

Things we'd buy

— Parisian purchases

It's hard to bid *au revoir* to the French capital without stuffing a substantial hoard from the country's leading luxury brands into your suitcase. We recommend starting with Dior fragrances, Chanel cosmetics and the Parisian classic – a Saint Laurent beret. In line with tradition a bold bottle of red should also make it onto your list, along with some crystal glassware by one of the country's longest-standing glass manufacturers Saint-Louis. And don't put away your credit card just yet: there's a rising wave of young and independent brands to buy from, such as L/Uniform with its range of woven-canvas-and-leather bags and Maison Kitsuné – who could resist that genteel menswear collection?



- 01 Cabin suitcase by L/Uniform uniform.com
- 02 Crystal wine glasses by Saint-Louis saint-louis.com
- 03 Orcival mariner shirt from Victoire Barber & Shop victoirebarberandshop.fr
- 04 Moulin de la lagune haut-medoc wine from Le Bon Marché lebonmarche.com
- 05 Pralines by À la Mère de Famille lameredefamille.com
- 06 J'Adore fragrance by Dior dior.com
- 07 Candle and ceramic cup by Astier de Villatte astierdevillatte.com
- 08 Fragrance by Buly 1803 buly1803.com
- 09 Classic beret by Saint Laurent ysl.com
- 10 Clutches and brush pouch by L/Uniform uniform.com
- 11 Leather folders by Isaac Reina isaacreina.com
- 12 Le Petit Duc biscuits from Le Bon Marché lebonmarche.com
- 13 Leather shoes by Parabout parabout.com
- 14 Leisure shoes by Rivas rivas-shoes.com
- 15 Tote bag by Shakespeare and Company shakespeareandcompany.com
- 16 Children's clothing by Molli molli.com
- 17 Books by Sempé from Shakespeare and Company shakespeareandcompany.com
- 18 Scented matches and hand cream by Buly 1803 buly1803.com
- 19 A La Cloche Lorraine madeleines from Le Bon Marché lebonmarche.com
- 20 Camembert d'Isigny from Barthélemy [33\(0\)142228224](http://33(0)142228224)
- 21 Chocolates by À la Mère de Famille lameredefamille.com
- 22 Macarons by Ladurée laduree.com



Branching out
Mollie stocks both women's and children's clothes



5 Mollie, Saint-Germain-des-Près (7^e)
Established pattern

It's unusual to pop into a shop for a gift and end up leaving with the keys to the company but that's essentially what happened to Charlotte de Fayet (pictured). Previously the marketing manager at L'Oréal and Danone, the mother of two decided to swap careers after buying a gift for her newborn at Mollie, a much-loved childrenswear brand specialising in beautiful handmade knitwear.

The airy shop now sells a womenswear line that is modelled on the luxury feel and clean lines of the infant collection but with bolder designs in the powder-coloured mix. "My idea was to reawaken Mollie's most beautiful items by emphasising the iconic moss stitch that is knitted with double-needle bars to produce its unique texture," says De Fayet. 252 Boulevard Saint-Germain, 75007 +33 (0)1 4325 8791 mollie.com



Well, isn't this a nice place to have a rest...

