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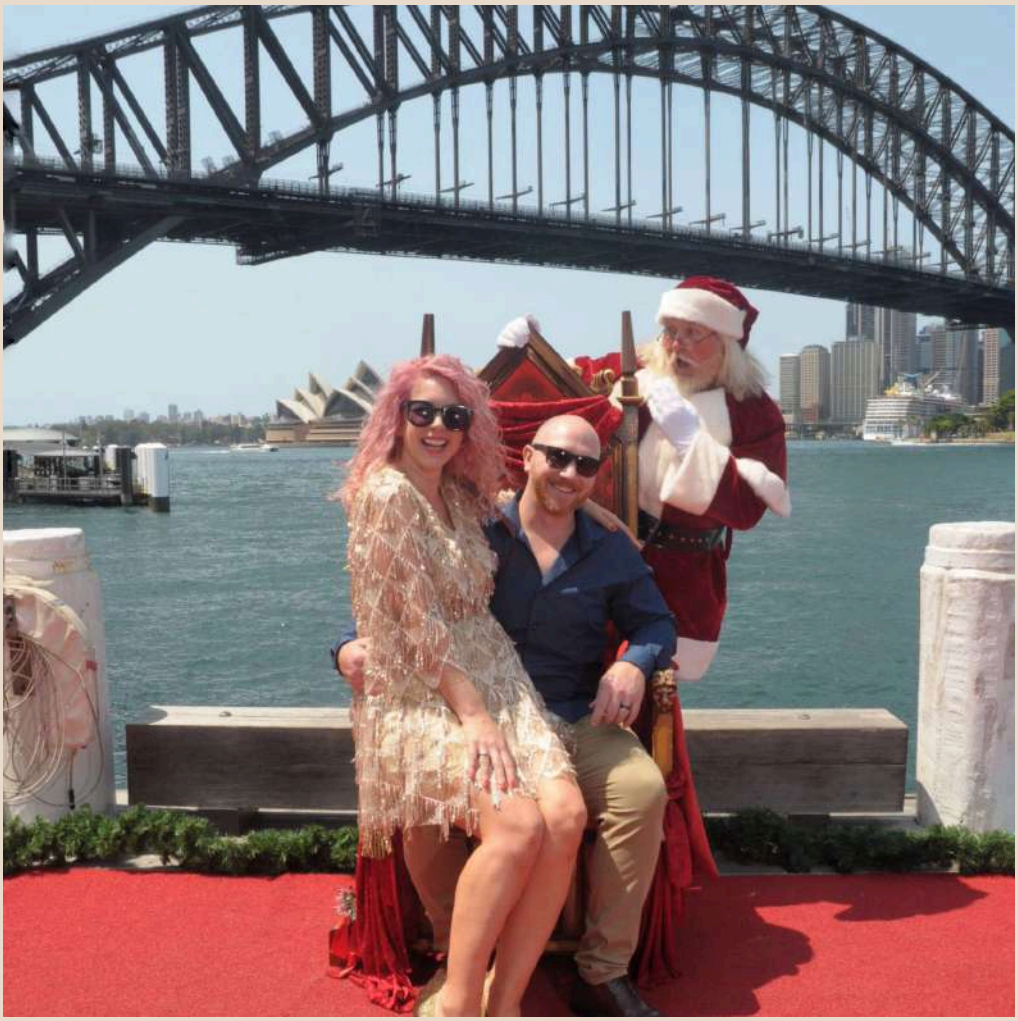
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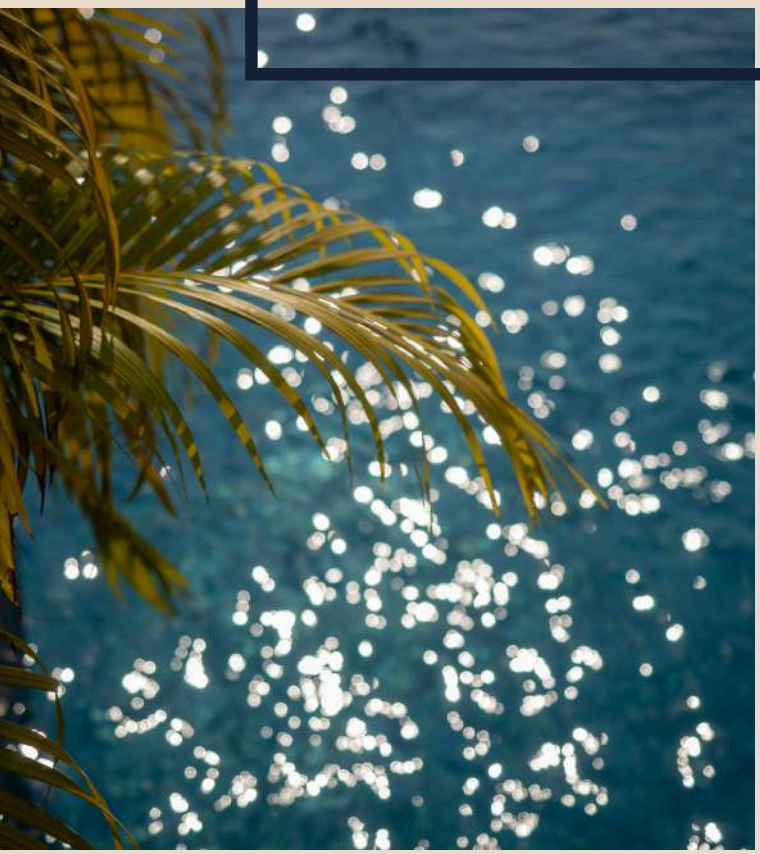
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EDITORS' NOTE



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of Hint Magazine! From the mag's inception back in 2017, Christina and I had the vision of making Hint a fun yet motivating place to come — not just for gifting inspiration but for appreciating your significant other, too.

We've often found that gifting and gestures don't have to be grand or over the top to make an impact. A thoughtful present or action means so much more to the ones we care about.

The ideas in this year's Hint aren't all about spending a tonne money on big ticket items — though there are a couple of them in here too. It's more about giving you the ideas to find a thoughtful gift for the one you love (maybe even something from our new and rather saucy Sealed Section!).

We hope Hint Magazine helps to not only make your Christmas a memorable one, but also to add a little more happiness to your life as well. Don't forget, if you see something you like, you can also send a link to this e-mag to the right people and give them a Hint as well!

Here's to a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to us all.

Co-founders Jim & Christina
AKA Mr & Mrs Romance



HAVE YOURSELF A VERY MEMORY CHRISTMAS

Wouldn't it be nice, once all the tinsel and torn paper is tidied away, the tree's gone and you've put your gifts to work, that you could look back on Christmas and smile at the memories?

Christmas is always such a busy time of year, which is crazy if you think about it, isn't it. The longest, most significant holiday in our calendar and yet at the end of it, it feels like you need another break!

And all too often, after a week or two back at work, Christmas seems like such a distant fragment of the previous year.

Friends and colleagues will ask: "Did you have a good Christmas?"

The closest we can muster is a vague "yeah." Even if you had a lovely time and worked your ass off to make it happen. It all goes by in a flash.

After all the effort, stress and planning, wouldn't it be nice to be able to look back on this Christmas and recall the best bits?

By the way, I'm not shilling a memory course or a some 'learn how to speed read' method here. That's not what this is. And it's absolutely not relationship advice. We don't do that.

Instead, it's just a few pointers that might help keep us all present over Christmas so we not only make the most of those late December days, but so we can keep joyful memories of them too.

Take Photos

Even if people get grumpy about it at the time, having some pictures of the festivities is priceless. Remember, this time will never come again... I mean Christmas will, but not this specific one.

A couple of candid snaps of people opening presents, the dinner spread, folks playing

games or watching the cricket all make up the story of this Christmas. And don't forget to share them on the family chat as January clicks over.

Write It Down

Keeping a note (even just on your phone) of the funny things people say or do or that happen over Christmas is a lot of fun. You don't have to be a war correspondent about it, but by the time the new year's kicked in, those moments will have faded.

I've kept a note on my phone of all the funny (and wise) things Christina's said over the years and it's honestly the best.

Quality Time

Christmas is about family time, there's no doubt about that. But it's important to remember that your partner, the one you chose to spend your life with, is as much your family as anyone.

Make sure you find time to be together away from the craziness. It doesn't have to be long, just a few stolen minutes here or there if you're super busy. Or maybe just a quick hold of hands between courses at the dinner table. But it makes all the difference.

Check in With Each Other

Just a quick 'how's everything going?' or 'are you winning?' makes a lot of difference, but the real trick comes next.

First, if your partner asks you how you're doing, you have to be honest (and realistic) with them. Second, if you've asked the question, be prepared to listen to and act on the answer!

Communication is everything. And so is patience.

