

From a husband who has traveled to many knitting events . . .

Notes for men traveling with partners with Knitting in Tuscany:

1. Remember this is her trip with the girls and you are NOT the focal point of her attention! It's about the knitting and the "girl talk".
2. If you are here because you need the getaway from the rat race of business or home and can use a week of "by yourself time" to chill out, take advantage of being in the background and enjoy your quiet time.
3. No matter what your home life is like and what roles or dynamics of the household are, the male is necessarily regulated to "you are on your own buddy" unless you are also a knitter.
4. Do not make a nuisance of yourself and hang around the knitters except at meal times. Can you imagine your wife "butting in" on you and your buddies watching sports or card game? It's NOT ABOUT YOU!
5. Bring plenty of books to read, necessary electronic devices (Kindle, iPad, laptop) with appropriate coverage, and international cell phone or Skype on your laptop to keep in touch with the world.
6. Do a lot of walking on your own to exercise.
7. Do research before you leave home to find out about the area if you want to do side trips on your own during the day.
8. Be gracious and a gentleman to the other women on the trip. They paid lots to do this trip.
9. If you are not coming for the full length of the Knitting in Tuscany, then arrive for the last two or three days of it, then continue on your trip together after the completion.
10. Meet up with your wife on the last day somewhere else entirely, and then begin your trip together instead of coming to the Knitting in Tuscany at all.
11. Men are from Mars and Women from Venus. Everyone one needs their own time away from each other.
12. She'll really love you for your patience and ability to participate appropriately in this event.