



VILLEMONT LES HEURES DU MONDE

Only 88 lucky enthusiasts will be able to savour the delights of this new look at world timers. Able to indicate the time in 24 zones, the £23,400 Villemont has a bi-directional city disc which allows a fast and simple correction of the time zone. Cleverly, the date changes automatically when moving from one time zone to another on a different date line. Additionally, it shows main day/night indication so the owner will know immediately if the time zone is am or pm. And if that isn't enough, this absolute gem, the first in Villemont's Esprit des Artisans series, also indicates which cities are observing Daylight Saving Time, differentiating between the hemispheres. www.thewatchgallery.co.uk

Editor's Choice
BEST FOR DIVING

Unless your name is Captain Nemo, you'll never reach a depth of 1,200m under the sea. Well, not without your head imploding, anyway. But it's somehow reassuring to know that your watch can. That's where the £4,760 Anonimo Professionale Crono Ref 6002 comes in. One of Basel's top diving pieces, the Professionale was created with extensive input from the Cooperativa Nazionale Sommozzatori, a major international commercial diving company. The watch case is characterised by the U-Lock System seal, and the chronograph push buttons use a new innovative system of hermetic sealing which makes it impossible for water to get in to the case. Basically, it's like a ship's porthole: the deeper the watch is submerged the stronger the pressure onto the case seals. Even the straps are sealed against seawater, so the Anonimo is totally protected against the elements. – *Martin Deeson*
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PARMIGIANI KALPA HEMISPHERES

Parmigiani's Kalpa Hemispheres not only shows the time in two different time zones, it even accounts for odd territories where the time is out by half- or three-quarters of an hour. With total independence between the two zones and a night/day indicator for both, you'll never mistakenly tell your friends or family who live ten hours away. Two crowns on top of the case serve this purpose on the right of the case, one for setting the date and local time. Available with a selection of dial colours, the Kalpa Hemispheres ranks as one of the most highly lauded dual-time zone watches yet produced. www.watches-of-switzerland.co.uk

GIRARD-PERREGAUX WW.TC 24 HOUR SHOPPING

With both Girard-Perregaux and others having marked out their world-timer watches with cities ranging from golf courses to stock exchanges, here's one which – with blistering irony – takes timekeeping to its ultimate level. G-P's ww.tc is already regarded as one of the most practical and sensible of GMTs. Now, for the credit-card abuser in your life, this £14,100 version marks 24 time zones not with mere cities, but locations famous for their luxury boutiques, such as Rodeo Drive. Lesser zones denied world-class shopping are indicated by 15 different sized diamonds, adding up to 0.18 carat. The watch can feature the owner's favourites that aren't listed; one suspects G-P might balk at Bluewater though. www.jurawatches.co.uk



MAITRES DU TEMPS CHAPTER ONE

Like Cream, Maitres du Temps is a supergroup, but one consisting of three of the greatest watch-making talents alive: Christophe Claret, Roger Dubuis and Peter Speake-Marin. They have created a 'world-first combination of complications crafted from 558 components.' The list of functions is impressive, just what's needed at a time when most haute horlogerie brands are challenging each other for supremacy: a tourbillon movement with a mono-pusher column wheel chronograph, retrograde date, retrograde GMT, and phase of the moon and day of the week indications displayed on individual cylinders. A mere watch? No. More a marking of territory. www.maitresdutemps.com

