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As Emerson said, life is a journey, not a destination. So why not enjoy some small luxuries along the way?

Described as the cosmetic equivalent of the "sartorially sacred" leopard print, this limited-edition Animalier bronzer from Dolce & Gabbana had us purring from the moment we put our paws on it. The gold-tinted powder, created in collaboration with makeup artist extraordinaire Pat McGrath, is formulated to give a universally flattering glow. The gilt case is elegant in its own right, as is the golden flat-handled applicator brush that slips inside its own pocket of the black velveteen carrying case. \$50, Saks Fifth Avenue.

After many years of living in a tiny seaside cottage where space was scarce, Monterey's Cheryl Cooper designed the "Hold Me" bag, a sophisticated, faux-suede makeup bag that holds many more products than it would seem to at first glance. The plastic-lined zippered pouch in the middle has a removable bottom liner for easy cleaning, and the front flap has 15 stitched pockets that hold more than 30

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cosmetic brushes, nail scissors, tweezers and other essentials. Inspired by a vintage book bag, the wraparound tie adjusts depending on how much (or little) is inside. Several fun patterns are available (Miss Suki, shown), and custom bags can be created for brides (with an interior to match the gown or color scheme) or bridesmaids upon request. Even better, if you're traveling and in a pinch, it's glam enough to double as a handbag. Prices range from \$55 to \$95, [holdmecompany.com](#).

Maybe it's the antioxidant cloudberry seed oil that makes the Air Repair Kit such a great find for long flights or warm summer days. Denise Spanek, San Francisco aesthetician and CEO of Visage Studio, created a set of travel essentials (cleanser, toner, moisturizer, eye cream and all-purpose salve) that hydrate and protect skin without petroleum, mineral oil or parabens. The Rescue Balm, with sweet almond oil, shea butter, vitamin E and extracts of lavender and rose geranium, is particularly soothing - whether you're experiencing turbulence (literal or figurative) or not. The Beauty Boost is even more portable, with smaller sizes of everything except the toner. Air Repair Kit, \$34.95; Beauty Boost, \$9.95. [www.airrepairskincare.com](#) for locations.

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