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## Planning a Memorable Day for Mom

From spa getaways to elegant dining, East Hampton has a garden of delights sure to give Mom a day to remember.

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There's a reason why Mother's Day is one of the top dining-out days of the year: Mom can't wait to get out of the kitchen. But beyond taking moms out to dinner, East Hampton offers a bouquet of gift ideas and unique ways to make Mother's Day special.

**1.** For overworked mothers who dream of getting away from it all and spending some me-time on windswept beaches, **Gurney's Inn** in Montauk is offering a special **Mother's Day Getaway** throughout the month of May, featuring two nights for two, kids stay free, for \$491. Moms can enjoy an oceanfront room, first come, first serve, and use of the Sea Water Spa Facilities.

**2.** East Hampton restaurants are pulling out all the stops to prepare meals replete with sumptuous tastes – and many are offering free gifts and glasses of wine to moms at the table.

Eateries featuring Mother's Day brunch or special

Mother's Day dinners include the **Gulf Coast Kitchen at the Montauk Yacht Club**, **The Living Room c/o The Maidstone**, **Serafina** and **Nick and Toni's** in East Hampton, and **Sen** in Sag Harbor, to name a few. Call ahead for reservations at Mom's favorite restaurant and treat her some of the finest dining on the East End.

**3.** It's a surefire bet that no matter what Mom's tastes are, jewelry is always a safe choice—and guaranteed to please. Head over to **Tiffany & Co.** in East Hampton and bring home a shiny bauble in the signature blue box.

**4.** Mother's Day gifts don't have to be pricey. Gifts moms save forever include the glitter and macaroni necklaces their kids made in grade school and the popsicle stick picture frames created at summer camp. Dads, help the kids construct a handmade present – and teach the kids how to wrap their first gift. They'll feel a sense of excitement and pride, and Mom will have a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

**5.** Shower her in flowers: **East Hampton Flowers** has designed a colorful assortment of bouquets to dazzle Mom on the big day.

**6.** If Mom has instilled a passion for reading in the kids, return the favor by taking her to the **Amagansett Free Library** on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for the series **"Great Books of World Literature in Music and Art."** The event features a multimedia presentation by humanities scholar Kimble Humiston, who will discuss timeless works such as "Crime and Punishment," and other classics.

**7.** Or why not kick off festivities with dinner and a movie? Take Mom to a classic flick at the **Bay Street Theater** in Sag Harbor, where The Picture Show presents Rosalind Russell in "Gypsy" Saturday night at 8 p.m. **The American Hotel** offers a prix-fixe dinner including a three-course meal, movie ticket and popcorn – all for \$25.

**8.** Photos last forever. **Deborah Hale Photography** in East Hampton specializes in children's and family portraits to capture a moment in time.

**9.** Health is priceless, and, to that end, Assemblyman Fred Thiele joined with the Adelphi New York Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program in an annual Mother's Day appeal for women to get mammograms. "I hope this Mother's Day women will take the time to make an appointment for a mammogram. Early detection is still the best tool we have in fighting breast cancer," he said.

**10.** The best gift any mother can receive on Mother's Day is time. Whether it be a walk on the beach in Montauk, a trip to feed the ducks in East Hampton or a lazy Sunday on the deck, sharing the first cookout of the season and laughing at family stories, it's time spent that makes lifetime memories.