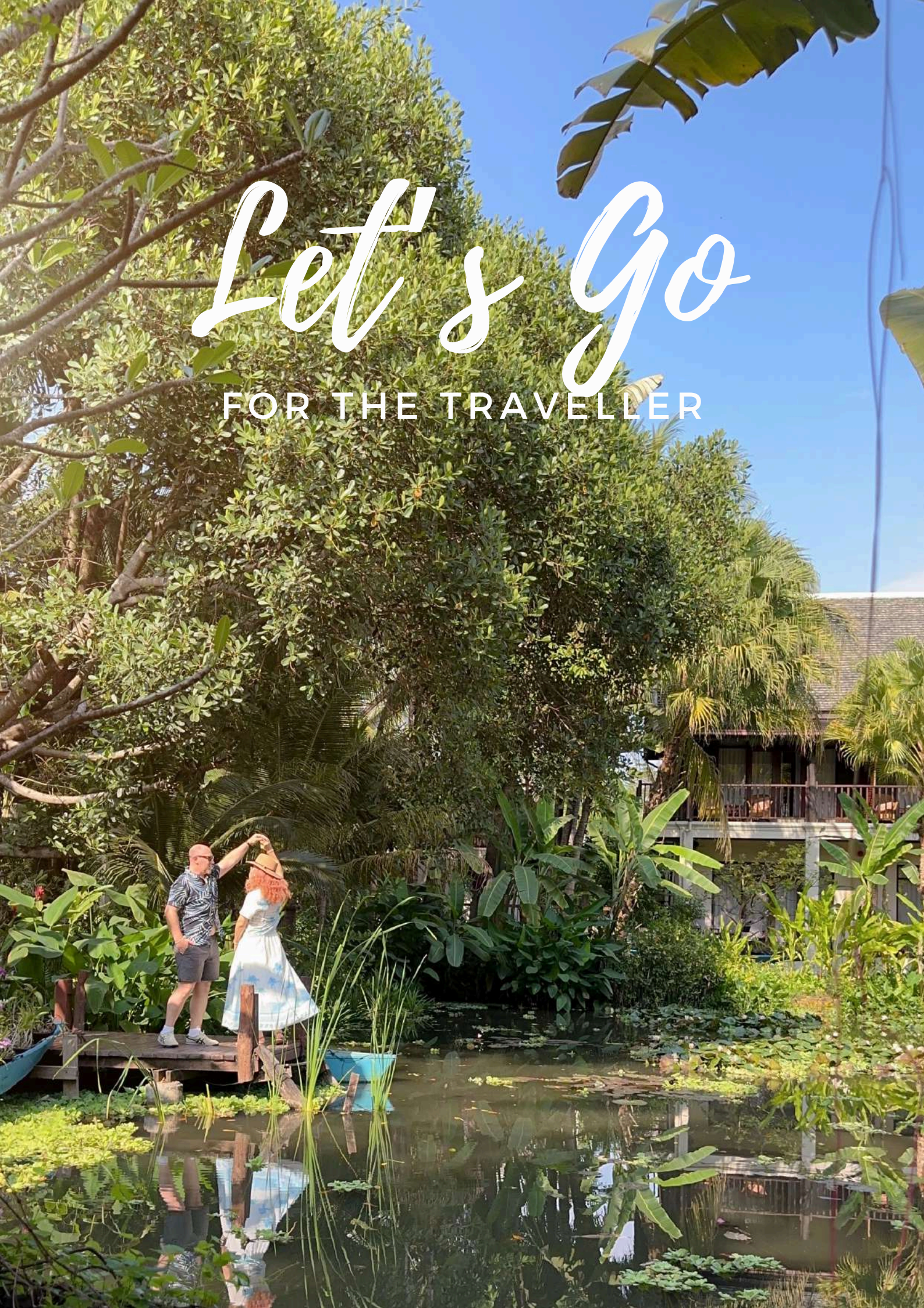


Make Your Parter Your Priority

I know this is hard sometimes when there's so much going on, but making sure they've got a drink or they've had chance to sit down at some stage is important.

And keep an eye out for a rescue. We all have that dodgy uncle or rambling aunt that - once they've got you in their tractor beam - there's no escape!

Above all, don't put too much pressure on yourself to make everything perfect. It doesn't have to be the Christmas that everyone says 'do you remember that Christmas', but it can be one that you all smile about when you look back on it.


Let's Go
FOR THE TRAVELLER





RIKKA DESIGN
PHONE CASES & STRAPS

With a 'hook attachment' that clips structurally inside the case, Rikka Designs create a strong, durable connection between your phone and the strap, which hooks on by two metal lanyard clips.

Straps and cases come in a multitude of colours and designs blending secure, comfortable and convenient design with fun, bright colours. Rikka Design's phone cases and straps are the perfect option for the stylish traveller.

Bundles from $49.00



[Pictured: Lilac Bloom Strap & Go Bundle RRP $79.00, Boho Blue strap RRP $45.00, Rainbow strap RRP $45.00]

ULTIMATE EARS MINIROLL PORTABLE SPEAKER

Small but mighty, the Ultimate Ears Miniroll delivers incredible sound quality. It can also survive being dropped, and is completely dust proof and waterproof up to 1m, and maintains a charge for over 12 hours!

But best of all, when you enter PartyUp Mode, you can link up an unlimited number of Minirolls with inbuilt Auracast tech so your tunes can fill any space!

All this from a speaker that weighs less than a paperback.

$99.95 RRP





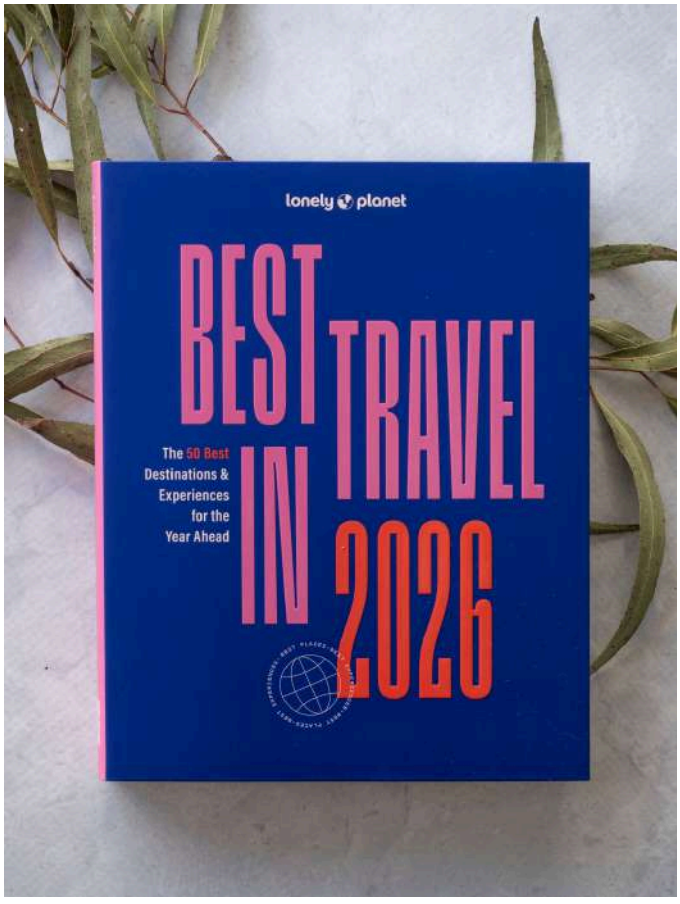
BEST IN TRAVEL 2026 - LONELY PLANET

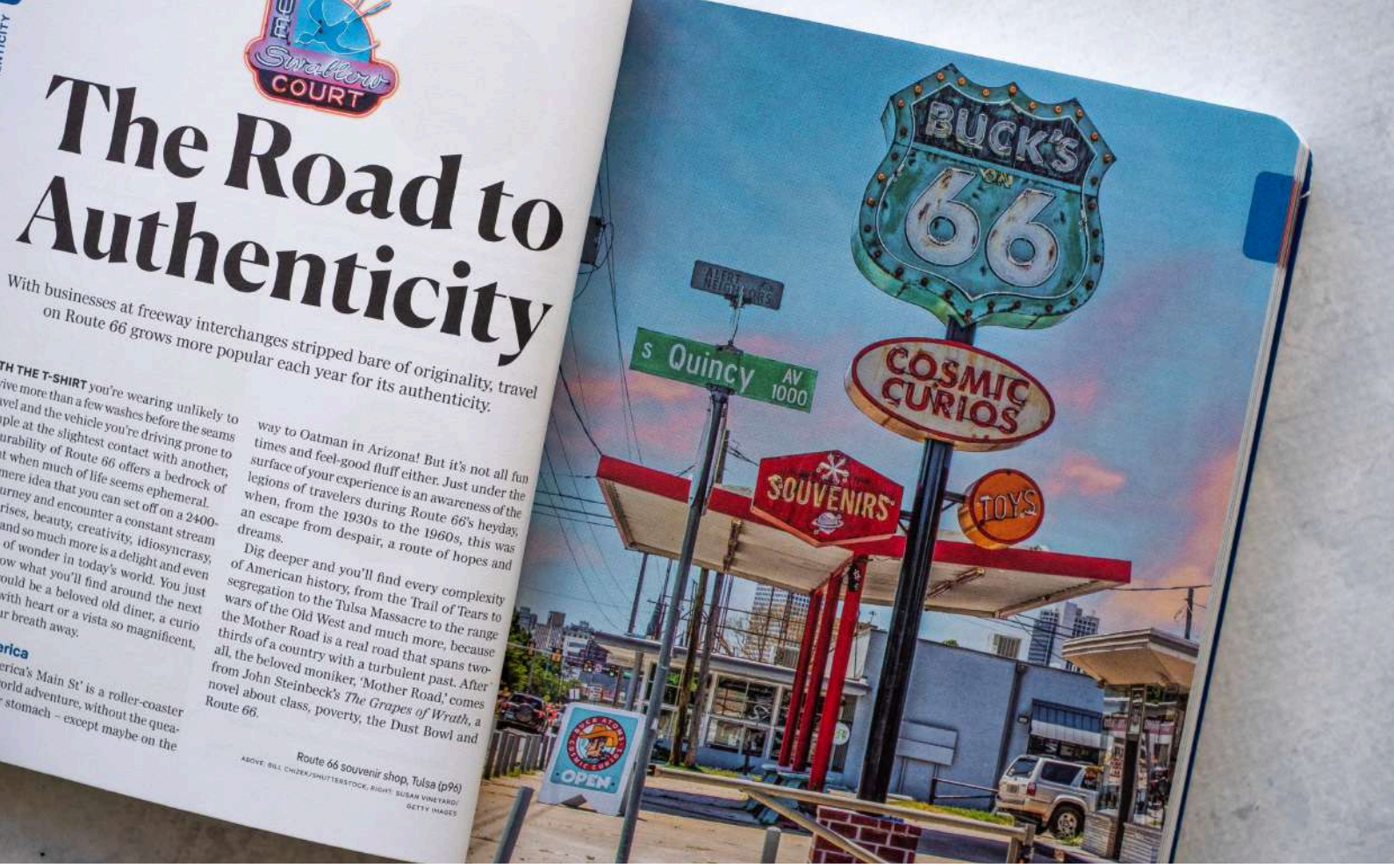
Marking its 16th edition, Lonely Planet's Best in Travel guide showcases 50 of the greatest must-visit destinations around the world for the year ahead.

