

# HELLO!

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'The couple are honoured to celebrate the memory of the late Princess Diana'

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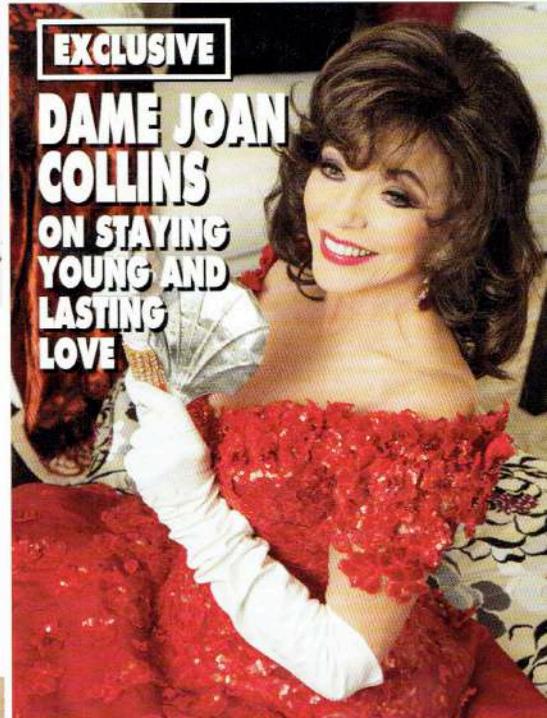
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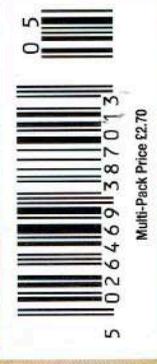
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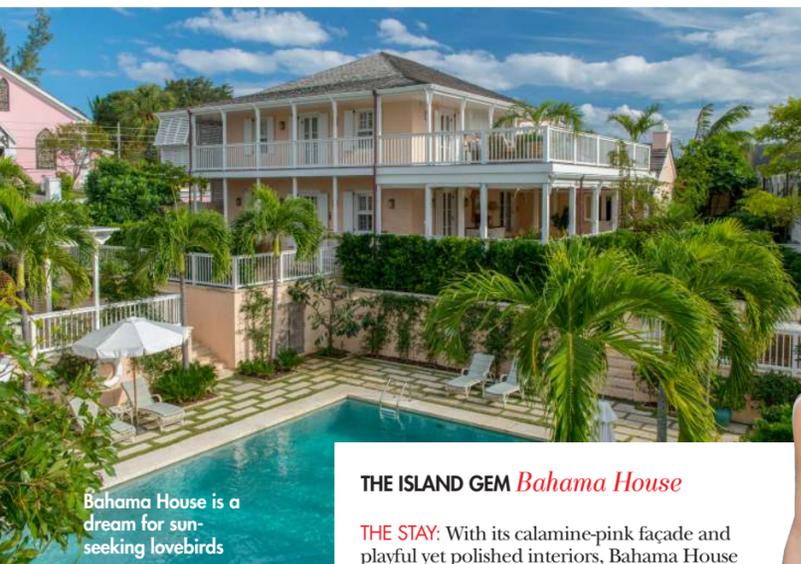
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The hottest honeymoon experiences to sweep you off your feet, from wild and wonderful adventures to sun-drenched havens



Total relaxation is the byword at Bahama House



Bahama House is a dream for sun-seeking lovebirds

### THE ISLAND GEM *Bahama House*

**THE STAY:** With its calamine-pink façade and playful yet polished interiors, Bahama House on Harbour Island in the Bahamas could have been plucked right out of a Wes Anderson film. Seashell-encrusted mirrors hang in the halls, terraces are bedecked with plump-cushioned love seats and sinks are fashioned from huge conches. Couples can kick off their shoes and pad about barefoot between the palm-fringed pool and the Tiki Bar, or play castaway on the quiet stretches of Pink Sands beach, combing for sea glass. There are parasols to loll beneath, with a frosty bottle of Kalik beer in hand; when the light fades, head back to the hotel in a golf cart, admiring the pretty candy-coloured houses as you go.

