

Wedding  
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# 101 HONEYMOON IDEAS

**Choose the perfect  
post-wedding getaway**



# THE SEARCH *begins*

The perfect destination is just 10 stages away...

**L**ucky you! One of the very best bits about wedding planning is planning the honeymoon – seriously! It's the part where the only people you have to please are yourselves, and the bit where you know you can totally relax and unwind. You will have fresh memories of the best day of your life, and a chance to start the rest of your life in style!

You probably already have a list of places that you'd like to know more about, or maybe you fancy returning to somewhere that you have both been together before. Or perhaps you are starting your search from scratch. Whatever you do, don't worry – there is definitely somewhere out there for you, but

you mustn't book it until you have taken a few things into consideration. Whether you're looking for a full-on hustle and bustle city affair, or a do-nothing chill-out desert island vibe (think sun loungers, pool, cocktails or miles of deserted beach) or maybe even a bit of both, the world really is your oyster!

Of course one of the biggest considerations when it comes to your honeymoon is budget. Thankfully, these days your guests can help... Most of the big gift list providers offer a honeymoons aspect, and we wholeheartedly recommend Buy Our Honeymoon, so that you will quite possibly be able to afford the trip of a lifetime – the honeymoon you and your husband have always dreamed of...



## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE

### 1 Work out what it is you both want, and if you can meet in the middle

...And if you really can't decide, how about following the trend for dual-centre honeymoons?

### 2 Avoid the trouble spots but don't be put off by alarmist reports

Check out the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advice before you book. [travelaware.campaign.gov.uk](http://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk) is great.

### 3 Search out the hidden gems – don't go for the obvious choices

You might think of the Caribbean and Maldives as ultimate beachy destinations, but how about Florida Keys or Zanzibar?

### 4 Can you really do nothing for two whole weeks?

You might think that lying on the beach for two weeks sounds perfect, but...

### 5 Think about vaccinations and any local health risks

Research your destination thoroughly before you go, for things like the Zika epidemic if you are planning a family sometime afterwards.

### 6 Bear in mind how much work holiday you have left

Obviously there's no point in planning a round-the-world trip if you have only have ten days left to take...

### 7 Whether the weather be good, or whether the weather be bad...

Just be careful that you don't choose to go somewhere in tropical storm season. Some of the top honeymoon spots suffer from bad seasons.

### 8 Time to get out and about, see things and do stuff

Are you happy to stay in your hotel and resort, or do you want somewhere that you can explore outside. It's the difference between the Maldives and the Caribbean...

### 9 Bear in mind how much the added extras will be...

You may have found a great deal on the flight and the hotel, but unless it's all-inclusive you could find that costs of in-hotel drinks and excursions make it all a bit of a misery. Time to go all-inclusive?

### 10 Do you definitely want to go long-haul straight after the wedding?

More and more couples are choosing to have a minimoon – maybe a long weekend break in the UK – and planning a big trip on their anniversary...

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▶ Learn to dive in the Maldives

Locally owned Baros Maldives has been renowned as one of the best diving locations in the Indian Ocean, as well as being voted the 'Most Romantic Resort' in the world for the fourth time at the World Travel Awards. The ultimate combination of romance and adventure, honeymooners can learn to dive at the resort's own Dive Centre, leaving with their PADI certificate in just a week. With a beautiful house reef just 15 metres from shore, newlyweds can even take part in fascinating 'Fluo Night Diving', a unique adventure allowing them to see the reef in an entirely different light.

baros.com



▼ Perfect your serve in a sporty honeymoon to Turkey

Set high on a cliff, overlooking the Datça Peninsula and a secluded bay, D-Maris Bay is a peaceful oasis in southern Turkey that promises the perfect honeymoon for active couples. D-Maris Bay is home to the exclusive Goran Ivanisevic Tennis School, where coaches have been trained by the man himself. After an energetic day on the courts, couples can wind down with spa treatments by ChenotActifs or visit one of the hotel's six restaurants and seven bars. True sport junkies can go yachting, visit the in-house Sail & Surf, Water Ski & Wake Board or Diving Centre, take part in a guided kayak tour to discover the surrounding hidden bays, or, enjoy a guided mountain bike tour of the stunning Datça Peninsula.

dmarisbay.com



▲ See the Northern Lights in Iceland

For honeymooners looking for an adventurous and remote location, Eleven's most unique property, Deplar Farm, offers guests unrivalled access to over 1,500 square miles of untouched mountain terrain and has a gorgeous Nordic-inspired interior. Eleven Experience's world-class in-house guides are on hand to create the ultimate customized honeymoon itinerary, including heli-skiing, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, fly fishing, whale watching, sea kayaking and a trip to the geo thermal hot springs. At select times of the year, Deplar Farm is also the ideal place to see the magical Northern Lights. Deplar Farm has 12 King Rooms and a range of world-class facilities; including an extensive wellness area with an indoor/outdoor pool.

elevenexperience.com



◀ Snorkelling in the UAE

Nestled between the Hajar Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Fujairah Rotana Resort & Spa features lush, verdant gardens and a pristine sandy beach, creating a tranquil setting. Couples can enjoy an array of dishes at the resort's six dining outlets or indulge in a treatment at the award-winning spa. Famous for its spectacular snorkelling and diving sites nearby, as well as offering a variety of water sports on-site, couples can combine adventure with relaxation. Fujairah Rotana Resort & Spa offers a romantic escape package starting from AED 860 (approx. £192). Price includes a one-night stay in a classic view room, breakfast and a couples spa massage.

rotana.com

◀ Hunt for pearls in Bahrain

A secluded slice of paradise, with stunning and luxurious private villas, newlyweds can enjoy pure luxury, culture, tradition and untouched beauty at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, located just 3km from the bustling souk and style of Manama city centre. A destination with so much to offer, honeymooners can enjoy a desert BBQ, discover secrets of the Dilmun era at The Digs at Saar, lose themselves in the meandering lanes of the Gold Souk or dine at the famous King Fahad Causeway, linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Once the number one pearl supplier on earth, you can explore 400 square miles of oyster beds and experience the truly unique pearl diving of Bahrain.

