

# Wife shouldn't go if doesn't want to travel

DEAR ABBY: I usually think your advice is pretty good, but your answer to "Homebody in Norfolk, Va.," who didn't want to travel with her husband, was way off. If she doesn't like to travel, she shouldn't be forced to just because that's what her husband wants. She has every right to live her life the way she wishes, and not be coerced to do something she doesn't like just because she's married.



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• dear abby

Travel is not pleasurable to everyone. Flying is a big pain in the butt and can even be harmful to a person's health if he or she is susceptible to deep-vein thrombosis. Hotels are not like home. The beds are uncomfortable, and restaurant food for every meal can be fattening.

You should have recommended instead a session or two of counseling so both parties can get their feelings

out in the presence of a neutral party. Maybe then the husband will be more accepting of his wife's preferences. — M.M. IN KINGSTON, N.Y.

DEAR M.M.: Although I didn't intend to be, you are not the only reader who felt my reaction to "Homebody's" problem was harsh. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You are usually sensitive to problems and concerns, yet you assume that "Homebody" simply refuses to go. I sometimes become panicked just going on errands, out of town, etc. To go to faraway lands promotes whole new fears.

My advice would be for "Homebody" to explain to her husband why she doesn't want to go, and then reach

a compromise. If he really wants to spend time with her, I'm sure he won't care where they go. Perhaps they could find a destination that both of them would be happy with.

It hurts to be paralyzed with fears and panic. It may not be hurting their marriage now, but without understanding, it could harm it later. — STAYING PUT IN TEXAS

DEAR STAYING PUT: Although I am all for compromise, I suspect compromise might be difficult for someone who hungers to visit the game parks in Africa, ride a gondola on the canals in Venice or walk on the Great Wall of China. Since your problem is fears and panic, please read the next letter carefully:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was a homebody. Now I am divorced. I went to very few restaurants, complained about traffic and crowds, attended no concerts or movies. After nine years of putting up with my phobia, my wife divorced me. I attempted to save our marriage by seeking help from my doctor. He prescribed medication that saved me from becoming a hermit.

Even though my marriage is over, I am doing much better. I now venture out and do things. Through counseling and proper medication I have become a better parent to my 13-year-old son. Please urge "Homebody" to consult her doctor. — BOB IN INDIANA

DEAR BOB: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. I'm glad to know that you received effective help for your problem and are doing better.

DEAR ABBY: I think "Homebody" was gracious to suggest that her husband go with a friend or family member. I love to travel and so does my husband, but sometimes we don't share the same enthusiasm for a destination. When that happens, we find other travel companions who share our interests and everyone has a good time. This summer my husband went to Greenland while I visited Italy. — CARLA IN LIVERMORE, CALIF.

DEAR CARLA: Bon voyage!

