

Bridal Gift Ideas



Honeymoon Registry A Popular Option

(NAPSA)—More and more brides and grooms are discovering a delightful new twist on an old wedding tradition.

Bridal registries have long been the way for engaged couples to identify exactly what they need—and want—to start their lives together. Traditionally, young couples who were establishing a home together created a registry chock-full of household items. Nowadays, however, many couples prefer a new registry trend that can help turn the honeymoon they envision into a well-planned reality.

The increasingly popular honeymoon registry lets friends and family help the bride and groom afford a trip to Fiji, the Caribbean or anywhere in the world they dream of going. Instead of purchasing an impersonal set of flatware or risking a duplicate gift, wedding guests can now contribute to unique experiences that can help make a couple's honeymoon all the more memorable, such as sponsoring a couple's massage, a sunset cruise, a snorkeling excursion or a helicopter tour.

As one bride, Lisa Dexter Johnson, put it: "Our honeymoon in Hawaii was a once-in-a-lifetime trip that we will always cherish. Our friends and family loved the idea of being able to help us create memories that will remind us of them."

The only major honeymoon registry service that also offers full-service, complimentary travel planning is 1-800-Registry. It's a free online registry that makes it simple to select unforgettable honeymoon gifts. The company will even contribute \$200 to get the honeymoon fund started.

In addition, couples can make the most of their honeymoon trip with some proper planning:



You can help a couple you care for to afford the honeymoon of their dreams.

•**Start early.** The sooner you decide where you're going and where you're staying, the more likely you are to get what you want at a good price. It will also give you time to arrange for passports and visas—this may take time, especially if a name change is involved.

•**Go later.** Many couples take the time right after their wedding to settle in and unwind and plan to take their honeymoon trip when they have more time or more money or when the destination is less expensive or less crowded.

•**Get to know the destination.** Check out the weather, the amenities and the costs. You can consult with a 1-800-Registry Honeymoon Specialist for all the destination details.

You can create a honeymoon registry, view a registry or learn more at www.1800registry.com or by calling (800) 256-4920.