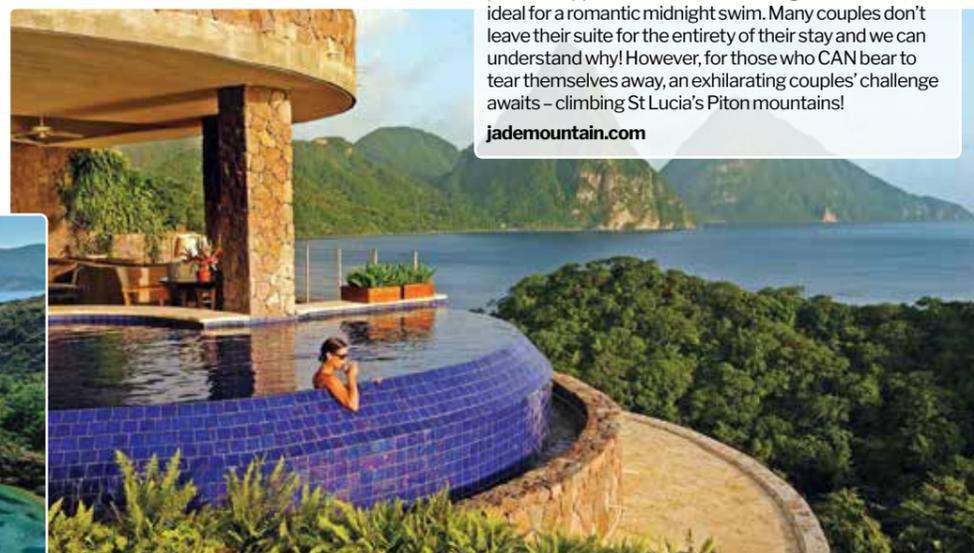
ritzcarlton.com



▼ Climb the Pitons in St Lucia

There is no place more romantic than the open-air Sanctuaries at Jade Mountain, St Lucia. With the fourth wall entirely absent, Jade Mountain's sanctuaries are stage-like settings from which to admire the full glory of St Lucia's Pitons, and of course, the Caribbean Sea. Love birds can watch the sun set over the ocean with a glass of Champagne from the privacy of their own infinity pool that appears to tumble off the edge of the hotel, ideal for a romantic midnight swim. Many couples don't leave their suite for the entirety of their stay and we can understand why! However, for those who CAN bear to tear themselves away, an exhilarating couples' challenge awaits - climbing St Lucia's Piton mountains!

jademountain.com



▼ Private dawn skiing in Switzerland

If you're looking for a winter honeymoon with a difference, check out Haute Montagne's Chalet Aconcagua in Zermatt, Switzerland. The chalet boasts five bedrooms with large indoor hot-tub and hammam - perfect for a romantic treat after a long day on the slopes. The chalets also showcase extraordinary views of the Matterhorn. For an extra special honeymoon treat, Haute Montagne can arrange a private dawn skiing experience, where you can take in the sunrise and hit the slopes before anyone else and enjoy a bespoke breakfast picnic with breathtaking views of the resort.

hautemontagne.com



# TOP 10

## DESTINATION WEDDING LOCATIONS

We asked our friends at Perfect Weddings Abroad where they recommend if you would like to tie the knot overseas...

- 1 The Caribbean**  
Laid-back luxury awaits, with the choice of so many different islands, too
- 2 The Greek Islands**  
Again, so much choice, with the perfect climate and wonderful food
- 3 Ibiza**  
A popular choice for British couples, we are seeing more and more beautiful Ibiza weddings
- 4 Lapland**  
All that snow, and the Northern Lights
- 5 Las Vegas**  
Still a brilliant choice!
- 6 Hawaii**  
A truly magical place, again ideal for island hopping
- 7 Cruise wedding**  
Something a bit different but no less wonderful - check this out!
- 8 Koh Samui**  
Have a beautiful wedding on the beach in Thailand
- 9 Mexico**  
The rising star for weddings abroad
- 10 Dubai**  
Medium-haul and magical!

◀ Hot air ballooning in Turkey

Spawled across the site of an ancient monastery, Argos in Cappadocia has emerged from 2,000-year old historical network of ancient ruins, caves and tunnels and is a historic playground for honeymooners. Couples can marvel at spectacular views of canyons, rock formations and mountains from the hotel and tick a box off their bucket list by hot air ballooning at sunrise over the famous 'fairy chimneys'. The hotel is made up of rooms and suites, carved from caves, revealing age-old stone and even a sunken therapy pool, complete with Turkey's largest wine cellar.

argosincappadocia.com

