

Room service

When guests travel to a destination wedding, greet them at the hotel with something more than a "Nice to see y'all!"

>> GIFT BASKET BASICS: Welcome gifts don't have to cost more than a few dollars; edit your choices to items that people will really use (food and drink always work) rather than expensive gimmicks (will anyone really wear the visor with your names on it?).

Other tips for presents that pack a punch:

1. Stick to a theme. Most gift baskets play up the destination: sunscreen and flip-flops for a beach wedding; a city guide and mass transit pass for an urban party. (The basket below welcomes folks to Atlanta.)

2. Include a schedule. Even before unpacking, guests will want to know what's happening when. A weekend timetable is a must.

3. Personalize it. Attach a tag or a note addressed specifically to each guest—it's a tiny touch that makes people feel special.

4. Make it packable. Anything meant to be taken home should be small and sturdy enough to travel in a suitcase.

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CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: PAPER FAN, \$1.25, Asian Ideas; 888-384-3527 or asianideas.com. HALF-MOON SLEEVE ENVELOPE (for itinerary), \$9.50 for 10, Paper Source; 888-727-3711 or paper-source.com. FLAT PAPER CARDS, \$4.50 for 25, Paper Source; 888-727-3711 or paper-source.com. FROSTED VINTAGE-STYLE GLASS, \$48 for four, CatStudio; 707-778-1100 or catstudio.com. CHOCOLATE-COVERED DRIED PEACHES, \$10 per lb., Pendulum; 903-677-8463 or pendulumonline.com. SPARKLING CLEMENTINE SODA, \$4.99 per four-pack, Izze Beverage Company; available at Target and Whole Foods. COOTIE CATCHER, \$30 for a custom PDF (picture file), from which you can make copies, Caroline's FortuneHearts; 919-358-5057 or fortunehearts.com. PLAYING CARDS IN FAUX-LEATHER CASE, \$9.95, Swing; 978-371-2211. BUSHEL BASKET, \$6, and SHREDDED PAPER, \$17.55 for 10-lb. box; both, Willow Specialties; 800-724-7300 or willowspecialties.com.

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