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BEST LIST

The Best in Shopping and Travel

Here are our picks for speedy cell phones, bargain airfares, luxury train trips, tastiest steaks, freshest flowers, chocolate to die for and more.

We at *Kiplinger's* pooled our collective expertise to bring you our favorite things in the world of shopping and travel. And just in time for the holidays too -- this gallery is full of gift ideas from tech gadgets to delectable chocolate. Plus, check out our **slide show** of More of Our Favorite Things for even more inspiration and personal picks from Kiplinger staff.

Food and entertaining:

BEST CRAB CAKES The Crab Place

Sometimes surfing the Web can be almost as good as a trip to the best dockside joint -- in this case, The Crab Place (www.crabplace.com). Crammed with large chunks of flavorful crabmeat, the cakes are light on filler. Six 2-ounce crab cakes run \$33 plus \$20 shipping for next-day delivery. We got to pick the delivery date, and the company sent a follow-up to see if we were satisfied. We were.