

To deliver Mother's Day flowers when you live abroad, arrange delivery with a florist or delivery service near your mother. Check the local holiday date and delivery details, then add a card that sounds like you.

Start with her local date

Mother's Day does not fall on the same date in every country. Check the date where your mother lives rather than relying on the calendar where you are. A reminder on your phone can help, especially if the two dates are weeks apart.

Look for a florist that delivers to her address. Ordering ahead gives you more time to compare arrangements and check available delivery days. Around the holiday, some flowers or time slots may sell out.

Pay attention to the delivery service's local time zone when reading order deadlines. If you are placing an order late in the evening abroad, the florist may already be working through the next day.

Make delivery easy to receive

Use the address where she is most likely to be, not automatically her home address. She may be spending the day with family, working, or away for the weekend. If you are unsure, a relative or friend nearby might know her plans without spoiling the surprise.

Before you pay, check the practical details:

- The full address, including apartment number and any delivery instructions.
- A phone number the driver can use if there is a problem.

- The delivery date and any stated delivery window.
- The service's policy if nobody answers the door.

Ask a trusted person to help if the building has a locked entrance or deliveries cannot be left outside. You can also arrange delivery a day early, so the flowers are there when Mother's Day begins.

Choose flowers and add your words

Think about what she enjoys seeing at home. A compact arrangement may suit a small kitchen table, while a loose bouquet gives her the pleasure of choosing a vase. If she has pets, check that the flowers and foliage are safe for them before ordering. Lilies, for example, are highly toxic to cats.

Availability can vary by season and location, so read the substitution policy. If a particular flower or color matters to you, tell the florist. Otherwise, a general request such as soft colors or bright seasonal flowers gives them room to work with what is fresh.

Keep the card simple and specific. You might mention the garden she tends, the tea you share on calls, or another detail that belongs to the two of you. Sign your name, particularly if other family members are sending flowers too.

Questions you might have

Can I send flowers without calling the florist?

Many florists accept orders online. Check the delivery area and payment options before choosing an arrangement.

What if I do not know her schedule?

Ask someone nearby or choose a delivery date when she is likely to be home. Check what happens if the driver cannot reach her.

Should I tell her flowers are coming?

If receiving a surprise would be difficult, a short message can help her plan without revealing the flowers. You can still keep the card private until she opens it.

More background: paying for a gift abroad