

Put heart into your holiday and leave enough room to Pack For A Purpose

AN INGENIOUS new initiative called Pack For A Purpose has come up with one of those simple ideas that you can't believe no one has thought of before — and it is set to improve the lives of children around the world.

Tourists to far-flung destinations from Africa to Southeast Asia are being encouraged to use a small space in their suitcase for much-needed medical supplies or educational materials at their chosen destination.

'Five pounds (2.27kg) can be as much as 400 pencils or five deflated soccer balls,' says Rebecca Rothney, chairperson of Pack For A Purpose, who came up with the idea after a safari trip to Africa with her husband. Her 'lightbulb' moment was realising she had room left in her luggage after packing light for her trip — and she knew exactly how she wanted to use it.

'It's startling to see just how little some schools and clinics have to work with. I believe we can find a little space in our luggage for a bag of

supplies. If enough people make small contributions, we have the potential to make an enormous positive impact,' she says.

The charity has made it easy for travellers, by setting up links with specific accommodation providers — such as the Selous Safari Company in Tanzania, who have donated over 30 kilos of supplies from guests in the last year.

'The school supplies tourists have donated have benefited a large number of children here in Tanzania, as they seek an education to improve their lives and the local community,' says Daniel Draisey, general manager of Selous Safari, and a man who is truly passionate about his cause.

And all travellers have to do is pack their suitcase with a small amount of school supplies or medical supplies, then drop off their provisions with the hotel manager on arrival.

For more information on how to pack, where to go and the best items to bring, visit packforapurpose.org or selous.com

DANONE Big Toddle for Barnardos

Toddle Time May & June 2011

Don't miss out! Join the Toddle Team today!

Barnardos is calling all toddlers and Primary School pupils to join in Ireland's largest sponsored walks for children. Help vulnerable children in Ireland and register today on barnardos.ie/bigtoddle or call 1850 222 300.

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Yes - I want to register

for the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNARDOS 2011.

Please send me my fantastic free toddle pack! (toddle packs will be posted in April)

Name

Address

Telephone number

Number of children taking part (approx)

Are you from a School Crèche Family Other

Please complete this form and send to: Barnardos, Christchurch Square, FREEPOST F126, Dublin 8.



CRYSTAL TOILET, €55,000

IF YOU must flush money down the toilet, this is the way to do it. U.S. designer Jemal Wright specialises in bling bathrooms. This '1st' loo is bedecked in Swarovski crystals — all you need is a disco ball hanging from the shower head to complete the look. jemalwright.com

GOLD PRAM, €7,100

SILVER CROSS is the top name in luxury prams — Princess Grace wheeled her children around in one. This was created by pram-restorers Graham Richardson and Alison Murfet in 2008, using €4,800 of gold. It has a music box, ermine fur trim

and satin lining. The makers take commissions, should you be tempted. harrods.com



DIAMOND AND TITANIUM EARPHONE COVERS, UP TO €60,000

EARRINGS are so 2010. Diamonds can now be worn in your ears, not hanging off them. These luxury earphone covers from American company DEOS are made to order. And the Beckhams have their own matching pairs in black diamond and white diamond, worth €18,000. deoslive.com

TANZANITE HEELS, €1.5 MILLION

WE'VE all heard about the old woman who lived in a shoe — but this one costs more than five average Irish homes. Created by U.S. luxury shoemaker Stuart Weitzman in collaboration with jeweller Le Vian, it's dripping with diamonds and tanzanite — a rare gem found mostly in the foothills of Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro. stuartweitzman.com



TITANIC DNA DAY&NIGHT WATCH, €220,000

THIS might not be the world's most expensive watch, but it's certainly the priciest time-piece that doesn't even tell the time. Created by Swiss watchmaker Romain Jerome, it's made of rusted steel salvaged by divers from the wreck of the Titanic. Instead of telling the time, it tells you when it's night or day. romainjerome.ch



FULLY CRYSTALLISED STEINWAY PIANO, FROM €585,000

IF ELTON JOHN doesn't have one of these in his living room, it can only be a matter of time. Every inch of this Steinway piano and stool are plastered with more than a million Swarovski crystals in a choice of colours — including silver, gold and baby pink. crystalroc.com

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BLING IT ON!