From Botswana to Barbados, from Tunisia to Tipperary, this 2026 edition is as wide-wandering as it is deep-diving. Harnessing the artful craft of the Lonely Planet writers, the book paints vivid and evocative pictures through great storytelling.

This is a must for any globetrotter or armchair voyager.

$32.99 RRP



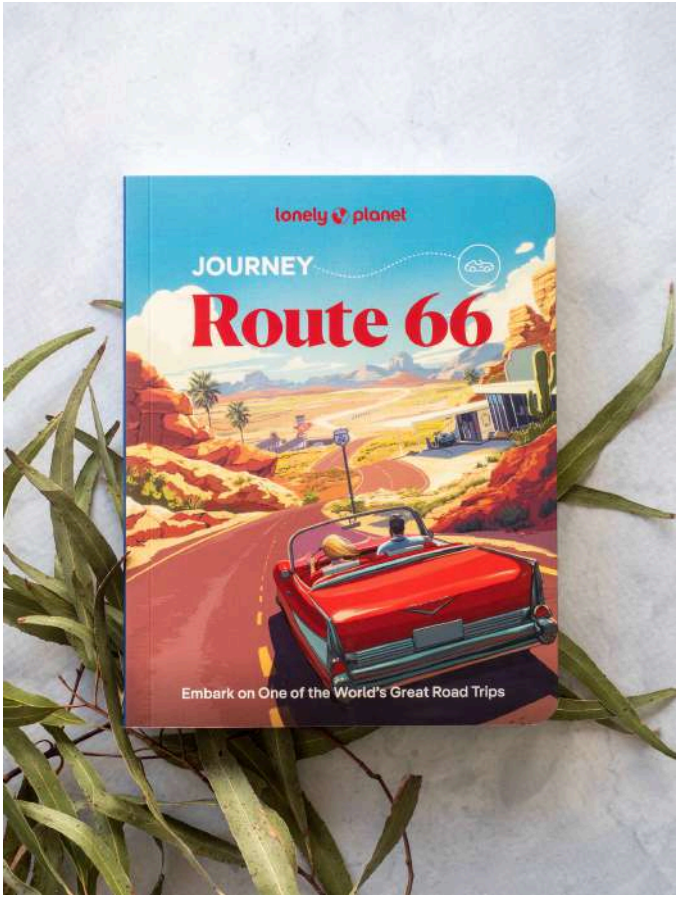


JOURNEY ROUTE 66 - LONELY PLANET

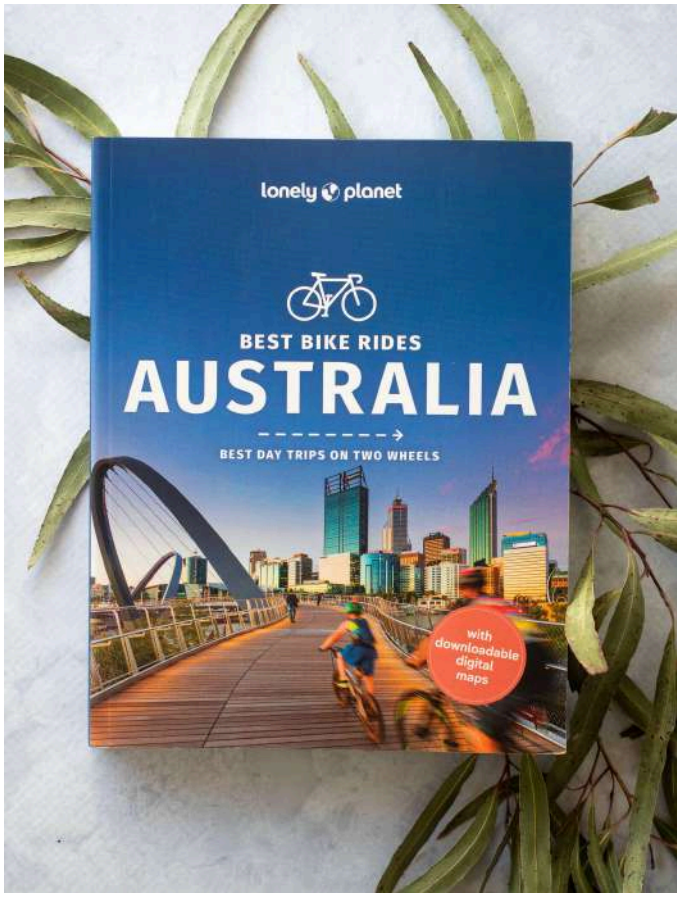
Quite possibly the world's most famous road, Route 66 stretches from the beaches of Southern California across three quarters of the USA to the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago.

Lonely Planet's guide along this legendary highway is so much more than just an itinerary. With thoughts and perspectives of the on-the-ground writers, you get a real feel for what it's like to explore the Mother Road.

$36.99 RRP







BEST BIKE RIDES AUSTRALIA - LONELY PLANET

There are few ways better to experience the land you're travelling through than from the saddle of a pushie.

This compilation of great rides throughout Australia, from trips that take a couple of hours to full-day epics, the 37 trails in this book guide you on more than just your direction.

Maps are also available to download via QR.

$34.99 RRP



30 Dales Gorge Circuit

DURATION 2hrs return | DIFFICULTY Moderate | DISTANCE 4.5km | START/END Fortescue Falls car park

TERRAIN Stairs, rocky path, slippery rocks

Escape the Karijini heat on this short, family-friendly circuit joining two lovely plunge pools. The walk initially skirts the gorge clifftops before dropping steeply to the first of two pools, then follows the open gorge upstream past more swimming opportunities to a waterfall and on to the second pool. The circuit can be walked in either direction, though going clockwise provides a shorter return from the last swimming hole.

Getting Here

Karijini is a two-day drive from almost everywhere (2WDs are OK). Local tour company the Flying Sandgroper can arrange transfers with Integrity Coaches (Tom Price or Auski/Munjina) and Paraburdoo Airport.

Starting Point

From Karijini's east entrance drive 8.5km to Dales Rd then follow that 9km to Fortescue Falls car park, the first car park after the camping ground turnoff. Walks start from the southeast corner. Toilets are provided.

01 From the car park walk 130m to the **cliff-side lookout** for a view of Fortescue Falls.

02 Locate a track on your left just before the lookout and follow this east along the clifftops. There are **excellent views down the gorge** from several viewpoints, especially one by an **old ghost gum** (pictured), after the trail curves inland briefly to skirt a minor gully.

03 Continue east along the clifftop trail towards **Three Ways Lookout**, where just before the lookout a set of stone steps descends steeply on the right.

Karijini Trees

Common Rock Fig Found in the damper sections of shady gorges, its exposed roots hang down cliffs, searching for water.

Snappy Gum Striking white or pale smooth-barked eucalypt growing on ridgetops. Scattered along Weano Rd, they're particularly photogenic in low light.

Silver Cadjeput A large, droopy paperbark (melaleuca), liking the edges of open pools and rivers. They are common in all gorges and their bark has many traditional uses.

Corkwood Unique 'honey' hakea whose thick corklike bark is fire-resistant, and the nectar from its large yellow flowers is an important bush-tucker source.

04 After a short, steep descent you'll reach a track junction on the gorge floor. Turn left and follow the yellow trail markers along rocky slabs, eventually crossing the creek.

05 Ringed by red cliffs, **Circular Pool** is a lovely spot for contemplation and a quiet swim.

06 Return to the track junction, then continue along the gorge. The route follows rock slabs, crossing the creek several times to some **small cascades** and a nearby rock arch.

07 A **pool** beneath a shady paperbark calls invitingly for another much-needed swim.

08 Continue upstream until you reach the pool at the base of **Fortescue Falls**. Go on, have another swim, though there's not much shade.

09 Cross the stones at the pool's outlet and ascend the falls on the right side, following the markers. Beware of slippery rocks.

10 Ignore the stairs to your right and follow the obvious path upstream through **shady rainforest** for 250m to the beautiful, native-fig-lined **Fern Pool**. With a small, permanent waterfall at its far end, this popular swimming hole is also sacred to the Banyjima people, and they ask visitors to act respectfully.

11 Return to the stairs and climb steeply to the lookout and car park.

Take a Break

For more lazy picnics by lovely deep swimming holes, try the Pilbara's 'other' national park, the lesser-known **Millstream-Chichester**, encompassing the shady billabongs of the Fortescue River, a mere 300km away. Turn left at Auski/Munjina.

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THE KIMBERLEY & PILBARA 30 DALES GORGE CIRCUIT

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BEST DAY WALKS AUSTRALIA - LONELY PLANET

Heading out on a bushwalk is one of Australia's great national pastimes — to the point where many icons of the Aussie great outdoors are synonymous with walking.

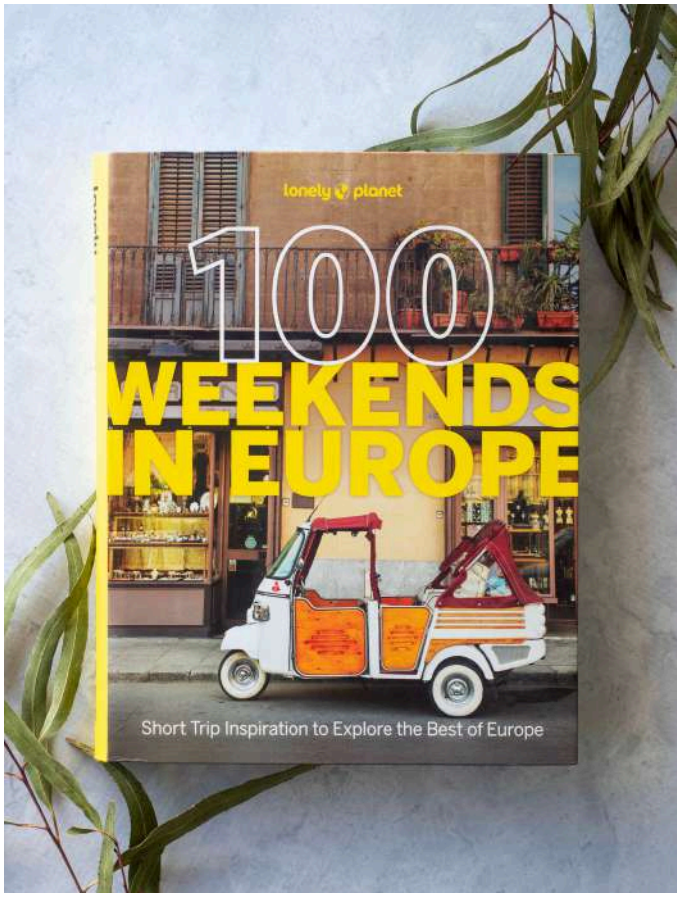
This mapped collection of 60 different day walks is the perfect gift for someone who wants to get their hike on, but isn't sure where to start.