**THE STARS:** Elle Macpherson (left) adores Harbour Island.

**DETAILS:** Rates at Bahama House start at \$600 (approx £438) per night; visit [elevenexperience.com](http://elevenexperience.com). British Airways flies direct from London Gatwick to the Bahamas from £745 return; visit [ba.com](http://ba.com).



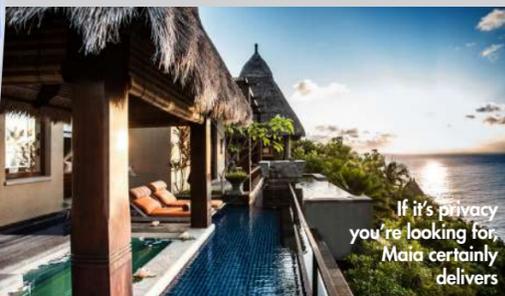
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### THE TROPICAL HIDEAWAY *Maia Luxury Resort & Spa*

**THE STAY:** This all-villa stay on Mahé island's south-west coast in the Seychelles is a masterclass in secluded luxury, with a dedicated butler to see to your every whim. A fruit platter is but a wave of the hand away. The high-ceilinged residences, each with a wrap-around infinity pool (below) dot the rocky hillside. Enjoy a massage in a Balinese-style pavilion (above) before luxuriating in the petal-strewn outdoor bath. Days begin and end with ambles along the powdery sand by lapping turquoise waters; the surrounding reefs teem with rainbow-bright shoals.

**THE STARS:** Amal (left) and George Clooney honeymooned in the Seychelles.

**DETAILS:** Rooms at Maia Luxury Resort & Spa begin at €2,220 (£1,950) per night. Emirates flies from London to Mahé via Dubai from £808 return; visit [emirates.com](http://emirates.com).



If it's privacy you're looking for, Maia certainly delivers



Get away from it all and commune with nature at Explora Patagonia

### THE WILD CARD *Explora Patagonia*

**THE STAY:** For off-the-beaten-track action, Explora Patagonia is a far-flung wonder in Chilean Patagonia's Torres del Paine National Park. Along with extraordinary hikes – crossing lenga forests and scaling snow-dusted ridges – some of the pulse-racing expeditions on offer will see you cantering across the Patagonian steppe on one of the hotel's specially bred horses, spotting condors, grey foxes and guanacos galore. And though soul-soaring itineraries are the main draw, the hotel's light, airy interiors (right) are a welcome sight after a day outdoors. Downtime can be spent in the hot tubs that dot the edge of Lake Pehoe and offer spectacular views, or curled up in one of the fireside nooks with a glass of Chilean red. It's a magical place with a remarkable out-of-this-world feel; couples in search of adventure will find it here in spades.

**THE STARS:** Chilean Patagonia has impressed Cameron Diaz (left) as well as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

**DETAILS:** Latin Routes offers four nights at Explora Patagonia from £4,350 per person based on two people sharing, including meals, drinks, expert-guided excursions, transfers and flights; visit [latinroutes.co.uk](http://latinroutes.co.uk).



Lie back and enjoy the views



The Connaught makes a strong case for a honeymoon on home soil



### THE HOME-GROWN HERO *The Connaught*

**THE STAY:** If you don't want to waste precious days of your honeymoon waiting at airports or recovering from jet lag, there's no denying the appeal of a staycation, and what better location than London with all it has to offer. Enter The Connaught: an unabashedly British marvel in Mayfair's beating heart. Here you have somewhere pleasingly old school but with a real twinkle in its eye, and during your stay the two of you will want for absolutely nothing – the clever concierge can arrange all sorts, from theatre tickets to Hyde Park running routes. Fans of fine dining will be won over by its two-Michelin-starred Hélène Darroze restaurant while the Aman Spa offers a seductive line-up of holistic therapies. So cosseting are the suites with their sumptuous beds and luxuriously fluffy robes that, if the mood struck, you could happily stay put for a week without the slightest hint of cabin fever.

**THE STARS:** Poppy Delevingne (right) and James Cook tied the knot in their home city of London.

**DETAILS:** Rooms at The Connaught begin at £600 per night; visit [the-connaught.co.uk](http://the-connaught.co.uk).



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