Victoria Beckham has been spotted with a €26,000 phone. But as our shopping guide for the seriously rich (and tasteless!) proves, she could be a lot more flash with her cash...



GOLD AND DIAMOND HEARING AID, €30,000

THIS hearing aid is covered with enough gold and diamonds to make any ageing rapper smile. widea.com

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NINTENDO Wii GOLD, €355,000

WE'VE solved the mystery of why celebrities wear sunglasses at home — they must own the world's most expensive games console. Made of 22-carat gold, this Nintendo Wii will brighten up a dull corner in any multi-million-pound penthouse. stuarthughes.com

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BANG & OLUFSEN BEOSOUND 24CT GOLD AND DIAMOND €1.5 MILLION

IT TAKES seven months to create this seriously high-end designer music centre, incorporating a smattering of diamonds and enough 24 carat gold to make about 5,000 wedding rings. stuarthughes.com

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ROSE EDITION TV, €1.8 MILLION

HOW do you make the blingest TV on the planet? Start with a 55-inch flat screen, create a stand from 18-carat rose-gold, attach some hand-stitched alligator skin — then pile on 72 diamonds. Even the dresses in Big Fat Gypsy Weddings can't compete. goldstriker.co.uk

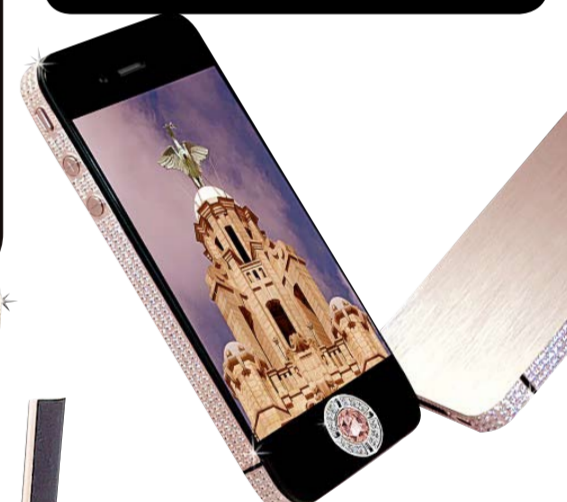
goldstriker.co.uk



GOLD CRYSTAL EDITION BICYCLE, €80,000

A BICYCLE is usually a cheap way of getting around — but not this one. Danish designer Aurumania has created a 24-carat gold bicycle costing eight times as much as a new BMW Mini. It doesn't even come with a lock, but there is a ten-year guarantee. aurumania.com

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DIAMOND ROSE iPhone 4, €5.9 MILLION

THIS isn't just a gold phone — it's a rose-gold (pink-tinted) iPhone 4 that's set with 500 flawless diamonds and one giant 7.8-carat pink diamond. It's sold in a chest carved out of pink granite. The perfect phone to whip out when you are trying to out-bling the flashiest person you know. stuarthughes.com

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ROLLS-ROYCE GHOST DIVA, AROUND €1.2 MILLION

IF THE most powerful Rolls ever built isn't a big enough statement, how about coating the bonnet, bumper, grille and interior with solid gold? Italian

company Fenice Milano won't even reveal the price of its made-to-order 'Diva' Rolls — but since a standard Ghost starts at €240,000, €1.2 million seems like a conservative estimate. Price on application, Fenice Milano

VIBROGYM DIAMOND, €51,000

VIBRATING plates are already a cult way of exercising, with fans including Madonna. But this crystal-encrusted gem shimmers as it shakes. Standing on a sparkly machine which tones your bottom? A work out doesn't come more decadent than this. vibrogym.com

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