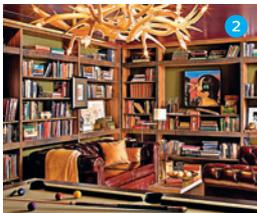




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{ HOTELS }

Pampering Dad

The time has come to honor the men in our lives. **FATHER'S DAY** is on June 17, and what better way to show dear old Dad you care than by sending (or taking) him to a hotel for a weekend fueled by red meat, baseball and a little (or a lot) of TLC? Here are our favorite packages to help you pamper your pop:

{ BY KATE PARHAM }

1 PACKAGE: Ultimate Baseball (from \$599)
WHERE: Hotel Commonwealth, Boston
WHY DAD WILL LOVE IT: In celebration of the 100th anniversary of neighboring Fenway Park, dads will enjoy a stay in the ultraluxe Baseball Suite (a room full of baseball memorabilia and a 50-inch plasma TV), two tickets to the official Fenway Park tour, a welcome basket of stadium favorites (think Cracker Jack and baseball cards) and a copy of the *Fenway Park 100th Anniversary Official Definitive Coffee Table Book*. www.hotelcommonwealth.com

2 PACKAGE: Shirt, Shot and a Shave (from \$399)
WHERE: The Nines Hotel; Portland, Ore.
WHY DAD WILL LOVE IT: This manly package includes a night atop the landmark Meier & Frank Building and a custom-made shirt from Michael Allen's Clothier, complete with a VIP appointment and cuff links. Plus, Dad will go home with a Merkur kit including a three-piece razor and other accessories from the Art of Shaving. Oh, and did we mention the local whiskey amenity upon arrival and the complimentary parking? www.thenines.com

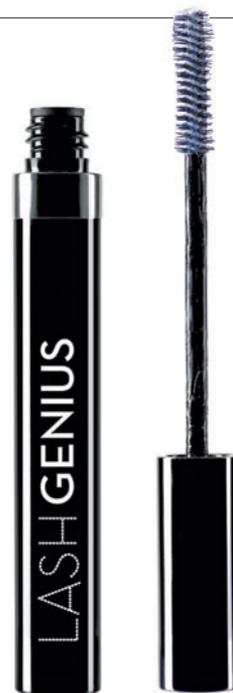
3 PACKAGE: Mad About Dad (from \$500)
WHERE: The Dupont Circle Hotel; Washington, D.C.
WHY DAD WILL LOVE IT: Your old man will get to channel his inner *Mad Men* when you book him a stay on the exclusive penthouse-floor Level Nine (the hotel within a hotel). And, if you mention Father's Day, he'll receive special bonuses such as access to the floor's Martini Bar, a shave at the Grooming Lounge, a Don Draper cocktail in Bar Dupont and a morning-after brunch in Café Dupont. www.thedupontcirclehotel.com



TRY THIS

There are cocktail peanuts — and then there are **VIRGINIA COCKTAIL PEANUTS**.

Rather than the average oily, mushy peanuts you're used to, these large-kernelled nuts are delightfully crunchy and fresh-tasting every time because they're hand-prepared and soaked in water for an hour before being dipped ever so briefly into a light oil. Flavors include jalapeño, Cajun and sea salt, but our favorite is the toffee, which offers the perfect blend of salty and sweet. \$5 to \$25 for individual tins; \$27 to \$50 for gift bundles. www.virginiacocktailpeanuts.com —Anna Fialho



HOW TO

Waterproof Your Mascara

All women know that so-called waterproof mascara is not always waterproof. That's why **LASH GENIUS BY ANASTASIA BEVERLY HILLS** is such a welcome new product. Combining silicone resin with high-melting-point wax, this clear topcoat waterproofs any mascara and refreshes and protects your lashes without irritating your eyes, drying out lashes or clumping. And it lasts — just in time for swim season.

\$21, www.sephora.com —Lisa Marsh

Nothing says masculine like fast cars. This year, the IndyCar stars return on Father's Day weekend (June 15 and 16) for 225 laps at the legendary oval. Show dad how much you care by taking him to IndyFest at the Milwaukee Mile, the longest continually operating speedway in the world. Friday — practice and qualifying day — is free in the grandstand. www.milwaukeeindyfest.com



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