Wherever you are in Australia, there's sure to be a beautiful walk nearby.

$39.99 RRP







100 WEEKENDS IN EUROPE - LONELY PLANET

A book I wish we'd had when we lived in the UK, this guide is the ultimate travel thirst trap for Aussies. Flicking through this beautifully produced snapshot of Europe makes the travel bug bite hard.

Gift this book of travel temptations at your peril; promises of 'Baroque beauty & beaches' in Puglia, the romance of Lucerne, the majesty of the Tyrol and Innsbruck, or the green hills of Wicklow and Dublin will whisk the reader away before they've even booked a ticket.

$49.99 RRP

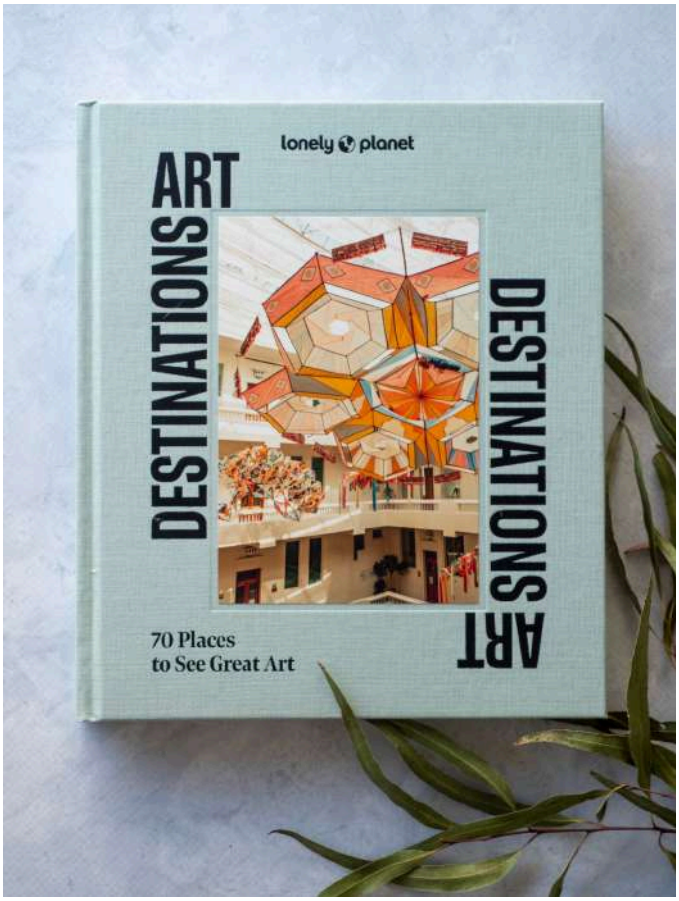


ART DESTINATIONS - LONELY PLANET

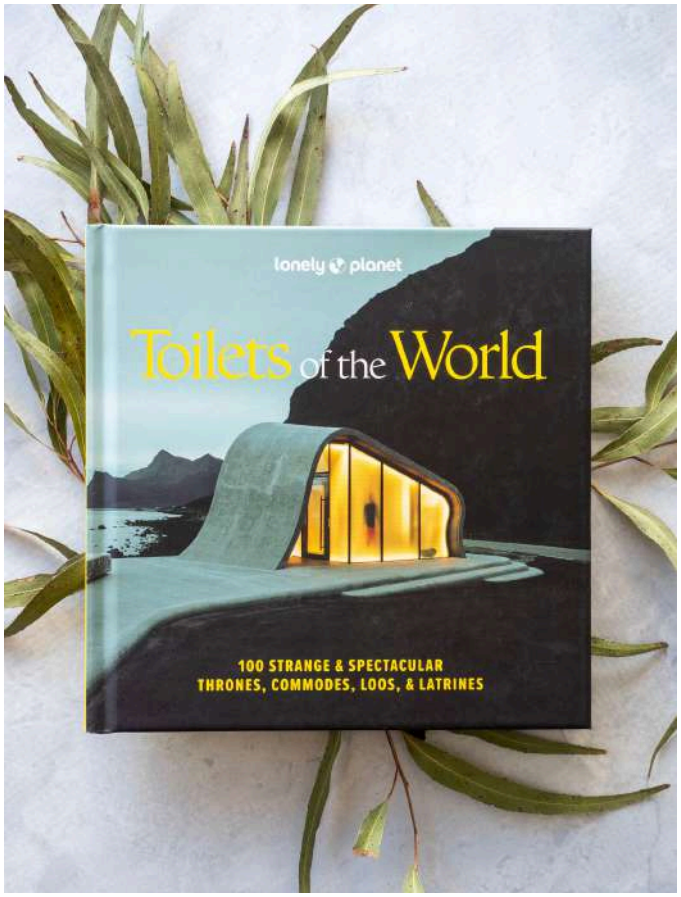
As much a coffee table book as a travel guide, this spectacular hardback combines two of this world's great pleasures: art and travel.

Championing 70 destinations for the incredible art within them through engrossing articles and sumptuous, vivd photography, Art Destinations takes you on a cultural and historical voyage around the world.

$65.00 RRP







TOILETS OF THE WORLD - LONELY PLANET

Are you sitting comfortably? This fun and fascinating cross-continental compendium of crappers by Lonely Planet brings to light some of the most intriguing and outlandish dunnies, privies and WCs from around the world.

Along with pages of mind-boggling bagni, there are also fun tidbits like the 'Toilet Timeline', a thunderbox thesaurus and some other choice factoids about the smallest room.

$24.99 RRP

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BEYOND POSSIBLE NIMSDAI PURJA



TEFAL DOLCI BLACK KNIGHT ICE CREAM MAKER

Calling this technological marvel simply an ice cream maker isn't doing Tefal's latest stroke of kitchen genius nearly enough credit. The Dolci Black Knight can create 10 different delicious frozen products, including ice cream.

You simply fill one of the pots provided with your ingredients, freeze them and when you're ready, the Dolci does the rest. Its blades churn into the pot, making smooth, scoopable goodies in minutes!

$349.95 RRP







CURATED LIVING BY SUSAN REDMAN

Talented journalist and author Susan Redman's latest interiors book Curated Living: Elegant Interiors and Artful Homes highlights 18 beautifully furnished, art-filled homes from around the world. Within the book's pristine pages are stories about each house and interviews with the interior designers involved with each stunning property.

From inner-city Melbourne to Stockholm's swanky Ostermalm to gritty Brooklyn in the USA, this book takes a peep inside some of the most sophisticated, resplendent and culturally iconic homes of Australia, Europe and North America.

$82.90 RRP





EVERLASTING CANDLE CO WYLIE SIGNATURE GOLD SET

Elegant and sustainable, these clever candles are the brainchild of Tamara and Jesse Furgason, an Australian husband-and-wife team who wanted the beauty of candlelight without the mess or longevity issues of traditional wax candles.

Made from stainless steal and fuelled with soot-free, smoke-free and scent-free Pristine Oil®, Everlasting Candles bring all the benefits of candlelight to the room with none of the bad bits.

The Wylie Signature Gold set comes with a subtle, curved glass vase and warm gold candlesticks, and each set includes a 473ml (16oz) bottle of oil and a little funnel for easy refuelling.

$80.00 RRP

MiGOALS — AUSTRALIA'S LEADING EMPOWERING STATIONERY BRAND



Managing to combine function and form, MiGOALS' range of diaries, planners and notebooks puts this Melbourne-based stationers ahead of other brands. And better than that, it's done with a sense of humour.

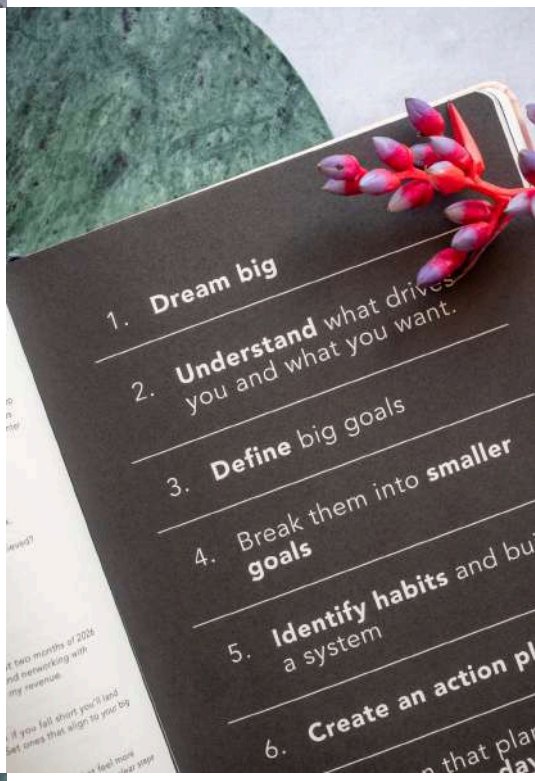
These journals and organisers are all designed to get ducks in a row and clear some headspace with minimum effort, but maximum effectiveness and enjoyment.



