

## THE GOOD LIFE

## HOLIDAY CHEER



## 1. EGGNOG

The spiked U.S. staple of eggs, sweetened milk and nutmeg

## 2. GLÜHWEIN

German mulled wine, with fruit and spices

## 3. PUNCH DE CRÈME

A tropical rum drink popular in Barbados

## 4. WASSAIL

England's spiced apple sherry punch

## 5. TEJ

Ethiopian honey wine

## 6. PONCHE NAVIDEÑO

Latin America's punch steeped with tamarind pods and dried fruit

## 7. CHRISTMAS STOUT

Irish brew with honey, oranges and ginger

family and friends. And while extravagant gifts may not be in vogue, the desire to provide for loved ones remains as strong as ever. So THE GOOD LIFE has paired luxury goods with their more reasonably priced doppelgängers. Enjoy the savings, if not the eggnog.

Those looking for an edible gift can sweeten the holiday with a miniature Christmas tree constructed entirely from snowflake-shaped chocolates (\$155; [www.lamaisonduchocolat.com](http://www.lamaisonduchocolat.com)). The budget-conscious might opt instead for a tree-shaped container that's pre-filled with sweets (\$28; [dylanscandybar.com](http://dylanscandybar.com)).

For the man who always puts his best foot forward, patent-leather lace-up Oxfords from Prada pair well with tuxedos and jeans alike (\$650; [prada.com](http://prada.com)). But for dead ringers that won't empty your wallet, try the Mister Man shoes from Kenneth Cole (\$230; [kennethcole.com](http://kennethcole.com)).

In these hardscrabble times, gems can be a tough sell. The centerpiece of British jeweler Stephen Webster's Small Love Haze pendant is a piece of eye-popping turquoise quartz. It's surrounded by pavé diamonds, all set in 18-karat white gold (\$9,200; [bergdorfgoodman.com](http://bergdorfgoodman.com)). By comparison, the translucent aquamarine pendant of Alexis

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Bittar's Alice necklace is made from Lucite, and features a hand-painted cherry blossom. It's part of a collection named for members of the British royal family (\$295; [alexisbittar.com](http://alexisbittar.com)).

Panerai once produced just over 30 individual timepieces a year. Though it makes more than that now, it remains one of the most exclusive watch companies in the world. But the look of its Luminor (\$4,550; [panerai.com](http://panerai.com)), which features an oversize black face and a sleek black band, can be had for a tenth of the price in Swiss Army's sporty Chrono Classic Two-Tone (\$450; [swissarmy.com](http://swissarmy.com)).

The Joy kit from Molton Brown may bring a bit of happiness to someone's life, featuring soap and lotion in the British brand's Naran Ji scent, along with a limited-edition dish on which to display them (\$94; [moltonbrown.com](http://moltonbrown.com)). Alternatively, Clinique will print any photo on a bottle of its popular Happy perfume at no extra charge (from \$49.50; [clinique.com](http://clinique.com)).

The celebrity-obsessed can delight in a special edition of "BeautyLight," a coffee-table book that features portraits from Warhol protégé Matthew Rolston (\$2,500;

**OH, JOY:** *Maison du Chocolat tree, Clinique perfume, Molton Brown, Dylan's Candy Bar*



**MOBILE ECONOMY:** *A shop sails along the Rhine River*



## SHOPPING

## Browsing Markets Instead of the Mall

**L**UCKY FOR RELUCTANT shoppers, outdoor outcroppings of stalls spring up each year at this time, proffering handcrafted tchotchkes, unique apparel, housewares, beauty products, toys and exotic delicacies. Featuring 300 vendors adjacent to a skating rink, the Strasbourg market is the largest in France and has been around for al-

most half a millennium. Situated in the shadow of the Strasbourg Cathedral, it includes a series of charming timbered buildings housing shops and a gingerbread bakery (through Dec. 31; [strasbourg.com](http://strasbourg.com)). Cologne, Germany, boasts six Christmas markets, including the Floating Christmas Market, held on a boat

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CAROL AND MIKE WERNER—ALAMY, COURTESY OF MAISON DU CHOCOLAT, COURTESY OF CLINIQUE, COURTESY OF MOLTON BROWN, ANDREW HAYES