

How To Bring Your Reluctant Spouse to a Bed and Breakfast

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The problem: Your spouse irrationally refuses to stay at a bed and breakfast. **The solution:** Diplomacy, deal-making, subterfuge -- whatever it takes.

Difficulty: Average

Time Required: Varies

Here's How:

- 1 It's probably wise to start with traditional methods of convincing -- logic and the like. If that doesn't work, resort to the more complex (sometimes trickier) options outlined below.
- 2 Explain that bed and breakfasts are almost universally recognized as a more personal alternative to hotels and motels. And that you can make sure you will have a private bathroom.
- 3 Assure your spouse that inns are run by professionals -- and stay at a larger bed and breakfast (i.e. one with more than 10 rooms) at first if that helps.
- 4 Appeal to other interests: "The best public golf course in the state is right next to this bed and breakfast."
- 5 Cut a deal: "If we stay at a bed and breakfast, I'll buy the present for your mother's next birthday. And your father..."
- 6 Make the trip a secret, but be aware that this could backfire. If your spouse gets upset when you arrive, the whole trip could be sour.
- 7 Be sure to pick a top-notch bed and breakfast. Get recommendations from other travelers in the About.com Bed and Breakfasts Forum or other online discussion groups.
- 8 Splurge on a nice room. Perhaps your spouse will enjoy the Jacuzzi tub and king-size bed. Be certain that you have a private bathroom.
- 9 Let the innkeepers know what's going on. They're likely to go out of their way to help ensure a pleasant stay.

Tips:

1 Be patient. Bed and breakfasts are totally different than chain hotels and motels, so it might take some time for your spouse to warm up to the experience.

2 This is extremely important, so I'm repeating it again: Make sure your room has a private bathroom, preferably en suite (in the room, as opposed to next door or down the hall).