MiGOALS B5 Classic Goal Digger 2026 Diary

Packed with clever features all crafted to keep you on track, this planner has everything from monthly and weekly planning pages to deep-drill goal milestones and schedulers.

$54.99 RRP



MiGOALS A6 'Get Shit Done' field book

Coming in a multitude of colours, this powerful little book is designed to inspire action rather than vacillation with a simple layout and plenty of blank space to give your mind room to think.

$7.99 RRP



MiGOALS Classic Focus Pad

Built around the Eisenhower Matrix (yes, that Eisenhower), this powerful little pad gives you four vital options of your to-do items: Do First (most important), Schedule (plan ahead), Delegate (who can do it for you?) and Don't Do (neither urgent nor important).

$14.99 RRP

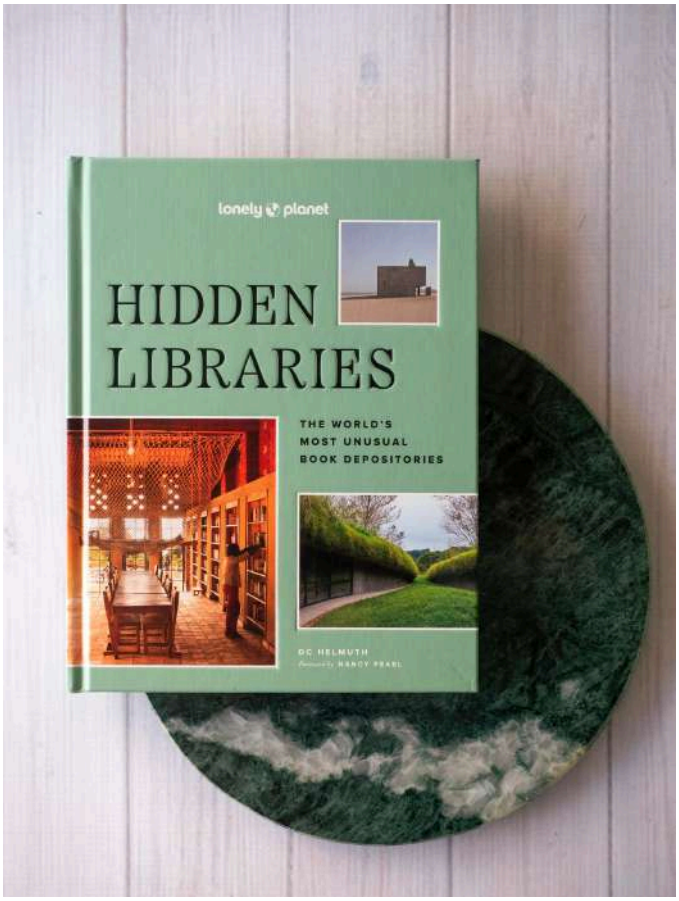


HIDDEN LIBRARIES - LONELY PLANET

Libraries have a special mystery to them — and I'm not just talking about how the Dewey Decimal System works. It's the idea of contained knowledge, the smell of old books and that didactic silence that builds an image of what a library is in our minds.

Hidden Libraries not only promotes that mysterious quality, but adds to it, sharing some of the world's most unusual book depositories through its articles and photography.

$42.99 RRP

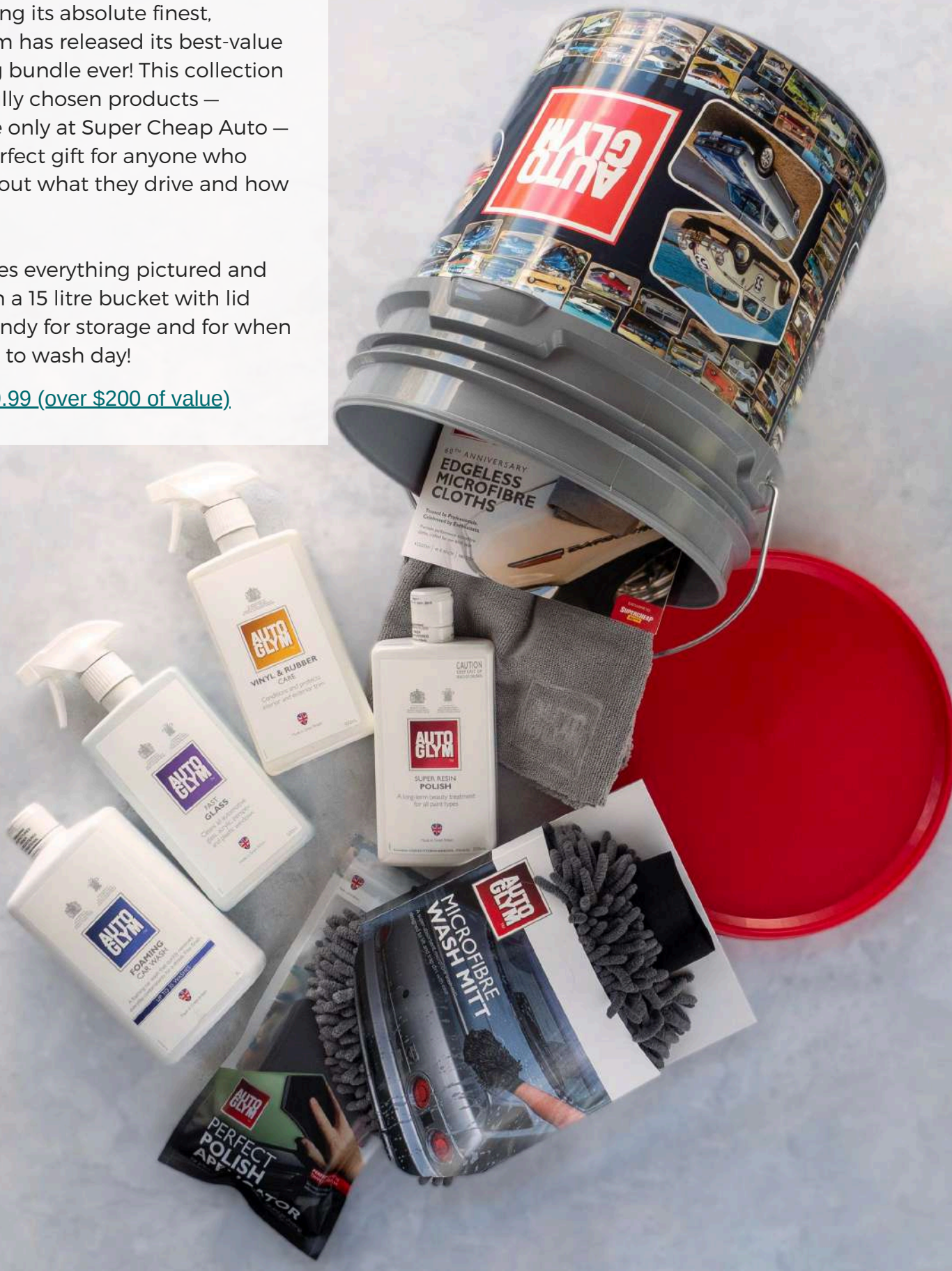


AUTOGLYM 60TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS BUCKET DETAILING KIT

Celebrating 60 years of keeping your car looking its absolute finest, Autoglym has released its best-value detailing bundle ever! This collection of carefully chosen products — available only at Super Cheap Auto — is the perfect gift for anyone who cares about what they drive and how it looks.

It includes everything pictured and comes in a 15 litre bucket with lid that's handy for storage and for when it comes to wash day!

RRP $99.99 (over $200 of value)




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IYVOS SKINCARE NOURISH & GLOW GIFT SET

This cosmetics bundle from Iyvos — an Australian skincare brand focused on nurturing and empowering women's confidence in their appearance — is the perfect gift set to pamper that special someone.

Hydrating Milk Cleanser - With chamomile water, rosehip and jojoba oil, this replenishes as it cleans.

Active A Serum - A powerhouse serum to boost cellular renewal.

Collagen Moisturiser - This performs as an antioxidant cream as well as a moisturiser.

BB Cream - SPF 30+ plus hyaluronic acid, and Vitamin B3 make this BB cream the perfect final skincare and beauty step.

$383 RRP ($425 value)



IYVOS SKINCARE RESTORATIVE OIL

Not only does this oil bring back moisture to your skin, smoothing lines and brightening your complexion, it boosts your skin barrier function, protecting your face from environmental stressers and locking in long-lasting hydration.

$32.00 RRP

AYURSCIENCE BEAUTY CLARITY RANGE

Closing the gap between Ayurveda, the ancient holistic healing system of India, and modern pharmacology, AyurScience brings powerful plant-based remedies and luxurious spa-inspired beauty.

Brightening Creme Cleanser - Enriched with Vitamin C, and formulated with amla, tulsi, sandalwood, saffron and gotu kola, this luxurious cream cleanser evens and brightens skin tone leaving skin soft, smooth & supple.

Energising Mask - Using the amla-tulsi complex — a powerful combination of Vitamin C rich amla and tulsi or Holy Basil, a natural antioxidant — this mask leaves skin looking and feeling brighter.

Radiance Serum - This serum gives skin an even tone, helping reduce signs of pigmentation and dark spots with its powerful herb- and plant-based formula.

Even Skin Tone Moisturiser - Formulated with manjistha, saffron, tulsi and amla, this luxurious moisturiser not only hydrates and smooths skin, it also actively reduces dark marks & pigmentation.

$170 RRP ($215 value)





HONEY BIOTICS INTENSE MOISTURISER

The backstory to this Australian beauty brand is extraordinary (it involves the co-founder's miraculous recovery from a near-deadly staph infection using high-UMF honey), and the result is something special.

Honey Biotics' Intense Moisturiser is formulated with natural ingredients like jojoba oil, shea nut butter, grapefruit seed extract, bee's wax and UMF15+ Manuka honey. The result is a powerful moisturising cream that is perfect for dry skin, but also one that's helpful for various skin conditions, and minor scratches and abrasions.

