

Ten top tips for making the most of your honeymoon gift list



How to make your gift list as fun for your guests as it is for you

- 1 Price your items carefully.** Include something for everyone's budget. However, don't underestimate your guests' generosity. If they want to spoil you, let them. Make sure you include some real once-in-a-lifetime treats.
- 2 It's useful to allow multiple guests to buy you certain items** (you do need many bottles of champagne). It also means there's always something available to buy from your list.
- 3 Try not to be tempted to simply fill your list with contributions to things.** Psychologically it's important for your guests to feel what they've bought is special, unique and important to you.
- 4 Car hire, accommodation and air fare are all useful items to include, but consider listing upgrades instead.** It's so much more appealing to your guests, who'll want to feel that they're giving you the time of your life, and not just paying for a normal holiday.
- 5 Be as specific as you can be in your descriptions.** You may change your mind later (your guests really won't mind) but *Jazz at Truman's Bar (the oldest in NYC)* is so much more evocative than *An evening of jazz*. This also helps your guests to feel they are genuinely buying you a gift and not just making a cash donation. Asking for your honeymoon is quite an abstract concept, so the more you can make it concrete, the better.
- 6 Write your descriptions in the first person** — "We'll take an sunset dinner cruise" rather than "Take a sunset dinner cruise". This makes your list feel much more personal, and less like a travel brochure.
- 7 Make your lists fun and attractive.** Guests are more likely to enjoy using your list, and to appreciate why you haven't used a traditional wedding registry. Choose the theme that suits you best, divide your list into plenty of categories, and make those adjectives work for you!
- 8 Appeal to your guests' sense of romance and luxury.** Include candlelit dinners, carriage rides and anything at sunset!
- 9 Give your items interesting titles.** Instead of *Contributions to Car Hire*, why not *The Open Road* or *The Wind in Our Hair ...?*
- 10 Make it reflect your personality.** Fun and funky? Elegant and romantic? The choice is yours. Make your list reflect that.

So indulge yourself: have that luxurious spa morning, upgrade your rental car, eat in the best restaurants, get those VIP tickets. This is your passport to extending the best day of your life into the best few weeks.