

TOP HONEYMOON DESTINATIONS



Bora Bora

#1 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Bora Bora's out-of-this-world scenery is just the tip of the iceberg – or, rather, the volcano. The epitome of an agenda-free beach honeymoon destination, Bora Bora gives newlyweds their pick of gorgeous white sand beaches and lagoons for sunbathing, snorkeling and sailing. Plus, luxurious spas and romantic overwater bungalows abound. Hotel rates on this French Polynesian island are high, but honeymooning between December and March (if you're willing to put up with some extra showers and humidity during the wet season) or on a cruise through the Pacific Ocean can help cut costs.



St. Lucia

#2 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

If you're seeking a luxurious Caribbean honeymoon with just the right amount of adventure, look no further than St. Lucia. You'll find white sand beaches and lush mountains dotted with all-inclusive boutique resorts (many of them with open-air rooms perfect for basking in the island's natural beauty). Should you need a break from the sand, visit the Soufrière area to see natural attractions, such as the Pitons, Sulphur Springs and Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens. You and your sweetie will love hiking, taking mud baths and relaxing together in geothermal pools.



Maldives

#3 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

If you and your sweetheart truly want to get away from it all, head to this remote island chain in the Indian Ocean. Maldives resorts (many of which are on private islands) offer extravagant services and amenities that will make you never want to leave your ultra-luxe bungalow or overwater villa. When you're ready to venture out, visit the nearest tranquil beaches and spas or take an excursion to neighboring islands. With 5% of the world's reefs located here, snorkeling and scuba diving are also a must.



Fiji

#4 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Fiji's serene, powder-soft beaches offer a quiet respite for postnuptial relaxation. Luxe resorts and activities like snorkeling with manta rays in the Yasawa Islands and surfing near the Mamanuca Islands (which were featured in the movie "Cast Away") will likely be experiences you and your new spouse won't soon forget. And, of course, no trip would be complete without a private couples massage on the beach. You'll also have the opportunity to embrace Fiji's friendly, "bula" culture through village visits to get to know local hosts and traditions.



Maui

#5 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

With forests to explore, volcanoes to tour and trails to hike, the Hawaiian island of Maui is a great place to vacation with your new spouse. Couples can sprawl across miles of shoreline or attend a luau with traditional Hawaiian fare, live music and hula and fire dancing. Other must-dos include driving along the scenic Road to Hana and splurging on a helicopter tour of the island's upcountry for views of rolling green hills and Haleakala National Park.



Amalfi Coast

#6 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

The Amalfi Coast's colorful villages, crystal-clear water and rugged shoreline help make this part of Italy a one-of-a-kind honeymoon destination. Couples can explore some of the region's 13 towns on foot or by boat, or simply spend their vacation relaxing on one of the picturesque beaches. For a real treat, duos can have a romantic candlelit dinner in the gardens or on the terrace of a charming villa, or experience one of several Michelin-starred restaurants in the area. To avoid rubbing elbows with hordes of tourists, visit in May or September to capture the enjoyable weather without the crowds.



Bali

#7 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

With towering volcanoes and stone temples, Bali, Indonesia, provides an unforgettable backdrop for any honeymoon vacation. Take in cliffside views at Uluwatu, explore the serene rice terraces of Ubud or lounge together on Sanur Beach's warm golden sand. When you're ready for some adventure, set your alarm for a once-in-a-lifetime sunrise hike up Mount Batur. If some rest and relaxation is more your speed, you can admire it all from the comfort of your all-inclusive oceanfront bungalow.



Tahiti

#8 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

French Polynesia's largest island is sometimes passed over by newlyweds, but it's just as romantic as more popular honeymoon destinations. Hole up in an ultra-private resort and sunbathe on black sand beaches, take a day trip to the stunning Moorea (a quick flight or ferry ride away) or head to the capital of Papeete to sample world-class cuisine and revel in the nightlife. Couples honeymooning between May and October will enjoy the best weather, but they may have to deal with crowds and high hotel costs.



Santorini

#9 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Known for its brilliant sunsets, rich Greek food and ultra-romantic hotels, Santorini, Greece, is almost tailor-made for newlyweds. Honeymooners can lounge on red and black sand beaches before taking in the ruins at Akrotiri and Ancient Thira. Wine aficionados will love sampling vinos at the island's wineries, and those who enjoy boating should consider taking a catamaran cruise around the caldera. Later, enjoy an intimate dinner with a view from one of the cliffside restaurants in Oia.



