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Why own when you can rent? Whether you fancy being **waited on hand and foot** while sailing the seas, or driving around town in a Bentley, here are two easy ways to enjoy the best of surf or turf.

Classic Car Club

The Classic Car Club, which began in London nearly a decade ago, is coming across the pond for well-to-do American gearheads. The cars are deluxe, but the concept is simple: the club keeps a stable of rides available to whomever plunks down $6,000 for an entry-level membership, getting them roughly 40 days behind the wheel. And there isn't a Toyota Camry in the bunch. "We define classic as cars that make a statement," says founder Philip Kavagnagh. He's not grandstanding either. Among the options for hire are Shelby Cobras, Porsche 911s, Corvette Stingrays, 348 Ferraris, even Minis and Hummers for the ultimate yin and yang weekend. The Manhattan branch doesn't open until spring, but memberships can be left under the Christmas tree. Just be sure to let Santa know that the platinum membership (nearly $9,000) buys twice as much driving time. —PATRICK SAUER

Go to www.classiccarclub.co.uk.