

# 7 EXPERIENCES WORTH GIFTING

Make memories that will last a lifetime with one of these luxurious experiences.

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### 1. Gourmand Getaway at The Lodge at Woodloch

Treat your loved one, and their taste buds, to the Gourmand Getaway package at The Lodge at Woodloch in the Poconos. Vacation begins with a sommelier-selected red wine and charcuterie board in your room before savoring gourmet, award-winning cuisine at TREE Restaurant and Bar, such as carrot osso bucco and steak frites. After settling in, slip on an apron for the cooking demonstrations or a fluffy robe for a personalized spa day. 109 River Birch Lane, Hawley, 800.966.3562, thelodgeatwoodloch.com



### 2. Cocktail Classes at Cocktail Culture Co.

Shake things up with Cocktail Culture Co. at one of its fun mixology classes. During the Prohibition Era Cocktails class, become a master cocktail crafter and pour popular cocktails from that period like an Old-Fashioned, Bee's Knees, Jack Rose or sidecar. 16 S. Second St., 267.702.3404, cocktailculture.co

### 3. Laurel Six-Course Menu

Prepare to savor a six-course meal with local, seasonal ingredients at Laurel. Chef Nicholas Elmi won Season 11 of *Top Chef*, and his food is a Philadelphia staple. Try French-influenced American dishes like the l'Arpège egg with bowfin caviar on sourdough brioche and eggplant miso-crusted veal with smoked malted barley and blackened cherry. Add wine pairings to the experience to ensure your taste buds fully capture the flavors. *1617 E. Passyunk Ave.*, *215.271.8299*, *restaurantlaurel.com* 

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From left: Laurel's six-course menu features bites like eggplant miso-crusted veal with smoked malted barley and blackened cherry; surprise your budding mixologist with Cocktail Culture Co.'s Prohibition Era Cocktails class.

### 4. Vetri Cucina Cooking Classes

Surprise your favorite foodie with an evening of mastering Italian cooking at Vetri Cucina. For the evening, James Beard Award-winning chef and owner of Vetri Cucina Marc Vetri is at your disposal. While sitting in the upstairs private demonstration kitchen, chef Vetri will showcase his techniques for making staples like from-scratch pastas. 1312 Spruce St., 215.732.3478, vetricucina.com

### 5. Zahav Tasting Menu

For those open to trying international cuisines, chef Michael Solomonov's Israeli tasting menu is a must. As a five-time James Beard Award winner for titles like Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic and Outstanding Restaurant, chef Solomonov is a master at his craft. Start with traditional Israeli *laffa* bread, which is a thick, chewy bread made on a special hot *taboon* oven, before savoring the pomegranate lamb shoulder. Your loved ones will not forget this sensational meal, nor will their taste buds. 237 St. James Place, 215.625.8800, zahavrestaurant.com

## 6. Boyds Philadelphia Personal Shopping

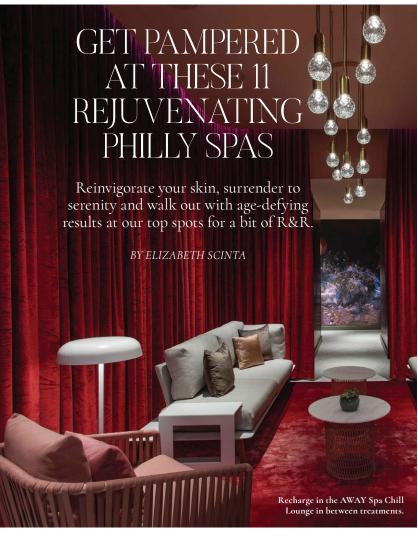
Shop designers like Alexander Wang, Canada Goose, Christian Louboutin, Tom Ford and more at Boyds Philadelphia. Everyone could use a winter wardrobe refresh, and at Boyds, a new season of fashions is waiting to be styled. Spoil your loved ones to an appointment with a personal shopper to ensure they find the perfect pieces for their aesthetic. 1818 Chestnut St., 215.564.9000, boydsphila.com

# From top: The Rittenhouse Hotel's relaxation room is the perfect place to recharge between treatments; at Boyds Philadelphia, shop designer styles like the Loulou Studio Mahe cardigan.

### 7. Philadelphia Eagles vs. New York Giants

Here's the game plan: Surprise a friend or two with unobstructed views of Lincoln Financial Field as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the New York Giants on Dec. 26. The rivalry between these two dates back to 1933, so the game is certainly not to be missed. The cozy, luxe suite includes all the food and cocktails one could want, and need, depending on the score. 1 Lincoln Financial Field Way, 215.463.5500, philadelphiaeagles.com

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### 1. AWAY Spa

Start with an 80-minute Detox massage, which uses oils to stimulate the metabolism and eliminate toxins, and end with a Rewind facial. Of course, enhancements are always recommended for the ultimate escape. Think Eye Recovery treatments to depuff and lessen dark circles, lip scrubs for the ultimate pout and gua sha massage to create a sculpted look. 1439 Chestnut St., 215.709.8000, wphiladelphia.com

### 2. Body+Beauty Lab

Enhancing one's features doesn't always have to mean a complicated medical procedure. Body+Beauty Lab, powered by Jefferson Health, offers multiple nonsurgical injectable enhancements for jawline contouring, lip filler, cheek

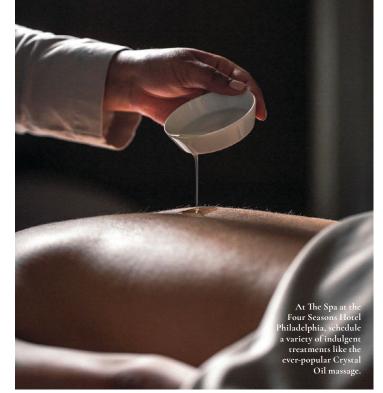
more. Plus, an abundance of body treatments, from CoolSculpting, at the new Radnor location to smoothing body peels, line the medspa's menu—perfect for a spa day with a bit more oomph. Multiple locations, bodyandbeauty.com

