

While any purchase made on vacation might call up the scent of citrus or the fuchsia stain of bougainvillea, it is the twin powers of the found-only-here and the made-just-for-you item which remind you that you were there. But of course not every custom shirt maker, cobbler, or tailor is worth the wait. To that end, Nicole Berrie mines the black books of some of the most discerning global shoppers, collectors, and travelers we know to come up with the ultimate bespoke hit list.

# Made (Just for You) in Europe

## HOME DECOR

J. & L. Lobmeyr / VIENNA



"While living in Vienna, I discovered J. & L. Lobmeyr's beautiful glassware," says lifestyle brand founder Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer. "Each piece can be personally engraved. I received a set of

two short glasses with a beautifully etched Z for my wedding and always have them displayed."

**Make it yours:** Choose from a myriad of designs from the company's

monogram book; allow about one hour of engraving per letter, and two to three days for a monogram engraving. Glass series can take several months (Kärntnerstrasse 26, Vienna; from \$100).

Linley / LONDON



Furniture retailer Linley can create anything from scratch—from desks with a built-in humidifier to handcrafted game tables to entire kitchens. "They make the most beautiful bespoke collectibles in London," says designer Misha Nonoo. "I had a custom backgammon set commissioned when I got married, and it's become one of my favorite pieces."

**Make it yours:** Bespoke games are handcrafted with customizable features—from baize playing surfaces to exotic skin or leather trims in a variety of colors. It'll take at least eight weeks to design and create, and the final product is shipped via courier. Furniture takes a bit longer: two to three months (60 Pimlico Rd., London; price upon request).

Tapiserie / LONDON

"It's one of the best places in London to get custom-made wall-hangings," says jewelry designer Noor Fares. "I love their embroidered pillows and handbags, and their beautiful Christmas stockings will last a lifetime."

**Make it yours:** Hand-painted needlework items, including cushions and slippers, take up to three weeks to design and paint; complete construction, using hand-dyed French crewel wool, might take months. Bring inspirational references—like a pet photo, so the artist can capture every last whisker. Shipping is via Royal Mail or courier (54 Walton St., London; bespoke prices upon request).

## ACCESSORIES

Masel / MILAN

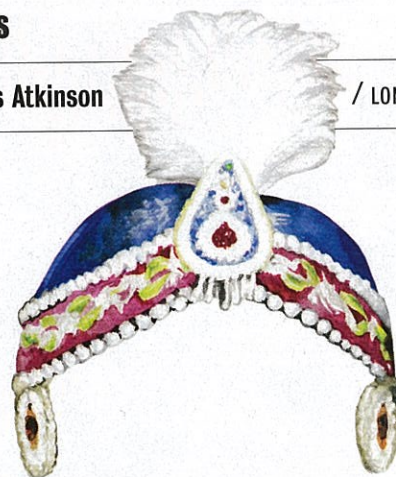
"Great menswear is all about nuance and detail," says Sabine Heller, CEO of online travel and lifestyle community A Small World. "Masel's ties are exquisitely handcrafted in Como, Italy. The fabric choices (virgin silk, Mongolian cashmere, for example) are sumptuous." Each tie is entirely customizable, from length and stitch to the interior lining, and quotes or dedications may be hand-sewn

on the tipping. "I made a tie for screenwriter Hud Morgan and had an inside joke sewn on it," she says.

**Make it yours:** Private consultations can be scheduled with founder Luca Maselli at his Milan showroom. Allow two weeks for delivery (Via Broletto 37, Milan; 39-392-130-43-97; admin@masel.me; from \$164 to \$277).

## HATS

Piers Atkinson / LONDON



"Although London-based milliner Piers Atkinson's hats are now stocked at many of the world's leading boutiques, he's best put to use on custom projects where he can really manifest his talent," says Dana Alikhani, co-founder of online retailer Muzungu Sisters. "He re-created the most ornate bejeweled and feathered skullcap hat

for my wedding using a miniature Persian Qajar painting for reference."

**Make it yours:** Custom hats take up to three weeks and include fitting and choice of brim size and trim. If you can't make it to London, Atkinson will take meetings via e-mail, phone, or Skype (info@piersatkinson.com; from \$757).