

Glamping for Non-Campers

I know why you are here. You love camping and your spouse is terrified of it. But you can't imagine NEVER going camping even though you don't want to leave them. The answer is glamping! That's right, this is a real thing. Once you go through the following instructions you will be planning your outdoor experience in no time.

Step 1: Buy a Large Tent or Rent an RV

Typically, people get the cheapest tent they can buy and that's where they go wrong. You must splurge for the largest tent you can find so you can not only sleep in the tent but stand inside it. You need to be able to fit a blow-up mattress or cot plus a side table and maybe even a blowup lounge chair.

If you go for an RV, you won't be disappointed. An RV already has many amenities included like a built-in kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. You won't have to bring as much furniture because it's in the RV. The only furniture you will still need to bring is outside furniture.

Step 2: Get Comfortable

Make sure you bring comfortable items to ensure your sleep is peaceful as well as walking around inside your tent or RV. A blow-up mattress or a cot with a nice mattress will make all the difference. Don't forget to bring premium sheets, blankets, and pillows. Bring a throw rug for inside and a mat for outside.

If you are camping during a colder part of the year or the temperature drops at night then you will want to bring thick socks, sweats, slippers, a robe. Bring some blankets for around the fire when it starts to get chilly.

Step 3: Bring Furniture

Buy a few elaborate camp chairs that hold drinks and even have a top to give you shade. A blow-up lounge chair outside will be much appreciated when you want to take a nap or read a book. When mealtime comes around you want to feel you are higher up above the little critters so bring a folding table. You choose how many you want to bring and the size. I would suggest one for food preparation and one to eat at. Buy a tablecloth and centerpiece for the table you will be dining at. Depending on the weather you will enjoy having a portable fan to cool you down or a heater to put you to sleep. Small amenities like this make all the difference for how your experience turns out. You most likely will be staying at a campground that has bathrooms with showers but if you want your

own space, you could bring a portable toilet and a pop-up shower. The pop-up shower could double as a bathroom as well.

Step 4: Lighting

Lights make us feel safe and they set the mood to relax. Candles are always a nice touch inside the tent or on the table while eating. I suggest citronella so you keep away the bugs as well as light up your space. Bring one to two wireless lamps inside and a few LED lanterns for outside. To really glam up your campsite, I suggest you bring tiki torches and string lights. These final touches will put anyone in a good mood.

Step 5: Cook Gourmet & Drink Top Shelf Booze

The high quality of food and drink at a fine dining restaurant is what touches someone's soul. Be thoughtful of the menu you create and the type of alcohol you will bring on your trip. Creating a menu can be time-consuming but let me tell you that your honey will appreciate it and you will be creating forever moments.

Bring a two-burner stove w/propane to cook omelettes, seabass, risotto, grilled veggies, steak, berry crumble, and chocolate fondue. Make sure to bring nicer plates than paper or plastic ones but not your best China just in case it does break. Also, bring real cutlery to easily cut your food.

For drinks, bring seltzer or water or cucumber mint water to drink during the day. For later in the day get the best tequila for your spicy watermelon margaritas or your favorite bottle of red like a Tempranillo. Make sure to bring a step up from a red solo cup to drink out of.

Step 6: Stylish Wardrobe

Who told you that you must look like a scrub when you glamp? I'm not suggesting your Louis Vuitton loafers or stilettos but do bring your Louis Vuitton hiking sneakers or desert boots. Lucchese makes quality cowboy boots for men and women that will make you feel powerful and luxurious as soon as you put them on. Don't forget your cashmere sweater and a pair of high-end sustainable jeans from Mott & Bow.

Step 7: Music

Music is an inexpensive form of entertainment and makes any normal experience into an epic experience. Before your trip, create a playlist with a mix of songs that are your partner's favorites and yours. This will for sure win you points even though they are in the middle of nowhere! Make sure to bring Bluetooth wireless speakers and portable chargers for your cell phones and speakers.

Step 8: Beauty Routine

Your beauty routine doesn't have to suffer while you're spending time outdoors. You can still bring your skincare products besides bug spray. Bring your cleanser, scrub, lotions, and oils. If you are going to be in a tent, then I suggest setting up a separate table for a mini mirror, face washing bowl, and beauty products. You could bring makeup as well but keep it light so you can spend more time with your lover.

You might be spending more money to make this glamping trip happen but at least you are going, and you will be with your sweetheart. Make sure to bring a camera to print out some photos and hang them in your home to remember forever.

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