

A vibrant tropical scene featuring a wooden boat with a colorful floral garland on its prow, floating in crystal-clear turquoise water. The boat is positioned in the center of a narrow lagoon, flanked by towering, lush green limestone cliffs. In the background, a large, rounded limestone island rises from the water under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is romantic and idyllic.

THE BUCKET LIST ROMANTIC ESCAPES

1000 Ideas for Couples' Adventures, Lovers' Getaways, and Out-of-this-World Honeymoons

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INTRODUCTION

Nothing bonds two people quite like the shared experience of travel. While this can be true on vacation with a dear friend or family member, the ultimate partner for a special journey is often your soulmate. Frolicking across the world with your forever companion can feel like wearing rose-colored glasses—their very presence imbues landscapes with more beauty, heightens the flavor of your meals and drinks, makes the stars twinkle brighter, and your exploits all the more thrilling and meaningful.

As a longtime travel journalist, I've been fortunate to take countless honeymoon-worthy trips around the planet, and I've come to recognize that romance, sexiness, and allure are subjective. Some couples spark most in a city, where an exquisite dinner is the ultimate seduction, while others are electrified out in nature, with only wild animals and wide open spaces around. It might be that giving back to a place or community gets your dopamine flowing—or maybe it comes from hopping onto a zipline or helicopter.

Of course, the more you see, the longer your bucket list grows. Whether for a special occasion such as a honeymoon or anniversary, a flawlessly orchestrated proposal, or for no reason at all other than wanting to spend quality time with your favorite person on Earth, there is an idea—or 1,000—in this book.

We've researched and traveled extensively to select 1,000 captivating experiences that span the seven continents. After all, there is magic to be found all over the globe, hand in hand with the person you adore. So as you prepare to take your own epic romance on the road, we hope you find this book a treasure trove of ideas with which to build a trip that deepens your love of the world and, of course, each other.

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P.S. The world is ever changing, with the safety and political issues of certain countries fluctuating, too. There are recent or ongoing conflicts in some of the destinations in this book, but they'll surely be ready for travelers again in the future. We didn't want to exclude these beautiful and romantic places, but we very much recommend checking government guidelines before booking your lovers' getaway.

Relaxing in Marrakesh, Morocco



1 NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

FRANCE

516 Live on local products while biking around Île de Ré

Hire two bikes and pedal from oyster shack to oyster shack on the bucolic island off the west coast of France, Île de Ré, happening upon sweet villages, golden beaches, and dunes as the pair of you ride in sync. Stop also to try the local salt and honey for a gastronomic getaway.

FRANCE

517 Go hut-to-hut hiking together in the French Alps

Immerse yourselves in a 360-degree French Alps experience while backcountry hiking to Eleven Chalet Pelerin's private mountain huts through absolutely surreal landscapes. End your days with candlelit alfresco dinners followed by G n pi liqueur.

FRANCE

518 Synchronize your dives into a strikingly turquoise river canyon

Plunge into the most striking-colored fresh water imaginable, ideally synchronizing your dives, cannonballs, or leaps perfectly, at the river canyon Gorges du Verdon. The emerald expanse makes a stunning backdrop for a tranquil outing on a boat so you can motor to the most pristine spots for swimming.



518 Gorges du Verdon