I'm also looking forward to trying this stuff out on annoying mozzie bites this summer.

$39.95 RRP





MUKTI GUA SHA ESSENTIAL KIT

Harnessing the ancient Chinese technique of Gua Sha, this bundle from celebrated organic Aussie brand Mukti is the ideal gift for that at-home spa experience.

With jojoba oil, chia seed, rosehip, sea buckthorn berries and carrot seed oil, Mukti Antioxidant Facial Oil sinks deep into your skin while creating the perfect base for the Gua Sha, a specially shaped stone sculpting tool, to smooth, lift and massage your face and décolletage, and drain lymph.

$121.00 RRP


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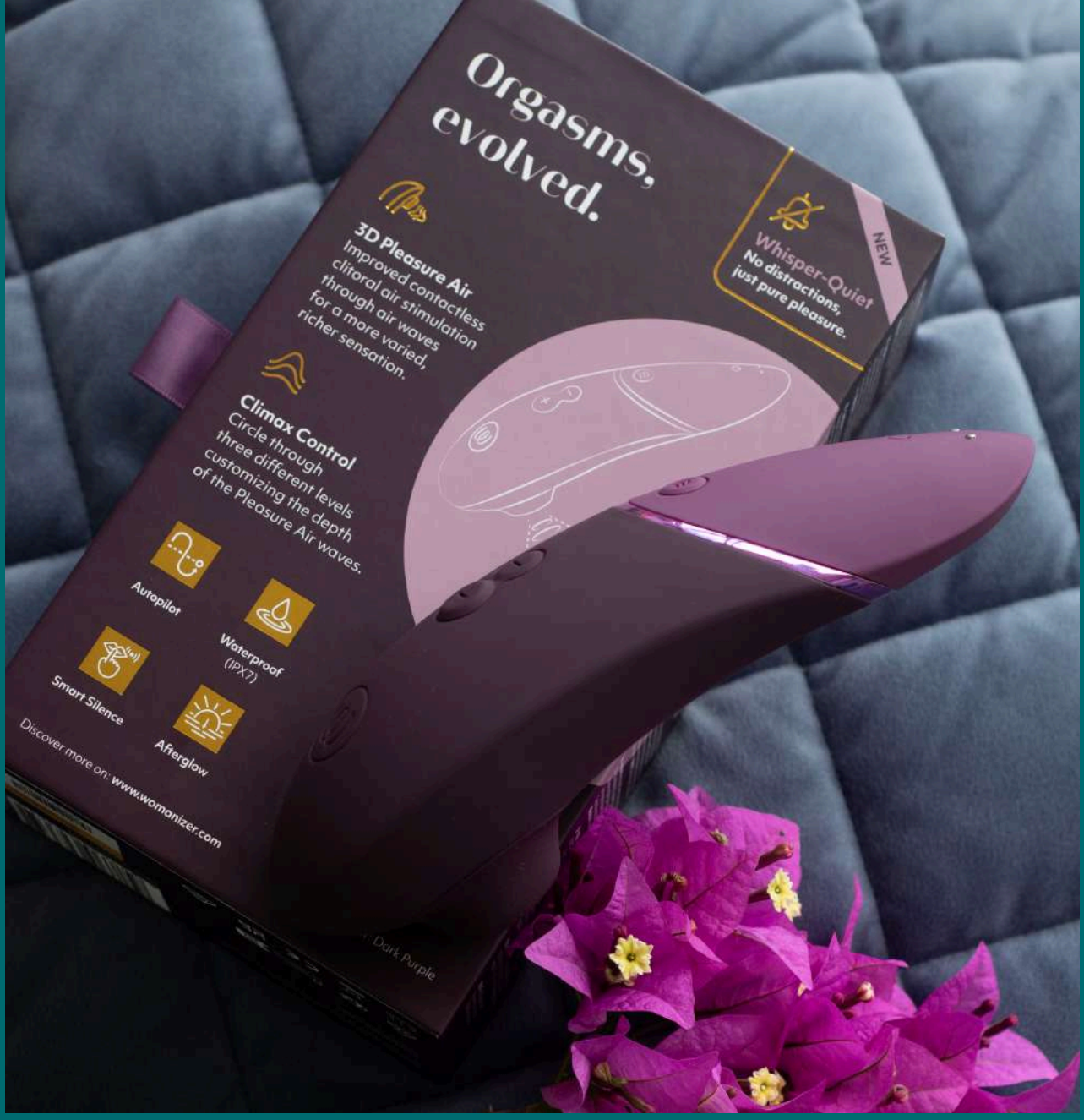


Welcome to the Sealed Section! Much like the Cosmo and Cleo of old, this part of Hint Magazine contains some saucier ideas for your significant other!

Why not give them the gift of pleasure this Christmas?

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WOMANIZER NEXT CLITORAL SUCTION STIMULATOR

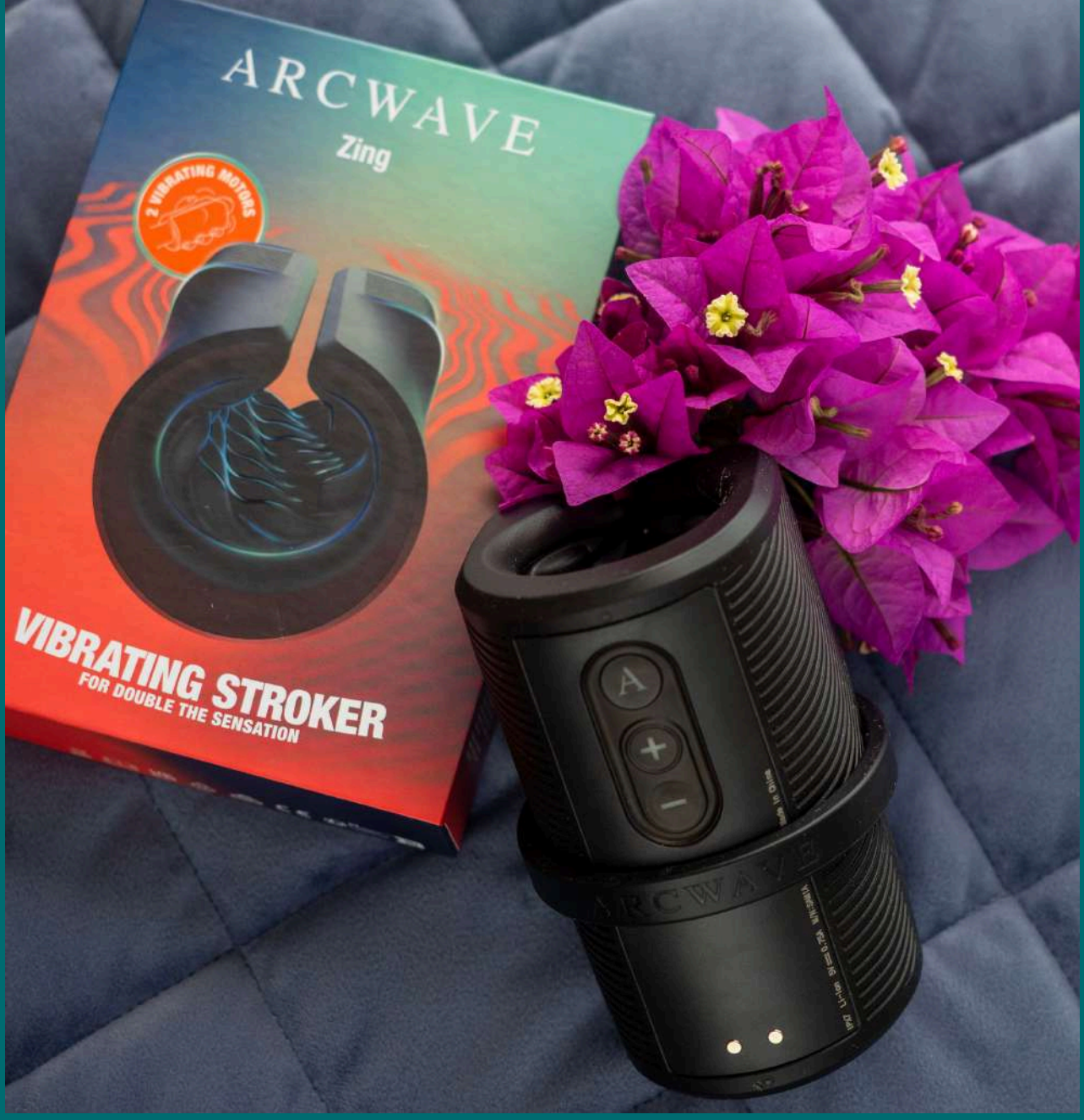
Boasting a whole range of impressive and customisable features, the Womanizer Next is at the cutting edge of sensual satisfaction.

Focused on clitoral stimulation, this bad girl is packing 3D Pleasure Air Technology that uses airwaves to create sucking and pulsing sensations that go deep to the heart of her pleasure centres.

With 14 different intensity levels and rhythms, it even has an autopilot function, so you don't even need to press a button — on the stimulator anyway!

And running nearly silent, it means the Womanizer Next can buzz without ruining the... buzz!

$299 RRP



ARCWAVE ZING VIBRATING MALE MASTURBATOR

Sometimes, technology makes it feel like you're cheating. Other times, you just want to kiss those nerds that came up with this stuff.