Kaua'i

#10 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

This Hawaiian Island is an ideal back-to-nature honeymoon destination. Active twosomes can hike along the Napali Coast, explore Waimea Canyon State Park and kayak down the Wailua River. Helicopter tours of Kauai's most scenic spots are also sure to provide newlyweds with lifelong memories. But Kauai offers plenty of opportunity for relaxation, too. Luxury resorts and spas, and secluded stretches of sand like Salt Pond Beach Park and Haena Beach Park are ideal for those seeking relaxation.



Hawaii - The Big Island

#11 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Whether you and your spouse are looking for a relaxing honeymoon or one filled with adventure, Hawaii's Big Island has you covered. As an added bonus, you may even score a deal on your room by choosing this island over its neighbors. Here, you can relax on stunning beaches, hike to spectacular waterfalls and get a glimpse of craters and active volcanoes at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. To pack on the romance, stroll through the ornamental Lili'uokalani Gardens, enjoy a sunset cruise or go on a stargazing tour.



Paris

#12 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Newlyweds travel to the City of Light for the ultimate experience in sophistication and romance. From the quiet ambiance of fine dining establishments to swoon-worthy sights like the Tuileries Gardens and the Louvre, the capital of France was practically made for lovers. Take in the sights from a Seine river cruise or meander through the charming streets of Montmartre. Then, treat yourselves to something sweet at La Maison du Chocolat, and when the sun sets, hold your loved one close and watch the Eiffel Tower sparkle every hour on the hour.



Florence

#13 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Florence, Italy, is a city renowned for its art, history and mouthwatering Italian cuisine. Spend your honeymoon walking hand in hand through the labyrinth of stone streets, exploring the greenery of the Boboli Gardens and gazing at Michelangelo's David and the Duomo's ornate cupola. Stop at a cafe or gelato shop when your feet need a rest. After watching the sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo, save your nights for enjoying unhurried dinners and visiting cozy wine bars.



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Mauritius

#14 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Mauritius may be off the beaten path, but its turquoise waters, abundant wildlife and luxe resorts make it an ideal choice for honeymooners.

Frequently dubbed Paradise Island, this small African island east of Madagascar is a haven for birds and aquatic animals. Plus, its beaches are prime spots for kitesurfing, scuba diving and lounging. Couples drawn to exploration can also hike the lush Le Pouce mountain, or spend some time in the culturally diverse capital city of Port Louis. To save some coin, stay at a hotel that offers honeymoon packages.



Lake Como

#15 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Located in northern Italy about 50 miles north of Milan, this Italian lake's stunning setting attracts celebrities – and honeymooners – in droves.

Couples can pass the time boating, enjoying gourmet Italian cuisine on a terrace or simply sunbathing by their five-star hotel's lakefront pool. Start your marriage off on the right foot by strolling the "walk of lovers," a short, scenic promenade in the quiet village of Varenna. Then, to see how the region's wealthy residents live, duos can tour elegant properties like Villa Carlotta and Villa del Balbianello.



St. Barts

#16 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

The French Caribbean Island of St. Barts offers the best of both worlds: chic hotels and bistros in a laid-back setting. Breathtaking beaches are plentiful here, though each appeal to a different kind of couple. Active newlyweds will love the water sports at Grand Cul de Sac Beach, while those who desire privacy should visit Colombier Beach. If you and your new spouse are feeling extra daring, pay a visit to Saline Beach, which is known for its nude sunbathers. And for those ready to let loose, explore the nightlife in Gustavia, which offers plenty of lounges and clubs.



Tuscany, Italy

#17 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

From over-the-top villas to aromatic cuisine, Italy's countryside teems with romance. Honeymooners can visit less-crowded cities like Siena and Lucca before checking out the world-renowned Leaning Tower of Pisa. When you've had your fill of touring, create new memories together by signing up for a truffle hunting tour or cooking class. No matter which

Tuscan vacation you choose, you'll find an abundance of sprawling vineyards and cascading hills where you can settle in for a flavorful farm-to-table meal and a shared bottle of wine.



Turks & Caicos

#18 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Couples who dream of eating crispy conch fritters and lounging on secluded beaches while celebrating their nuptials should head to the Turks and Caicos Islands. Newlyweds can dive or snorkel among colorful coral reefs, play golf, horseback ride and more. However, duos won't find much in the way of nightlife here, so after savoring a romantic seafood dinner, twosomes can head back to one of the islands' boutique resorts to enjoy some quality time together.



Cinque Terre

#20 in Best Honeymoon Destinations

Bordering the Ligurian Sea, this remote coastal region in northwestern Italy features beaches and coves that are perfect for sunbathing and swimming. Plus, twosomes can enjoy breathtaking views while hiking Cinque Terre's cliffside trails or explore the five pastel-hued villages that make up Cinque Terre National Park. But remember, the villages aren't easily accessible by car, and high-end hotels are limited. Autumn honeymooners will enjoy pleasant temperatures with fewer crowds.

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