



We wouldn't mind being stranded in the desert with this beauty.

FAST & FUNCTIONAL

WE'RE ALL LIVING IN OUR CARS A LITTLE MORE THESE DAYS. WE OPT FOR ROAD TRIPS INSTEAD OF AIR TRAVEL, SEE MOVIES IN THEM OR JUST HIDE OUT FROM OUR FAMILIES IN THEM. **BUT SOME OF US ARE HAVING A LOT MORE FUN. THIS IS HOW THE OTHER HALF DRIVES**

SUVs used to serve one of two purposes: haul a lot of kids or haul a lot of stuff. They weren't pretty, they weren't fast, they were functional. To steal a millennial term, some utilitarian vehicles have gotten a serious "glow up."

Rolls-Royce didn't want to build an SUV, but it says its customers demanded one. Turns out that Lamborghini, Maserati, Bentley and even Ferrari have all faced the same rallying cry from their discerning clientele. They want to climb rocky mountains and forge deep flowing rivers, but they want to do it in style.



above left: No beach chairs and cooler needed for the Rolls set. above right: Want up-lighting on your maiden? They can do that.

ROLLS-ROYCE CULLINAN

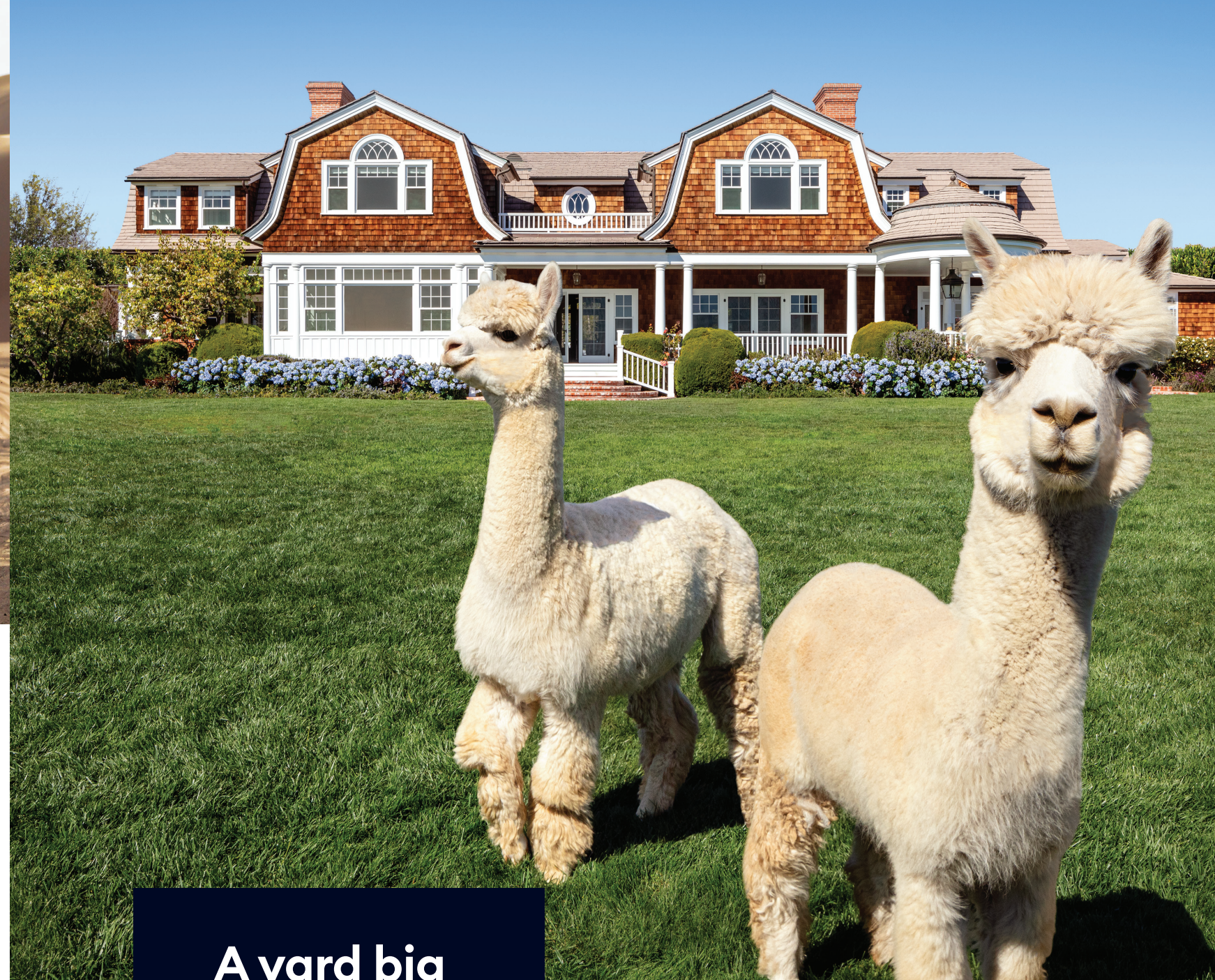
PARDON ME...

