

Wrap Up a Travel Gift!

Rach loves giving “the gift of experience”—a family getaway you’ll all remember forever.

Here are some seriously cool ways to bond while you bon voyage. BY KAREN CATCHPOLE

1 For the Daredevil FLY WITH A JET PACK

The Experience: Duck Key, a laid-back hideaway in the Florida Keys, is home to one of only two resorts in the world where you can “fly” with the JetLev R200—a water-fed jet pack that propels the rider up to 30 feet in the air à la James Bond in *Thunderball*. (\$249 per person, flyajetlev.com; mention Every Day with Rachael Ray when booking and get a free photo package worth \$45)

The Eats: With testosterone raging, you’ll require a man-size meal. Go for the hulking, fresh-as-can-be lobster reuben at Keys Fisheries (\$15, 305-743-4353). Just outside, fishermen haul in the catch of the day.

Crash: Overlooking turquoise waters, Hawks Cay Island Resort is a swanky spot for a shockingly reasonable price. (doubles from \$150, hawks cay.com; mention Every Day with Rachael Ray when booking and get 10% off room rates, plus a \$20 voucher, valid December 1, 2011–February 12, 2012, excluding December 26–January 1)

WRAP IT with the James Bond Ultimate Edition Volume 2 10-disc DVD box set (\$60, amazon.com). Watch him work that jet pack!



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2 For the Fearless Family CAMP WITH ALLIGATORS

The Experience: At the 400,000-acre Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Folkston, Georgia, you’ll canoe through serene waterways, past regal cypress trees and nesting birds before floating up to your wooden camping platform, built mere inches above the alligator-filled swamp. Each of the nine platforms is reserved for just one group, so you and your family will have the place to yourselves—aside from those gators, of course. (\$10 per person per night includes canoe rental, 912-496-3331)

The Eats: Up to you! Spacious canoes leave plenty of room to bring along a cooler, camp stove and cooking utensils. Stock up on marshmallows and more at Harveys Supermarket (912-496-7093), near the east entrance to the refuge.

WRAP IT with *The Camping Cookbook* (\$17, amazon.com), full of creative, craveworthy, camp-friendly dishes like hot dog goulash and grilled Mallomars.





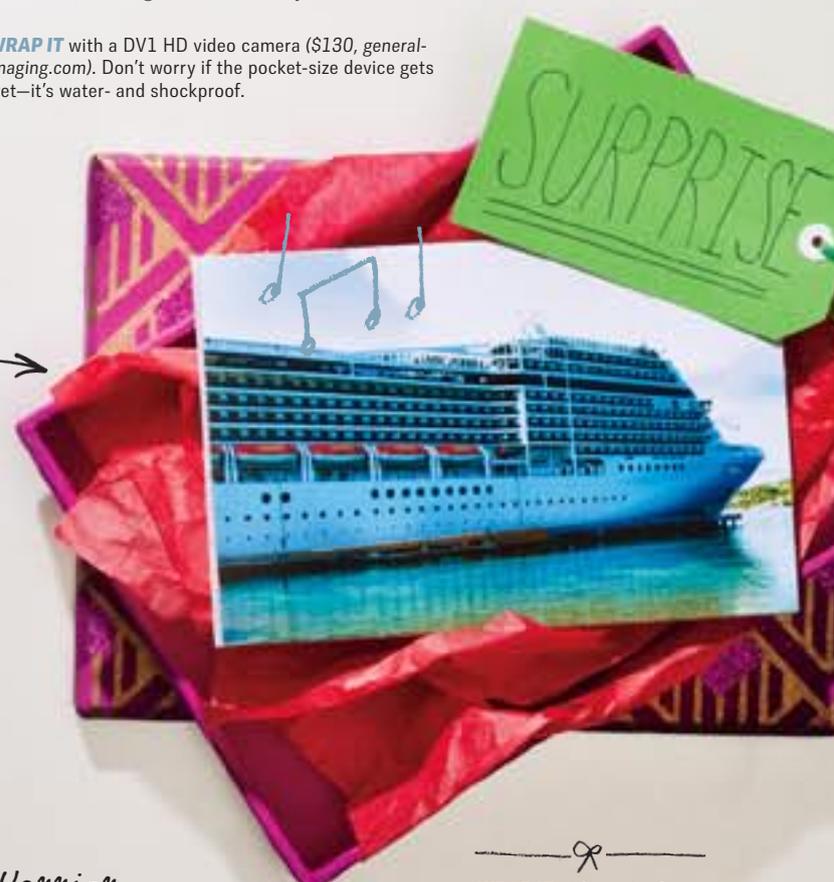
3 For the Seafaring Sort KAYAK IN PARADISE

The Experience: Mexico's Loreto Bay is one of the richest marine-life habitats on earth. From a kayak you'll scope blue whales, sea lions and dolphins. Book a Sea Kayak Adventures trip and spend your days paddling through the crystal-clear Sea of Cortez to pristine campsites on deserted beaches. (\$895 per person age 11 and up, includes a 5-day guided kayak trip, Loreto accommodations, camping equipment and gourmet meals, seakayadventures.com; book this year and mention Every Day with Rachael Ray, and your second child goes for free—a 25% discount—plus you'll receive a hotel upgrade and free snorkeling gear rentals)



The Eats: As the sun goes down over the camp, relive the day's best animal sightings over icy margaritas and fresh fish Veracruz-style, with capers, raisins and olives, caught and cooked by the on-site chef.

WRAP IT with a DV1 HD video camera (\$130, general-imaging.com). Don't worry if the pocket-size device gets wet—it's water- and shockproof.



4 For the Music Fan CRUISE WITH ROCK STARS

The Experience: Take one luxury ship, fill it with hundreds of music lovers and dozens of bands, and you've got the aptly named Jam Cruise. This year you'll see Bruce Hornsby, Trombone Shorty, The New Mastersounds and many more performing in the ship's every nook and cranny, almost 24 hours a day. When you're not taking in the music, you'll be hanging out with musicians—on the ship and during stops in Haiti and Jamaica. (5-day cruise departing from Fort Lauderdale on January 9, from \$799 per person, jamcruise.com/2012)

The Drinks: Music leads to dancing, which leads to sweating, which (often) leads to beer guzzling. Order a refreshing pale ale from Sweetwater Brewing Company at the onboard bar, Brews at Sea.

WRAP IT with *For True* (\$10, amazon.com), the latest CD by Trombone Shorty—a nickname Troy Andrews got at age 4. The 25-year-old Grammy nominee is making the trombone sexy again, as you'll see aboard the Jam Cruise.



5 For the Winter Warrior CLIMB AN ICE WALL

The Experience: Face down a frozen waterfall: After a two-day course, you'll be able to climb it. Colorado's Ouray Ice Park is one of the most accessible places to learn this heart-racing sport. (\$340 per person, ourayclimbing.com; mention Every Day with Rachael Ray when booking and get 10% off)



The Drinks: You might bump into that cute ice-climbing instructor at Ourayale House Brewery (from \$5, ourayalehouse.com), where John "Hutch" Hutchinson's brews come in two sizes: 19-oz. "His" and 23-oz. "Hers."

Crash: Ahhh. That's the sound you'll make when you lower your sore body into the natural hot springs, right at Box Canyon Lodge & Hot Springs. (from \$115, boxcanyonouray.com; mention Every Day with Rachael Ray when booking and take 20% off rates and receive two robes—a \$78 value—with a stay of 3 nights or more)



WRAP IT with a pair of Bugaboo gloves (\$50, columbia.com). The fleece liner keeps fingers toasty, while the breathable outer shell leaves hands agile enough to grip the ice.



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