TUESDAY EVENING											
E=S Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone											
E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files	Inmates help to convict a killer. (N)		Dog the Bounty	Dog the Bounty	Crossing Jordan "Slam Dunk" (N)		Cold Case Files	Inmates help to convict a killer.
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N)		According to Jim "Ve-gas, Baby" (N)	Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		News (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
26	48	ANPL	King of the Jungle (N)			Animal Cops Detroit "Cat Trap" (N)		King of the Jungle			
63	54	BRAVO	Backspin "Mel Gibson" (N)		Things I Hate About You (N)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Sean K."		The West Wing "The Dogs of War" (N)		Things I Hate About You (N)	
7	11	CBS	Big Brother 5 (N) (N)		The Amazing Race 5 (N)	Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		News (N)	(35) Late Show Farrah Fawcett, the Clarks. (N)	Tennis	
24	50	DISC	Hunters "The Savage Pack"		21st Century Warrior (N)	Navy SEALs Training: BUD's Class 234		The FBI Files "Dangerous Gamble" (N)		Big "Razor" (N)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family (N)		Brandy Whisk	Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister (N)	That's So Raven (N)		
49	81	E!TV	Rock Star Daughters: True Story			Hilton Sisters		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)	
22	56	ESPN	ESPN25: Who's No. 1		Series-Poker			SportsCenter (Live) (N)		Outside	Baseball
54	57	ESPN2	Hockey: Canada vs. United States		Baseball Tonight (Live) (N)			Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball
32	46	FAM	"Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"			Whose? (N)	Whose? (N)	The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape		Workout	Fitness		Bodies In Shape		Workout	Fitness
35	31	FMC	(01) *** "A High Wind in Jamaica" (1965)			(01) *** "Five Gates to Hell" (1959) Ken Scott		(01) *** "Brubaker" (N)			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Baby back ribs; beef ribs.		Roker on the Road	Roker on the Road		Party Starters Hip singles masquerade party.		Iron Chef "Yogurt" Yogurt dishes.	Emeril Live Baby back ribs; beef ribs.
13	7	FOX	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (N)		Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (N)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N)		Cagney & Lacey (N)		Kojak	
40	38	FX	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	Fear Factor "Siblings"	*** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman.					
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Elway	NASCAR		Sports List Best Damn Sports Show Period (N)		Rocky Mt. I, Max (N)	
5	14	HBO	(5:30) *** "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002) Parminder Nagra. (N)		*** "Real Women Have Curves" (2002) America Ferrera. "PG-13" (N)			*** "Underworld" (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman. (N) "R" (N)			
62	67	HGTV	Designer Sensible		Decorating	Design	Designers' "Designers"	Home Design	Designer Sensible		
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 7"		Tech Effect (N) (N)	Mail Call (N)	Wild West Tech "Native American Tech" (N)	Vanishings! (N)	Vanishings! (N)	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 7"	
25	35	IND	Seinfeld (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Sex and the City (N)	(05) *** "Excess Baggage" (1997, Adventure) Alicia Silverstone, Benicio Del Toro. (N)			
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "See Jane Run"		*** "Overboard" (1987) Goldie Hawn. (N)		Golden	Golden	The Nanny	The Nanny	
23	77	MTV	Music Videos (N)		2004 Video Music Awards Pre-Show	2004 Video Music Awards Pre-Show		Music Awards From Miami, Fla. (N)			
3	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Last Comic Standing (N) (N)	Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		Father of the Pride (N)	(25) Scrubs (N)	News (N)	The Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	Last Comic Standing (N) (N)		Father of the Pride (N)	(25) Scrubs (N)	Republican National Convention (Live) (N)	News (N)	(35) The Tonight Show (N)	(37) Late Night (N)	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob/Romeo! (N)		Fatherhood	Cosby	Boss? (N)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby
2	2	PBS	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York. (Live) (N)					BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Webs" (2003) (N)		"Threshold" (2003) Nicholas Lea, Jamie Luner. (N)		*** "Child's Play 2" (1990) Alex Vincent. (N)				
61	41	SPK	MXC (N)	MXC (N)	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	"Major League" (1989)		
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N)		Clean Sweep Getting rid of clutter.	In a Fix "Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls" (N)		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living	Overhaulin' "Surfer Kid" (N)		
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Hitman"		Law & Order (N) (DVS)	Charmed (N) (N)		Angel (N) (N)		The X-Files (N) (N)	
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy (N)		Made	Made	Road Trip (N)	Food Crazy (N)		Made	Made
21	82	TVLND	Munsters GreenAcre		Griffith	Leave	Sanford	3's Co. (N)	3's Co. (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Amarte es Mi Pecado	Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias	
20	34	USA	(5:00) U.S. Open Tennis		Early Rounds. (Live)			Law & Order		Karen Sisco (N) (N)	
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond (N)	Gilmore Girls "Luke Can See Her Face" (N)	One Tree Hill "Every Night Is Another Story" (N)		News (N)	Friends (N)	Will & Grace (N)	
99	36	WGN	*** "The Boxer" (1997) Daniel Day-Lewis. (N)			WGN News at Nine (N)		Becker (N)	Becker (N)	Elimidate	5th Wheel

