



## 11 LOCAL GEM

For a lasting token of your trip, pick up some one-of-a-kind jewellery by a local designer. Toronto-based **Rebecca Gruber** of High Strung Designs handcrafts her eclectic pieces, culling antique and vintage materials from around the world. This extra-long "Vanilla and Caramel" necklace (\$250) is made from white palm rounds and vintage Lucite, topped off by a brass toggle sphere. Find Gruber's designs at **Blue Dot Gallery** (Distillery Historic District, 55 Mill St., Bldg. 47, 416-487-1500) and **Maxine's** (Hazelton Lanes, 87 Avenue Rd., 416-487-1500).



## 13 BATHING BEAUTY

The season of sun, sand and waterside fun approaches. To steam up the poolside this summer, stop by Yorkville's upscale swimwear boutique **Shan** (38 Avenue Rd., 416-961-7426). The exclusive store is the showcase for Shan designer Chantal Levesque's chic line of bikinis, cruisewear and lingerie. Her lingerie-inspired suits run from \$185 to \$450.



## 12 SWEET NECTAR

If Canada were captured in a bottle, no doubt its flavour would be **ice wine maple syrup** (\$19.95 for 250 ml). Two classic Canadian flavours infuse this scrumptious treat. Maple syrup fans will appreciate this sophisticated variation, which is slightly less sweet because of the acidity from the Ontario ice wine. Pick up a bottle at **Senses** (Soho Metropolitan Hotel, 328 Wellington St. W., 416-961-0055) for drizzling over pancakes, waffles or ice cream.

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### A BOX FOR BOGEY

Cigars get first-class treatment with the **travel cigar case** (\$1,060) from **Louis Vuitton** (111 Bloor St. W., 416-968-3993). Made of mahogany with a Macassar ebony veneer finish and pear tree wood accents, the refined box is a gentlemanly way to carry cigars without damaging them. A cedar lining helps to absorb humidity ensuring your cigars remain fresh. Fill the case with some of the world's best brands, including Habanos, Montecristo and Cohiba (\$2 to \$100 per cigar) at **Thomas Hinds Tobacconist** (8 Cumberland St., 416-927-7703).

NECKLACE AND MAPLE SYRUP: ICE WINE PHOTOS: GEOFF GEORGE

### TIP

**Holt Renfrew's** (page 69) trend-savvy personal shoppers offer complimentary advice by appointment: lounge in a plush private suite as they bring pre-selected goods to you.



## 15 TEE TIME

Named in *Golf Digest's* annual "Hot List" as one of the best drivers for 2007, the **TaylorMade r7 TP Superquad Driver** (\$949) is this season's must-have for golfers who want to knock a few strokes off their game. Kick off the season at **Golf Town** (266 King St. W., 416-977-4733) with this amped-up driver, which features four movable weight-screws and the Select-Fit setup with more than 63,000 combinations. Impressive forgiveness for off-centre hits and an extra-large 460 cc clubhead with inverted-cone technology boost this driver's desirability.

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