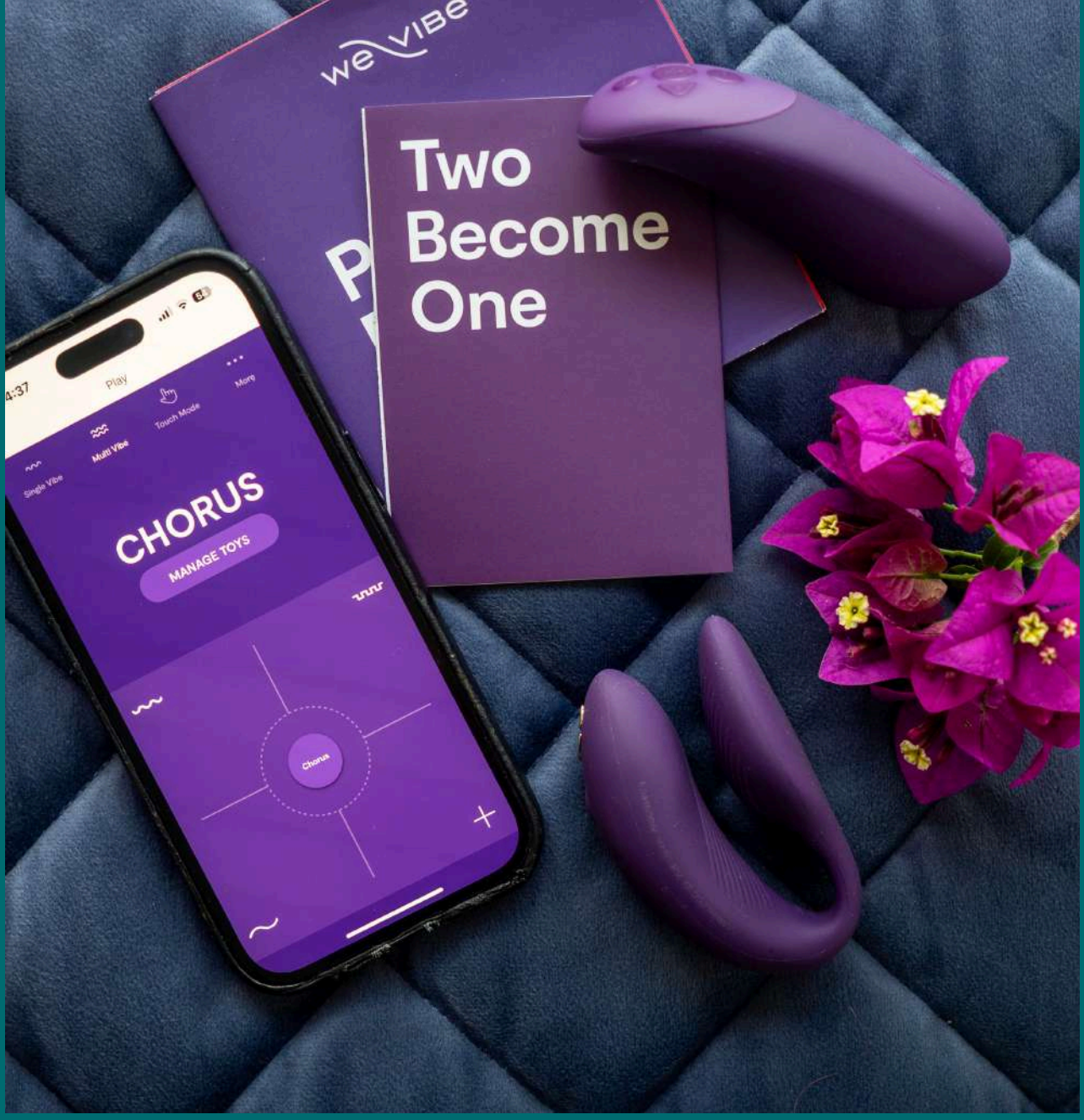
Dual motors, giving 10 different vibration patterns and 10 levels of intensity, realistic skin-like silicone texture and fully adjustable open-sleeve fit for extra comfort put this male 'stroker' masturbator in the kissing camp.

Perfect for solo use, but also a fun option in partnered play, this stroker comes with a tightness band that allows for hands-free fun time.

In fact, although the Zing was designed as a solo toy, over 58% of testers during its R&D used it with their partner.

$299 RRP

BETTER FOR YOU BOTH!



WE-VIBE CHORUS COUPLES VIBRATOR

There's just so much to explore with this fun, couples device, the We-Vibe Chorus is guaranteed to bring a lot of new adventure into the bedroom.

Coming in two parts — the wearable device and the remote control — the Chorus has an almost unlimited number of ways to making fetch happen! There's also an app for your phone with even more features, and bonus vibration patterns on top of the 10 'plug-and-play' modes already installed.

The remote has button controls or a pressure sensor you can squeeze to adjust the vibe, and there's even a hands-free function that senses your movements and adjusts the vibrations and intensity accordingly.

Best of all, this wearable vibrator sits perfectly for g-spot, clitoral and penile stimulation all at once. Now that's a bicycle made for two!

$219 RRP


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SCARBOROUGH WINES' KEEPERS OF THE FLAME

Scarborough Wines in the Hunter Valley, NSW's premier wine region and the oldest in Australia, is one of the country's most respected winemaking families.

Now moving into its second generation, Scarborough Wines has developed the estate's new ultra-premium range that maintains the old standards while also innovating and evolving at the same time.

Each bottle is numbered, marked with the harvest date and proclamation of its cellaring potential.

$100.00 RRP

Within the range:
Chardonnay, Shiraz, Shiraz-Tempranillo, Shiraz-Viognier



TAMAR RIDGE GRAND ASSEMBLAGE PINOT NOIR 2022

Tamar Ridge is known for its Pinot Noir, but this Grand Assemblage is the culmination of the winery's obsession. The 2022 vintage was selected from only seven barrels of Pinot Noir out of over 300.

This rare wine gives all the things you want in a great PN; cherry and red berries, delicate spice and a light toastiness. Its incredible structure means this wine will be great now, but in the next 10-15 years it'll be even better!

$180 RRP





SANTA MARGHERITA DI VALDOBBIADENE PROSECCO

From the town of Valdobbiadene in the DOP Prosecco region of Veneto in northeastern Italy, this Santa Margherita sparkling is a classic.

Sharp sweetness, ripe fruit and orange blossom sit comfortably with the lively bubbles of this sparkling wine. Easy to match with food or ideal on its own, it's great to see Prosecco having some time in the sun.

$22.99 RRP

SANTA MARGHERITA VALDADIGE PINOT GRIGIO

The perfect wine for a hot Christmas, this Pinot Grigio from Val d'Adige in the far northeast of Italy is bright, dry and crisp. Just what you want when someone brings out the seafood and soft cheese.

And as far as Christmas gifts go, this one's a no-brainer. It's even got 'Santa' in the name!

$24.99 RRP



MARNONG ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

From the curiously overlooked wine region of Sunbury, just 35mins north of Melbourne, Marnong Estate makes a wide range of elegant cool-climate wines from its vineyards with soils as rich as its history.

Marnong's Single Vineyard Chardonnay is a medium bodied modern Australian Chardy. Complex gunflint, brine, oatmeal and spicy aromatics lead into a palate of crisp pear and apple fruit flavours with creamy texture.

$40.00 RRP





NAUTILUS SAUVIGNON BLANC

This Sauvignon Blanc comes with all the delightful flavours of the Marlborough region in NZ and the brilliant multi-generational knowledge of one of Australia's oldest wine families, the Hill-Smiths of Yalumba fame.

A palate bursting with mouth-watering lime zest and juicy citrus flavours, and a strong textural finish follows this wine's intense, lifted aromas of lemongrass, fresh blackcurrant buds and ripe grapefruit. The perfect gift for Sancerre fans of the Sauvignon Blanc varietal.

$32.00 RRP

CALABRIA FAMILY BELENA PERSONALISED WINES

The latest range to come from this four-generation, 80-year-old family winery — 'Belena' — comes in beautiful faceted bottles and labels you can personalise. The perfect Christmas gift for the one you love.

Learn how the free custom label offer works here: https://www.calabriawines.com.au/personalised-belena

Belena Rosé : Made with a blend of Shiraz and the noble Aglianico grapes, this Rosé has all the crisp berry notes of a classic pink wine with a long underlying savoury palate that keeps the sweetness down and the mood up.

Belena Prosecco: Fresh, crisp, bright and bubbly, this Italian-style sparkling wine has delicious notes green apple and citrus, and hints of passionfruit and lemongrass. This wine goes well with seafood and sunny afternoons.

$20.00 RRP





WINMARK ESTATE BIOSIS BLANC DE BLANCS 2023

Made solely from Chardonnay, this Blanc de Blancs sparkling from Winmark Estate in the western reaches of the Hunter Valley is a superb example of the style.

Aromas of citrus and stone fruits, and fresh flavours of grapefruit, white peach and nectarine. Base notes of almonds and honey build towards a clean finish with a fine, persistent bubble bead.

Winmark only produces Chardonnay wines, so this latest release tracks perfectly.

$65.00 RRP

MARNONG ESTATE BLANC DE BLANCS 2022

Made with 100% Chardonnay grapes, Marnong's Blanc de Blancs comes with intense ripe citrus and apple aromas and flavours, built on toast and brioche notes.

Marnong Estate only produces their Blanc de Blancs on exceptional vintages.

$24.99 RRP



DEVIL'S CORNER MT BAUDIN CHARDONNAY

From Devil's Corner's premium Hazards range, this cool-climate Tasmanian Chardonnay takes its name from one of the peaks of the Hazards Mountains near the Devil's Corner vineyards.

Mt Baudin Chardonnay 2022 is exceptional, showing layers of stone fruit, fresh, crisp melon and bright citrus. Thanks to lees stirring while it was still in its French barriques, the wine has a rich satisfying roasted cashew finish.

$75.00 RRP





PIRIE SPARKLING LATE DISGORGED 2011

Popping the cork at Christmas is fun, but this vintage Tasmanian bubbly is in a different league.

From the Tamar Valley in northern Tasmania, Pirie's sparkling wines are some of the most awarded in Australia. In fact, this one took Wine of Show and Best Sparkling Wine at the Global Fine Wine awards.

Late disgorgment gives a beautiful deep brioche and biscuit note that works so well with the wine's Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

$145.00 RRP

SPARKLING WINES FROM BEST'S WINES GREAT WESTERN

With a history going back to the founding of the region 160 years ago, Best's Wines Great Western in Victoria produces some of the finest wines in Australia.