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E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files	DNA on a cigarette brings a rapist and murderer to justice. (N)		The First 48 A cheating boyfriend is killed. (N)		Crossing Jordan (N)		Cold Case Files (N)	
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (N)		Extreme Makeover (N)	Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		News (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
26	48	ANPL	Amazing Animal Videos A big house cat. (N)		Growing Up... "Baboon" (N)	Animal Cops Detroit "Juvenile Crime" (N)		Amazing Animal Videos A big house cat. (N)		Growing Up... "Baboon" (N)	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Sean K."		Celebrity Poker Showdown for charity. (N)	Celebrities compete		The West Wing "Han" (N)		Celebrity Poker Showdown (N)	
7	11	CBS	NFL Preseason Football Stadium in Irving, Texas. (Live)		Kansas City Chiefs at Dallas Cowboys. From Texas (Live)			News (N)	(35) Late Show Tim Russert; Snow Patrol. (N)	Tennis	
24	50	DISC	Dawn of the Dragons		Body Builders	Navy SEALs Training: BUD's Class 234		Dinosaur Planet "White Tip's Journey"		Ninjas Skills of the Japanese warriors.	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family (N)		Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister (N)	That's So Raven (N)		
49	81	E!TV	High Price of Fame		Mel Gibson: True Story			Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)	
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) College Football		Texas A&M at Utah. (Live) (N)			SportsCenter (Live) (N)		Burning	Outside
54	57	ESPN2	Hockey: Russia vs. United States		College Football Northwestern at Texas Christian. (Live) (N)						Baseball
32	46	FAM	*** "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon.			Who's? (N)		The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape		Workout	Fitness		Bodies In Shape		Workout	Fitness
35	31	FMC	(01) Hour of Stars		Frankenstein			(02) *** "The Doctor and the Devils" (1985)		(01) "Barton Fink" (N)	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Creative Casseroles" Casserole.		Food Finds (N)	Recipe for Success (N)		Amer. Festivals	Amer. Festivals	Emeril Live "Creative Casseroles" Casserole.	
13	7	FOX	*** "Big Momma's House" (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long.			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N)		Cagney & Lacey (N)		Kojak	
40	38	FX	(5:00) *** "Courage Under Fire" (1996)			Fear Factor (N) (N)		*** "Commando" (1985) Rae Dawn Chong			
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rockies	Insider	NASCAR		Sports List Best Damn Sports Show Period (N)		Rocky Mt. I, Max (N)	
5	14	HBO	(5:30) *** "Eddie" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg.		(15) *** "Half Past Dead" Seagal, Morris Chestnut. (N) "PG-13" (N)			Real Sports (N)		*** "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	
62	67	HGTV	Designer Landscap		Design	Designers' "Designers"		Home Design	Designer Landscap		
58	52	HIST	The Mapmakers "America: Birth of a Continent"		The Mapmakers (N) (N)	The Mapmakers "The D-Day Invasion Maps"		Command Decisions	Decisive Battles	The Mapmakers "America: Birth of a Continent"	
25	35	IND	*** "Bad Boys" (1995) (PA) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (N)		Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. (N)			(25) *** "Bad Boys" (1995, Drama) Lawrence, Will Smith. (N)		(01) "Martin" (N)	"Fast Times"
18	63	LIFE	"Her Last Chance" (N)		"Obsessed" (2002, Suspense) Jenna Elfman. (N)			The Division (N)		The Nanny	The Nanny
23	77	MTV	Music Videos (N)		Music Videos (N)			Direct Effect (N)		MTV Special (N)	
3	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Will & Grace (N)		Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		Father of the Pride (N)	News (N)
8	8	NBC	Will & Grace (N)		Will & Grace (N)	Karen's wedding in Las Vegas.		Republican National Convention (Live) (N)		(35) The Tonight Show Ellen DeGeneres. (N)	(37) Late Night (N)
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob/Grown Up		Full House	Full House		Boss? (N)	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
2	2	PBS	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York. (Live) (N)					BBC World News	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Lost Voyage"		*** "Thirteen Ghosts" (2001) Tony Shalhoub.		*** "Sometimes They Come Back... Again" (N)				
61	41	SPK	MXC (N)	MXC (N)	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	MXC (N)	MXC (N)	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N)		Clean Sweep "Gold Medal Mess"	In a Fix "Touchdown Den" (N)		Overhaulin' "Search & Rescue"		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (N) (DVS)		Law & Order "Untitled"	*** "Blast From the Past" (1999, Comedy)		Las Vegas: Sucker Bets		*** "Two if by Sea"	
51	86	TRAV	Las Vegas: Sucker Bets		World Poker Tour			Las Vegas: Sucker Bets		World Poker Tour	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters GreenAcre		Griffith	Leave	Sanford	3's Co. (N)	3's Co. (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Amarte es Mi Pecado	Republicanos		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias	
20	34	USA	(5:00) U.S. Open Tennis		Early Rounds. (Live)			Law & Order		JAG "The Killer" (N)	
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond (N)	Blue Collar TV (N)	Reba (N) (N)		Studio 7 (N) (N)		News (N)	Friends (N)
99	36	WGN	*** "The Big Green" (1995) Steve Guttenberg.			WGN News at Nine (N)		Becker (N)	Becker (N)	Elimidate	5th Wheel

