox Cigar Cutter
A lovely accessory from the perfectors of the Swiss Army Knife. The circular blades offer three different diameters so that cigars of various sizes can be cut accurately, while the cutter also offers a knife blade, scissors, a nail file and nail cleaner. More bijou magic from the Swiss Alps. €60 www.victorinox.com



Zilli
Zilli crocodile and calf suede ankle boots lined in mink. Outrageous. €2,660 www.zilli.fr



Tom Ford smoking jacket
Two fingers to the recession! Velvety comfort from Tom Ford. €3,000 www.tomford.com



TUMI Town bag
A limited edition in beautifully understated yet eye-catching grey covert cloth, the Tumi town bag comes in two sizes, the one shown being a proper, serious weekend bag and actually a bit large for carry-on. If you must fly, then for roughly the same price try the leathery utility of Tumi's Hyde Park Wheeled Packing Case. €1,200 www.tumi.com



La Prairie Advanced Marine Biology Solution Day/Night
Another cellular potion from the silvery Swiss, in this case a face cream that (whisper it!) has proved to be as much a hit with men as with women... €125 www.laprairie.com



Oakley Gretchen Bleiler Mane Jacket
Limited edition snow rags from the famous boarder, on behalf of Oakley. €200; www.oakley.com



SWEET DREAMS

Dreaming of a dark Christmas? It's never been easier due to the growing market in artisanal chocolate.



Geographically focused on the UK for now, bespoke, handmade chocolate is all the rage. Start with Paul.A.Young's cinnamon quills (pictured above) for dipping into hot chocolate. Natural cinnamon sticks and Valrhona chocolate dissolve as you stir. Or try his chocolate lolly pop or garnach creations (below). Then move north to Scotland to Simon Coyle's 'minimalist indulgence' brand Kshocolat and to couture cooking-influenced flavour combinations such as lemon and pepper white chocolate and orange and cardamom dark chocolate. Alongside the bespoke treatment and experimental flavouring, London store Harrods' chocolate meister Andre Dang notes that single-estate chocolate is the hottest ticket of all this Christmas. The French have mastered this particular art — we particularly rate Michel Cluizel's wine-influenced, '1ers Crus de Plantation' approach because it is premised on fair trade and brings out the most extraordinary contrasts, ranging across estates from Venezuela to Madagascar to Papua New Guinea. www.paulayoung.co.uk; www.kshocolat.com; www.cluizel.com

