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EDDIE BAUER NORTH SLOPE

In 1963, Jim Whittaker became the first American to summit Everest, and he was swaddled in the Eddie Bauer Expedition Jacket as he stepped onto the craggy, windswept acme. The new North Slope is modeled after his parka, but modernized with 650-fill down, tear-resistant fabric, and a slew of design details to keep a mountaineer's blood flowing in temperatures down to 50 below. Just add a Sherpa and an iron will, and you'll be ready for your time at the top of the world. [\$248; eddiebauer.com]



WELLENSTEYN SIBERIA

It would be an understatement to say that this jacket, designed for the Muscovite security forces by a German company that has made parkas for harbor workers for 60 years, can perform under harsh conditions. But the fact that it can withstand -30 degrees and shrug off a deluge with a sense of refined style, whether you have a Kalashnikov strapped to your back or a black leather briefcase in your hand, is what earns it a place to your closet. [\$450; wellensteyn-usa.com]

LUIGI BIANCHI MANTOVA

WOOL COAT WITH LORO PIANA STORM SYSTEM

A beautiful winter jacket like this presents a problem: How do you wear something so luxe in inhospitable weather? To ease your mind, 97-year-old Italian fashion firm Luigi Bianchi Mantova uses fabric maker Loro Piana's Storm System waterproof herringbone wool. Let it rain. [\$1,095; lubian.it]



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