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E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Biography "Laura Bush" (N) (E)		American Justice "The Monster Inside" (N) (E)		City Confidential (E)		Crossing Jordan "Til Death Do Us Part" (E)		Biography "Laura Bush" (E)	
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Republican National Convention (Live) (N) (E)		News (E)	(35) Nightline (N) (E)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E)	
26	48	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Venom ER (E)		Animal Cops Skinny boxer. (N)		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Venom ER (E)	
63	54	BRAVO	Keen Eddie "Keeping Up Appearances" (N)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (E)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy UK (N)		The West Wing "Jefferson Lives" (N)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy UK (E)	
7	11	CBS	5th Annual Latin Grammy Awards (Live) (N) (E)				Republican National Convention (Live) (N) (E)		News (N) (E)	(35) Late Show (N) (E)	Tennis	
24	50	DISC	Tooth and Claw Big cats of the African savanna.		Navy SEALs Training: BUD/s Class 234		Navy SEALs Training: BUD/s Class 234		Submarines: Life on a Boomer		Iceland Tunnels Diggers carve tunnels. (N)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family	The Proud Family	Even Stevens (E)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (N) (E)		That's So Raven (N) (E)		★ "A Ring of Endless Light" (2002, Drama) Mischa Barton, Ryan Merriman. (N)	
49	81	E!TV	Saved by the Bell		Dr. 90210	Dr. 90210	Scream Play (N)		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)	
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.				Baseball Tonight (E)		SportsCenter (Live) (E)		Outside Baseball	
54	57	ESPN2	Hockey: World Cup		NFL Live		MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (E)					
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Casper" (1995, Fantasy) Christina Ricci.				Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club (E)		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape		Workout	Fitness	Peak Performance (N)		Bodies In Shape	Workout	Fitness	
35	31	FMC	(01) ★★★ "The Day the Fish Came Out"				(01) Hour of Stars		(01) ★★★ "9 to 5" (1980, Comedy) Jane Fonda.			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Getting Grilled"		BBQ With Bobby Flay		Foodnation		Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef "Sardine" Sardine battle.	
											Emeril Live "Getting Grilled"	
13	7	FOX	Renovate My Family (Series Premiere) (N) (E)				The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (E)		Cagney & Lacey (E)		Kojak	
40	38	FX	"Independence Day"		Fear Factor (N) (E)		★★★ "Courage Under Fire" (1996) Denzel Washington, Meg Ryan.					
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Football	Rockies	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants. (Live)					
5	14	HBO	"Johnny English"		★★★ "Stuart Little 2" (2002) Voice of Michael J. Fox. (N) "PG" (E)		★★★ "The Ring" (2002) Naomi Watts. A videotape brings death in one week		Naomi Watts. A videotape to all who watch it.		Six Feet Under "Bomb Shelter" (N) (E)	
62	67	HGTV	Designer	Spaces	Weekend	Mission	Curb	Curb	Home	Smart	Designer	Spaces
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 6"		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 4"		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 5"		Modern Marvels "Army Corps of Engineers"		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 6"	
25	35	IND	Family Guy	Family Guy (N) (E)	Seinfeld (N) (E)	Seinfeld (N) (E)	Sex and the City (N) (E)	Sex and the City (N) (E)	(05) ★★★ "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997, Comedy) Mike Myers. (E)			
18	63	LIFE	"The Virgin Suicides"		"Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story"		The Liz Murray Story"		Golden	Golden	The Nanny	The Nanny
23	77	MTV	Music Videos (N)		Assistant	Assistant	Direct Effect (N)		Hard Rock	MTV Special (N)		
3	9	NBC	News (N) (E)	Ent. Tonight (N) (E)	Hawaii "Hawaiian Justice" (N) (E)		Republican National Convention (Live) (N) (E)		Dateline NBC (N) (E)		News (E)	The Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	Hawaii "Hawaiian Justice" (N) (E)		Dateline NBC (N) (E)		Republican National Convention (Live) (N) (E)		News (N) (E)		(35) The Tonight Show (N) (E)	(37) Late Night (N)
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda	Full House	Full House	Boss?	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby
2	2	PBS	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York. (Live) (E)				BBC World News					
38	83	SCFI	(5:00) "The Flintstones"		★ "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" (2000)		★★ "Meet the Applegates" (1990) (N) (E)					
61	41	SPK	MXC (N) (E)		Real TV (N) (E)		Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos		"White Men"	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (E)		Clean Sweep "Organizational Sand Trap" (E)		In a Fix A couple creates a mansion. (N)		In a Fix Redecorating the basement. (N)		For Better or for Worse Hippie-themed wedding.	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Absentia"		Law & Order "Mega" (N)		★ "The Goodbye Girl" (2004) Patricia Heaton.		The X-Files (E)			
51	86	TRAV	Funding the Yukon		World Poker Tour "Celebrity Invitational" (E)		Facing the Yukon		World Poker Tour (E)			
21	82	TVLN	Munsters		GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers (N) Cheers (N)
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Amarte es Mi Pecado		Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto		Noticiero	
20	34	USA	(5:00) U.S. Open Tennis		Early Rounds. (Live)				Law & Order		The Dead Zone (E)	
12	3	WB	Friends (N) (E)	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Legacy" (N)		Smallville "Truth" (N) (E)		News (N) (E)		Friends (N)	Will & Grace (N)