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GENTLEMAN'S GARAGE

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Good taste. On four wheels.



Six cars, six ways to enjoy the journey. A mix of contemporary models and one enduring classic, chosen for character, proportion and the occasions they suggest.

★ PORSCHE

911 Carrera T



A six-speed manual and a focus on lightweight construction give the Carrera T its brief. Our edit for drivers who enjoy the conversation between a car and a road.

THE DRIVER'S CHOICE / MANUAL COUPE

★ RANGE ROVER

SV



A luxury SUV whose cabin can pair ceramic finishes with carefully selected woods. Our choice for a composed everyday presence and a weekend with more luggage.

THE EVERYDAY ADDRESS / LUXURY SUV

★ FERRARI

Roma Spider



A front-engined V8 convertible with a folding fabric roof. Elegant lines and an open cabin make it our choice for a slower, sunlit interpretation of the weekend.

THE OPEN-AIR ESCAPE / V8 SPIDER

★ ASTON MARTIN

DB12



A front-engined grand tourer built around a 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8. Long proportions and a purposeful stance make this our choice for an elegant departure.

THE GRAND TOURER / V8 COUPE

★ BENTLEY

Continental GT Speed



A V8 hybrid grand tourer combining an electric motor with Bentley's approach to craftsmanship. Our edit for a long journey where the cabin matters as much as arrival.

THE LONG JOURNEY / HYBRID GT

★ MERCEDES-BENZ

300 SL Gullwing



The 1954–1957 coupe with its unmistakable upward-opening doors. A historic design reference: our classic choice for appreciating proportion, detail and the pleasure of preservation.

THE DESIGN ICON / 1950s CLASSIC

Tap each entry for the manufacturer's guide. Descriptions refer to the named variants; equipment and availability vary by market and model year. An editorial selection without ranking.

Leave with purpose. Take the scenic way.



The right car sets the tone, but the occasion completes it. Our six pairings are imagined journeys: a reason to go somewhere, and time to enjoy getting there.

★ THE EARLY SUNDAY

911 Carrera T



A favourite road and a coffee stop before the town wakes up. The manual coupe suits a morning where driving itself is the plan. Keep the itinerary light.

BN MOOD / THE DRIVE COMES FIRST

★ THE COUNTRY ADDRESS

SV



A long coat, a weekend bag and room for company. Our pairing for leaving the city without leaving its comforts behind: a slower afternoon and a change of scenery.

BN MOOD / COMPOSED & UNHURRIED

★ THE COASTAL PAUSE

Roma Spider



Light layers, a small bag and a stop beside the sea. The open-air mood is about noticing the landscape. Choose time to linger rather than a list to finish.

BN MOOD / A LITTLE DOLCE VITA

★ THE HOTEL WEEKEND

DB12



Soft luggage, a country hotel and dinner waiting at the other end. A grand-touring mood that pairs considered style with the pleasure of a proper overnight stay.

BN MOOD / AN ELEGANT DEPARTURE

★ THE LONG LUNCH

Continental GT Speed



An out-of-town restaurant and an afternoon without a tight return time. Make the distance part of the occasion, with good company and a thoughtfully chosen destination.

BN MOOD / THE JOURNEY IS AN OCCASION

★ THE CLASSIC MORNING

300 SL Gullwing



A quiet gathering, a design exhibition or a Sunday spent with fellow enthusiasts. The interest is in the object itself: its history, details and the people who preserve it.

BN MOOD / HERITAGE IN MOTION

Journeys and styling pairings are BN editorial interpretations. Illustrations are artistic impressions, not exact configuration previews.

A garage with character.



CHOOSE WELL / TRAVEL LIGHT / VALUE THE DETAILS

01 Choose a point of view.

DESIGN / FEEL / A REASON TO DRIVE

Start with what draws you to a car: a manual gearbox, a beautiful cabin, an open roof or a piece of design history. Let that interest shape the garage.

This edit pairs the directness of the 911 Carrera T with the atmosphere of a DB12 and the heritage of a 300 SL. A collection is more interesting when each car has a role.



02 Make the outing count.

ONE BAG / ONE DESTINATION / TIME TO SPARE

Pack a compact weekend bag, choose one good stop and leave room for a detour. A long lunch or an overnight stay can give a short journey its own rhythm.

For an open-top afternoon, bring a layer. For a hotel weekend, pack with the boot in mind. Small practical choices make the whole experience feel more considered.



03 Keep the details considered.

A LITTLE CARE, PART OF THE PLEASURE

A clean cabin, well-kept leather and a clear service history have their own appeal. Look beyond the badge to the details that make a car enjoyable to live with.

For a classic, provenance, condition and specialist knowledge belong in the conversation. The best garage reflects curiosity and care as much as personal style.



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