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Smart Traveling Husbands

Considering that rarely get as much time to travel alone with our wives, it's important that we make the most of every trip. With a little forethought, here are a few great ways to enhance a romantic traveling experience:

Gifts

Most of us husbands don't need a reminder to stop by Victoria Secrets and pick up a new negligee for the trip, and we have learned the hard way that wives typically consider this more of a gift for us rather than a gift for them. Therefore, it always makes sense to bring a few personal gifts with her in mind. If you are celebrating a special event, it is also good to bring a special gift such as jewelry, perfume etc. Otherwise, small meaningful gifts that demonstrate foresight and show her she is special can enhance any trip.

Below are some gift ideas:

- 1) Bubble bath
- 2) Body lotion
- 3) A bottle of her favorite wine; possibly one that may not be available where you are traveling.
- 4) A small candle, for the bathroom or bedroom.
- 5) Sentimental handwritten cards that you might write ahead of time and leave as a surprise on her pillow, bathroom sink, hidden in her luggage to be discovered when she unpacks, etc.
- 6) Purchase cute post it notes and leave special notes every day for her on the mirror, nightstand, car window, etc.
- 7) A small picture frame with a photo already in it of the special event you are celebrating.

- 8) Her favorite candy or chocolate.
- 9) Books and magazines on her favorite passion, hobby or author.
- 10) A favorite clothing accessory such as a purse, shoes or scarf.

Remember to plan ahead to when and where you will give her the gifts.

Other ideas:

1. Make arrangements to order flowers and have them waiting in the room or at a special place that you will visit during your trip. If you write a personal note and send it ahead to the florist and/or hotel they can have it included with the flowers. Accompanying iced champagne is always a good idea.
2. Kathy always appreciates that I rent an international cell phone when we travel as it allows her to keep in touch with the children very easily.
3. Think ahead and plan a day or evening out where everything you do is a surprise for her. Pick sights that she might be interested in seeing, order breakfast in bed, or research and take her to a great restaurant. Get directions ahead of time so you look well prepared and you don't risk getting lost and frustrated.
4. If she likes theater, plays, musicals, concerts and so on, there are often excellent opportunities in cities around the world that make for a great experience. Ticket brokers and hotel concierges can be very helpful.
5. If she enjoys shopping, do a little research beforehand on the best shopping locations on your trip and be mentally prepared to suggest it before she does.
6. While making dinner reservations for a special occasion, tell them up front what the occasion is and ask for a special table. Most restaurants will often do their best to accommodate you.

7. If you are celebrating a special occasion, bring a few photos of that occasion and share them with her at an opportune moment. With today's technology you can take your wedding album or video and relive the memory together.

I hope you find these ideas valuable. Go ahead and add activities that are special to you both and will make your trip even more unforgettable.