

Unique ways to give the experience of travel

Many people have a passion for traveling. Whether a traveler can't resist sleeping under the stars at a local campsite or refuse the call of a bustling city overseas, travel beckons people from all walks of life.

The travel experience is unique, and it's an experience that holiday shoppers can provide for their loved ones who can't wait to dust off their passports or simply get in their cars and drive to a favorite destination near or far.

- **Airline miles:** The cost of airline tickets can be prohibitive and has deterred many a would-be traveler from visiting a dream destination. However, holiday shoppers with ample airline miles on their credit cards may be able to transfer those miles to a loved one. Such a transfer can dramatically reduce the cost of an airline ticket, opening the door to a wonderful travel experience for a friend or family member who otherwise might



not be able to afford a trip. Rules about transferring miles vary depending on the airline, and transfer fees may apply. But this is a unique way to give the gift of travel.

- **Gas card:** Of course, flying is not the only way to get from point A to point B. The gift of free gasoline can help road warriors explore their passion for the open road without breaking the bank. Gas prices tend to rise

during spring and summer, so make sure gift cards purchased during the holiday season won't expire before the weather warms up.

- **Camera:** Many people feel the experience of travel is best documented through photography. A brand new camera that can create better photos than a typical smartphone camera can help travelers more effectively document their trips while cre-

ating vivid memories they can enjoy for the rest of their lives.

- **Ancestry kit:** While an ancestry kit might not qualify as a traditional experiential gift, knowing one's ancestry might open doors to future travels. For example, many countries' citizenship rules allow people born overseas to apply for citizenship if they have a relative, such as a grandparent, who was born in the country. Earning foreign citizenship and ultimately obtaining a foreign passport can simplify overseas travel by helping them avoid long lines at customs. That can inspire more people to travel overseas. In addition, people often learn new and surprising things about their ancestry after submitting ancestry kits, which can prompt trips to destinations people otherwise may never have considered.

The experience of travel can make for a great gift that recipients may cherish for the rest of their lives.

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