

# Holiday Gift Guide

## Give a gift to share

By Josette Keelor  
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Looking to spend more time with the family this year? Consider giving a gift this Christmas that inspires fun and lifelong memories.

"Multi-generational vacations are going to be huge because of what has gone on this past year," said Ginny Leser of Main Street Travel, 216 E. Main St. in Front Royal.

"What we're seeing is that people are facing the fact that we could all be gone next week, next month," she said. "They want to go someplace where they can take the whole family."

Though she said international travel won't interest most people for a while, travel within the U.S. is looking to be popular over the next year.

"Doing anything that crisscrosses the United States is also huge," she said. "They're looking at taking train trips, you know Amtrak vacations."

Most people plan in-state travel themselves, she said. It's out-of-state travel that brings them to a travel agency - all the more practical during a pandemic.

"It's a new world and the rules have all changed, and we are just trying to keep up with it," she said.

"There's a lot of states that are still handling out-of-state travelers by quarantining," she said.

But most travelers won't have time to quarantine for 14 days when arriving in a new place even before they begin their vacation.

Knowing all the rules ahead of time will save a lot of headaches later, she said.

"It's a little more work on our part, but it's absolutely worth it."

For outdoor enthusiasts, a gift of camping or hiking gear could be just the thing to help ring in the New Year.

At Mountain Trails, 120 E. Main St., Front Royal, manager Charlie Brown typically sells outdoor gear during the Christmas rush.

Everything from backpacks and daypacks to clothing and footwear could be especially useful this year in helping people enjoy the season while they social-distance.

Items at the shop also include boots and socks, puffy jackets, wool blankets, hiking and climbing gear and



Ginny Leser, owner of Main Street Travel, stands by a rack of brochures for travel destinations inside her travel agency on Main Street in Front Royal.

tools, such as knives for cutting bread and cheese on a picnic excursion.

"Maybe they're not going to be buying something that's a one and done," he said.

"[Try] something that's practical," he suggested.

"Flannel shirts, a nice sweater, something that's going to last a while."

Though he hasn't had too many holiday shoppers yet this season, he said he's had some early birds who foresee shipping issues later as the holiday rush gets underway.

"A couple people have been buying stuff just because [they're] not sure of how things are going to be coming in," he said.

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