Best's Wines C.M.T Methode Traditionelle 2020 sparkling wine is made with the traditional trio of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, and has sat for four years on lees. This sparkling wine is packed with citrus and white peach notes, but with a defined biscuity baseline and soft texture.

$50.00 RRP

Best's Wines Great Western Sparkling Shiraz 2020 is a perfect example of a wine style that's not only synonymous with Great Western wines, but also specific of Australia.

Following the deep purple mousse from the first pour, this wine is rich with dark plum, spice and savoury aromatics, and a long satisfying finish.

$50.00 RRP





STUDIO BY MIRAVAL ROSÉ 2024

Perfect for the summer, this crisp, pale, bone-dry rosé from the French Riviera goes well with everything: seafood to barbecue, lunch or dinner — and even more so when it's wrapped and under the tree this Christmas.

$28.99 RRP

CUPITT'S ESTATE SIGNATURE VERMENTINO

From the beautiful family-run winery on the NSW South Coast comes Cupitt's brand new Signature Wines range.

Medium-bodied and well-balanced, this darling of Italy delivers a spine of acidity with lots of lively green apple and citrus, and a minerally saltiness as a nod to its coastal home.

As they say at Cupitt's: this is 'the Margarita of Wine!'

$34.00 RRP



ZERO HOUR
0% PROSECCO

Flashing its bright smile of fresh, crisp citrus notes, pear and a touch of honey, and a luxurious fizz of bubbles, you'd be forgiven for not knowing this Aussie sparkling is a 0-alcohol drink.

Zero Hour Prosecco starts out as regular sparkling wine and then undergoes a delicate process of de-alcoholisation, which removes the ABV to less than 0.5%. The perfect gift for a healthier, more conscious Christmas.

$40.00 RRP





FRENCH BLOOM
LE BLANC 0.0%ABV

The brainchild of the Director of the Michelin Guide and an international fashion model, French Bloom is a sophisticated stylish alcohol-free drink for those who enjoy Champagne.

French Sparkling Le Blanc is made with French sparkling Gensac® spring water, dealcoholised Chardonnay wine and grape juice, organic lemon juice, and natural grape flavour.

The result is a delicious glass of bubbles with citrus notes, pear and white flowers.

$49.00 RRP

TOP END FIANO FROM MCLAREN VALE — OLIVER'S TARANGA VINEYARDS

With a storied history now in its sixth generation, the Oliver family are branching out into new varieties. Fiano is set to be Australia's new favourite white varietal. Somewhere between Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, this wine is approachable yet structured enough to keep the most ardent of wine buffs entertained.

Vineyards Fiano 2025
Starting with a creamy, nuttiness, this new-release Fiano elaborates into citrus and basil tones with a hint of tropical fruit. Perfect for spicy food or just on its own.

$29.00 RRP

Anfore Fiano 2024
Held on lees in special terracotta amphorae pots from Campagna — home of Fiano — this small-batch wine, has a wonderful creamy texture with a fine acid line running through it.

The flavours and aromas are rich, yet balanced, sweet yet sharp, baked dessert and fresh citrus. A masterpiece of Fiano.

$56.00 RRP





HOLM OAK'S SPARKLING WINES FROM TAMAR VALLEY

Holm Oak owners Bec and Tim Duffy are also the winemaker and viticulturist of this single-estate vineyard in northern Tasmania. Making superb cool-climate red, white and sparkling wines, this dynamic husband-and-wife team are always looking for ways to innovate and perfect their art.

Made entirely of Pinot Noir grapes, this blushing beauty has a wonderfully delicate sweetness that's held up with a balanced natural acidity that Tasmanian wines are known for.

$45.00 RRP

Equal parts Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, this sparkling wine has the best of both grape varieties. Shining with a beautiful fine, persistent bead, it's a bubbly that's made for celebration.

$45.00 RRP

SCARBOROUGH WINE CO WINE SPRITZ

The perfect accompaniment to any picnic or Christmas party, the Scarborough 'Wine in a Can' range are full-strength spritzes in 200ml cans.

The White Spritz is made with Scarborough Offshoot Vermentino. Firm minerality and lively lime flavours combine with bright fruit notes and a delicate fizz. All you have to do is pour.

A blend of Offshoot Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Semillon and Shiraz grapes, the Rosé Spritz is a floral yet slightly spicy drink with the sharpness of pomegranate and raspberry to balance the palate perfectly.

$32 RRP for a 4-pack





OTTER CRAFT DISTILLING MARY STREET SHIRAZ GIN

OCD's Mary Street Shiraz Gin not only has a beautiful deep ruby colour from the wine, it gives this gin a richly spiced, red berry aroma and flavour, which slowly gives way to juniper notes from the gin.

Delicious simply over ice, with soda or lemonade, or combined into something more complex, this gin is surprisingly versatile.

$65.00 RRP

SAVAGE RABBIT VODKA

Anyone who says vodka doesn't have any flavour isn't drinking very good vodka. This premium vodka from the Slovakian mountains is made with winter wheat and rye, and glacial water from alpine lakes. Its light vanilla nose and gentle palate of summer berries is perfect neat or mixed.

$69.00 RRP





SMOKEHEAD ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

The perfect gift for any peated scotch drinker, Smokehead does exactly what it says on the tin.

But beneath the spice, smoke and iodine of heavy peat, this Islay whisky has a gentle side; a subtle, sweet dram that works in harmony with its counterpart. Yin to Yang, action to reaction, Cailleach to Bride.

$123.99 RRP



COCKBURN'S RUBY SOHO PORT

This Portuguese port house has dedicated itself to tradition, but also innovation. Ruby Soho Port is a reflection of this.

Notes of bright blackberry and toffee, and hints of peppery spice make this port perfect for sipping solo or in a classic Port & Lemon this Christmas.

$34.99 RRP



FOUR PINES BREWING CO JAPANESE STYLE LAGER

What better way to say Happy Christmas to the one you love than with a case of beer? Easy: give them a case of this superbly crafted, clean, bright Japanese style lager from Four Pines Brewery.

Made using malted Pilsner barley and flaked rice, and a subtle herbaceous hint of hops, this is a beer for the summer.

$57.50 RRP for case of 18


Christmas
TREATS



APPLE TART A LA ALSACIENNE

Apple pies, tarts and crumbles are always a welcome sight at the end of a meal, but this version of a French apple tart elevates a simple, classic dessert to be something truly memorable.

Delicate crumbly pastry holds up a firm, sweet vanilla custard middle and soft baked slices of apple on top that have caramelised slightly in the oven. The marmalade glaze adds a slight sharpness that cuts through the sweetness of this pretty dessert.

A good scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream finishes the whole dish off perfectly.







This recipe is based on the 'tarte Alsacienne aux pommes', which has the apple at the bottom and the custard poured on top, but I like the visual effect of the apples on top.

INGREDIENTS:

2x sheets of frozen shortcrust pastry

For the custard

- 2x eggs
- 5g cornflour
- 40g plain flour
- 50g caster sugar
- 220ml full-fat milk
- 45ml thickened cream
- 2tsp vanilla extract

For the apples

- 600g granny smith apples
- 1tbsp lemon juice
- 1tsp cinnamon
- 40g caster sugar

For the glaze

- 2-3 tbsp orange marmalade
- 1-2tbsp hot water

METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 180˚C (fan forced) and blind bake the pastry using rice or baking balls* in a scalloped pie tin for 15min. You can bring it out of the oven and leave it to one side when it's done.

2. Turn the oven down to 160˚C.





METHOD CONT.:

3. In the meantime, mix the eggs, flour and sugar in a large mixing bowl until smooth.

4. Heat the milk and cream in a pan to almost boiling then pour into egg, flour and sugar mix, stirring constantly.

5. Return mixture to pan and heat on medium until the mixture thickens. Stir constantly to avoid catching. Once thick, remove custard from heat, add the vanilla and stir thoroughly. Leave the custard to cool.

6. Peel, core and slice the apples into thin wedges. Place in a large bowl and mix with the lemon juice, cinnamon and sugar.

7. When the custard is cool, pour into the pie case and level out with a spatula.

8. Position the apple slices on the surface of the custard any way you like. This can be a bit fiddly, so enjoy the mindfulness while you apple the custard!

Don't add any remaining liquid in the apple bowl to the tart.

9. Bake at 160˚C for 40-45min until the custard is firm and the apples are browning.

10. Brush the tart with the marmalade and hot water glaze (remove any orange pieces if you like) and allow to cool.

For the ice cream, we used our beautiful new Tefal Dolci Black Knight. This amazing piece of tech makes ice cream and gelato at the touch of a button. Find it right here in the House & Home section.



PORT & GORGONZOLA PÂTÉ

Most pâtés are messy, time-consuming and a bit of a pain to make at home, but this port and gorgonzola pâté recipe is none of those things — and what's more, it's vegetarian!

Combining the sultry savoury and spicy notes of luxurious gorgonzola cheese, the vibrantly fruity balanced sweetness of Cockburn's Ruby Port, and the tang of fresh spring onions and herbs, this pâté is perfect for the summer platter.

Munch it down on some crusty bread or add it to a slice of apple and you've got yourself a flavour sensation!







INGREDIENTS:

- 55g unsalted butter
- 1 spring onion – finely chopped
- 60ml Cockburn's Ruby Soho Port
- 125g gorgonzola dolce
- Zest of ½ lemon
- 1 small bunch of coriander – finely chopped
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

METHOD:

- Melt the butter in a saucepan and sweat the spring onion until it's soft.
- Add Cockburn's Port and simmer for 3 minutes.
- Add remaining ingredients and stir well.
- Transfer into food processor and blitz until everything is combined and liquid.
- Pour into ramekins and chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours.

EXTRA IDEAS:

- Try other strong blue cheeses. We tried it with stilton and the pâté was delicious. The only thing to look out for is if the cheese you substitute is vegetarian or not. The Gorgonzola we used was not.
- Instead of spring onions, try shallots or even chives or red onion to give different flavours to the pâté.
- I wonder, could you even add a touch of chilli to the mix?



Wishing you a safe & happy holiday and here's to a great 2026!

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