Crank up the turbo V12 in your **Rolls-Royce Cullinan** and you'll be cruising at 60 mph in just 5.2 seconds. Its speed tops out at 190 mph. But the company says you'll never feel it, because even its SUV offers the legendary Rolls "magic carpet

ride." The kids can snuggle their toes into the lamb's wool floor mats and support their little heads on monogrammed headrests.

With the thickest glass possible, foam inside the front tires, and an added 220 pounds of sound deadening material surrounding the cabin, it's like driving a pair of noise cancelling headphones. Need to take a detour? Hit the Off Road button

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on the center console and the all-wheel drive engages, lifting the car for better clearance, and *voilà*—over the rocks or through the river you go. And if you're looking for the best seat in the house for the next drive-in movie, spring for the "Rear Viewing" option where two electronic seats deploy from the trunk. No foldable beach chairs for you.

The Cullinan (named for the largest diamond ever mined) **starts at \$340,350**—but if you're going to want extras like the rear center console that doubles as a Champagne cooler complete with exclusive Rolls-Royce flutes, that'll cost you extra.

BENTLEY BENTAYGA

DIAMONDS ARE EVERYONE'S BEST FRIEND

Need some tweed and speed? **Bentley** offers the wicked fast Bentayga but compromises none of the legendary style. The W12 engine (see glossary) takes you to 60 mph in only 3.8 seconds and tops out at 190 mph. You might think a Bentley SUV is as swanky as it gets. You would be wrong. Even Bentley has a "special" model and its name is Mulliner. H.J. Mulliner & Co. was a renowned British coachbuilder, creating custom appointments for, among others, Bentley. With this option you can go beyond the iconic double diamond seat stitching that says, "This is a Bentley" (much like a woven leather handbag says, "This is a Bottega Veneta") and get double diamond stitching. Those who know will be impressed.

How fancy are all the interior details? Even the oversized windshield wipers are heated and feature twenty-two washer jets each. The Bentayga **starting price is \$177,000**, but that, of course, is for an unadorned basic model.



The Bentley Bentayga featuring the upgraded and brag-worthy double diamond stitching.



above left: Need a compartment for your baubles? No problem. above right: No problem in flood waters either. below: A very Bentley picnic



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LAMBORGHINI URUS
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VIVA ITALIA!

The Brits haven't completely cornered the swank utility vehicle market; the Italians are in the game as well. Maserati debuted its Levante in 2016, Lamborghini introduced the Urus in 2018, and Ferrari is expected to start production on the Purosangue by 2022.

Lamborghini has declared the Urus a Super Sport Utility Vehicle. It reaches a top speed of 189 mph and comes with several driving modes. At the touch of a button you can adapt the suspension to improve the car's performance in various conditions—Strada (street), Sport, Corsa (track), Terra (dirt), Sabbia (sand) and Neve (snow).

Want to make sure the kids get home on time? Worried they'll drive beyond your approved zone? Activate the curfew and geofencing alerts, which notify the driver they're headed to the danger zone.

The 2021 Urus (named after modern domestic cattle—you confuse us, Italians) has a starting price of \$218,000.

Who'd think a Maserati would be considered a budget option? **The Levante is just under \$100,000.** But, if you want the air-conditioned center console or the leather-and-silk upholstery by Ermenegildo Zegna, it'll cost you.

The new **Ferrari Purosangue** (Italian for thoroughbred) is so drooled over by car enthusiasts, and the details kept so secret by Ferrari, that journalists have sourced spy photos and commissioned artists to create mock-ups of what the SUV might look like. **It's expected to come in around \$300,000** and be a four-seater.



above: Lamborghini Urus offers multiple terrain modes and alerts to make sure your new drivers don't try out the 189 mph max speed. below: Maserati Levante offers leather and silk upholstery from Ermenegildo Zenga. Now that's pretty cool.



Talk the Talk

WHEN WINDOW SHOPPING FOR YOUR NEXT LUXE SUV, WE THOUGHT THIS GLOSSARY OF TERMS COULD COME IN HANDY

TFT

Thin film transistor (as opposed to LCD) is a higher resolution in-dash screen that companies like to brag about.

ALCANTARA

An alternative to leather, this fabric feels like suede but doesn't make you hot and sticky. It helps

grip the driver and passengers to the seats for those high G-turns. (Oh, and it also happens to be the fabric that Louis Vuitton lines its bags with.)

OPEN PORE WOOD

A super-popular option that just means wood finishing that won't have a glossy fake look.

COACH DOORS

Found on the Rolls-Royce, these doors are hinged on the back, making an exit from the back seat easier and more elegant. Also known as "suicide doors."

W12

It's a 12-cylinder engine but arranged differently. The configuration has

been used in aircraft engines.

SPIRIT OF ECSTASY

For an additional \$4,500 you can have the chrome maiden on the hood of your Rolls Royce up-lit.

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