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A Uniquely Russian Gift Guide: 6 Suggestions for Christmas Presents (Photo Essay)

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Forget the matryoshka dolls and wooden spoons, you'll probably overpay for them at the souvenir stands anyway.

Here's a list of uniquely Russian items you might want to consider adding to your Christmas shopping list, most of which are commercially available at shops across Moscow.

1. Ready-to-drink Vodka in Shot Glasses

A selection popular Russian vodka varieties, including ones that come packaged in shot glasses. (Th1234 / Wikicommons)

2. A Vladimir Putin Rug

The perfect addition to your home, available at the Izmailovsky Market. (Filip Mayer / For MT)

3. Fake Perfume

A variety of knock-off and fake perfumes are available in Moscow for the special woman in your life, many of which from 70-ruble shops. This one is branded after the popular Russian social network. (Nelli Ermolaeva / VKontakte)

4. Gold Toothpaste

The Gold toothpaste produced by Russian oral care brand Splat is described as: "The first precious GOLD toothpaste with colloidal gold, diamond extract, and royal jelly...Pink champagne taste...For very important persons" (Splat)

5. Black Bread Shampoo

This shampoo is made with "100 percent healthy components"...Now if I could only find some jam-flavored conditioner to go with it. (@yeslev / Twitter)

6. Avoska

Known by its Czech name "avoska," the open-netted string bag popular in Soviet times can still be found in shops today. Sure to be popular once Berlin discovers it. (via avoska-style.com)

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