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# How to Pick the Right Travel Partner

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You're about to hit the road with your best friend. Will you get along or want to kill each other before you've even left the airport? Here's your checklist to picking the perfect travel mate.



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If you're fortunate, you have several people with whom you enjoy travelling. Sure, it's fine to travel by yourself, and solo travel can be a pleasant respite since you only have one person to plan for and if you want to order room service and eat it in bed in your pyjamas, you can do so. Which actually sounds pretty darn fabulous once in a while.

But still, most people usually prefer to travel with someone with whom they can share the tribulations of travel, as well as the incredible experiences. That might be your spouse, a relative or friend, but no matter who you choose to travel with, make sure you *can* travel with them—without killing them. Here are the qualities that make someone a good travelling companion.

**1. They make you laugh.** If you and your travel mates are crying as you laugh hysterically, it's a safe bet you're having a good time.

**2. You like the same things.** You don't have to spend every single minute together and, of course, there may be times when one of you wants to read a book on the beach and the other wants to tour a museum, but it's nice if you are interested in the same things most of the time.

**3. They can adapt to change without a fuss.** Sometimes things just don't work out when you travel. Reservations might be lost, the museum you wanted to visit is closed, your flight is cancelled—you just can't expect things to run smoothly every single minute. If your travel companions can handle these situations with grace, you are lucky.

**4. They let you be in charge.** If you have a type-A personality, it's nice if your travel companions will simply let you run the show.

**5. They take charge.** If you don't want to be in charge, your travelling companions should be happy to do so.

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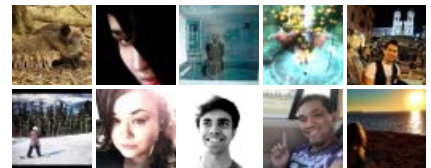
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**6. They really, *really* like you.** There is nothing that will test a relationship like finding out the hotel has lost your reservation, or dealing with the fact that your travel companion can only fall asleep with the television playing.

**7. They deal.** Every place you go may not be perfect in every way, but there's always something great about it and they find that one thing. The beach may not be wonderful but the resort has a great spa. The hotel room is kind of small but they have great room service. The tour was kind of long but now we get to take a nap.

**8. They like the places you go.** Every single place to which you travel might not be perfect in every way, but on the whole, you are going to visit some pretty great locations. Unfailingly, they think every place is fantastic, gorgeous and wonderful. Except when it's not. Then refer to #7.

Now, have you been travelling with the right people all this time?

Have you had a bad travel experience with friends or family? Or a great one? Tell us your story in the comments below!

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After a lifetime of travel, Jan Ross can pack a bag and hit the road with very little notice, although she will always have a little black dress and some snazzy shoes in there. She loves to travel with her husband of more than 35 years as he is a great photographer and she is often way too busy having fun to think about taking pictures. Active travel or relaxing, she is up for it all!

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