Take a quick drive across the Delaware River to The Garden Medical Spa for chemical peels, laser procedures, microneedling, radiofrequency skin tightening and more. Try radiofrequency skin tightening using the Legend Pro device, which targets the subdermal layer with fine pins and radiofrequency technology. The device stimulates collagen

augmentation, wrinkle erasers and

3. The Garden Medical Spa

production while rejuvenating and



tightening the skin. 738 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, N.J., 856.545.1505, thegardenmedspa.com

### 4. Kári Skin

Kári Skin believes beauty starts beneath the surface, which is why the team thinks it's never too late to learn more about your skin and what it needs. Head to the Old City spot for facials, massages and injectables, as well as brow laminations, lash lifts, brow and lash tints and waxes. 325 Cherry St., 2nd Floor Rear, 215.309.3076, kariskin.com

### 5. Richel D'Ambra

The Tibetan Bowls massage utilizes the sounds from Tibetan singing bowls, which have been used for over 6,000 years, to stimulate stress relief and relaxation on both sides of the brain. While enveloped in a sound bath, the masseuse uses body butter and aromatherapy oils to revitalize the body, mind and soul. Choose to do it alone, or with your significant other for a romantic day. 10 Ave. of the Arts, 215.523.8035, richeldambra.com

6. The Rittenhouse Spa & Club Leave smelling like a rose and glowing like the sun after receiving the 1,000 Roses facial. What does it entail? An aromatherapy session using rose quartz oil made of Bulgarian roses to ground the patients to their chakras, cultivate self-love and soften the skin. The Kypris serums, known for balancing oily skin and eliminating marks on the face, and golden beauty elixirs will render a radiant glow. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, 215.790.2500, therittenhousespaclub.com

### 7. Sonya Savage Skin Care

Founder Sonya Savage believes there are three essential steps in maintaining healthy skin: prevent damage by developing a skincare plan, correct by receiving treatments and maintain by following a routine. Start with a New Client Consultation facial, where estheticians assess your skin's history, health and needs before performing a service. After, a customized facial is performed with exfoliation, steam, extractions, corrective skincare and LED light therapy tailored to the skin's demands. 255 S. 17th St., 215.309.2840, sonyasavage.com

### 8. The Spa at the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia

Seven hundred pounds of healing crystals live within the walls of



Try Kári Skin's amethyst eye mask facial.

the award-winning spa, leaving guests with positive, calming energy the moment they step through the doors. Located on the 57th floor of the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia, the spa has a variety of indulgent treatments, including the ever-popular Crystal Oil massage. Post-treatment, melt away in the relaxation lounge, where city views and yummy snacks (chocolate cranberries! Crystallized ginger!) are in abundance. 1 N. 19th St., 215.419.5050, fourseasons.com

### 9. The Underground Spa & Wellness

Located inside the luxury Logan Hotel, the Underground Spa & Wellness is eager to help you slip into a state of tranquil bliss with the Create Your Own Journey package. Three treatments that total 125 minutes of true bliss will leave you feeling sparkly new. Think 50-minute custom organic facials, Logan Relaxation massage, Mighty Mint Foot Treatment or Shea Butter Body Cocoon. Then, choose one of the 25-minute programs: a Clove Scalp

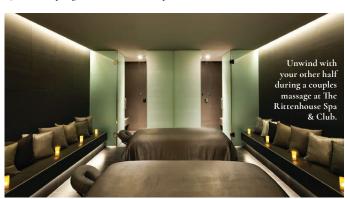
Treatment or the Sea Salt body scrub. 1 Logan Square, Lower Level, 215.405.2815, theloganhotel.com

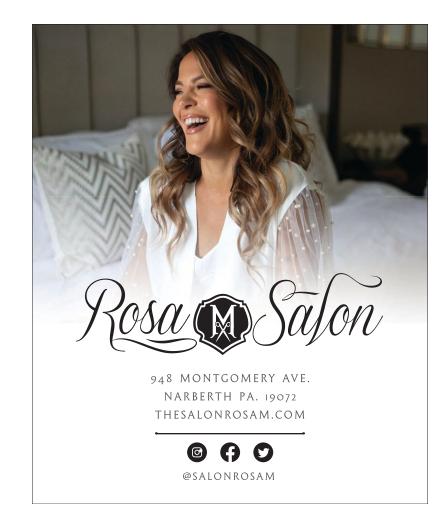
### 10. Victoria Roggio

Owner Victoria Roggio's love for beauty and fashion blossomed at a young age and was inspired by watching her mother, who was a theater makeup artist. Therein, Roggio strived to create an environment where clients feel happy in their skin, and she believes that starts with applying proper techniques and care. At her Old City day spa, choose from one of the many offerings, like the 90-minute Red Carpet facial. This treatment addresses fine lines and wrinkles while stimulating and toning the skin. 219 Cuthbert St., 6th Floor, 215.647.2048, victoriaroggiobeauty.com

### 11. 1859 Wellness Spa

Enjoy a full spa experience that targets every part of the body, lasts six hours and includes a delectable lunch from Winnie's, Jake & Coopers or Couch Tomato. Begin the day with a Swedish massage where the masseuse uses warm towels infused with soothing oil to induce a Zen mindset. Next, hydrate the face with hibiscus and white tea extracts during the Moisture Drench facial. Finish with a spa manicure, pedicure, shampoo, blow-dry, curl and makeover. 4259 Main St., 267.331.6991, 1859wellness.com









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