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Let's face it — destination weddings are the best type of wedding. Not only do you get to celebrate two people in love, you get to do so in a dreamy location. From personalized ideas and real wedding inspiration, to style advice and creating a memorable welcome bag, these pages are filled with endless advice and inspiration. No matter where in the world you choose to tie the knot, our specialists will be right by your side to help you any way they can.



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AWESOME IDEAS

for Your Destination Wedding

By Sarah Title

Embrace your destination's natural beauty with this twist on a menu display!

In need of a little detail inspo for your nuptials? Check out these sweet ideas to pack some personality into your wedding.

Top row: Use luggage tags as escort cards · Use seashells, and other beach accessories, in your ceremony décor · Hand out umbrellas so guests are only blinded by your love – not the sun

Middle row: Feature your wedding location on personalized koozies · Get creative with your newlywed shots · Send your guests an airplane ticket as their invitation

Bottom row: Get hitched at a venue with a glass-bottom floor (yes, they exist!) · Have a sand ceremony to signify your two lives becoming one · Let your 'maids go barefoot

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Serve a naked cake at
your reception to avoid
melted frosting!



Top row: Have your bridesmaids don leis in lieu of carrying bouquets! · Offer themed drinks that pay homage to your destination (like a tequila-based drink for your Mexico wedding) · Hand out flip-flops for guests who forgot beach-friendly shoes or want them for the dance floor

Middle row: Ditch the heels and opt for a fun foot tattoo instead · Beach-ify your dessert · If you're tying the knot somewhere hot, offer fans for your guests!

Bottom row: Incorporate the local language into your decor · Personalize your footwear! · Bring the beach to your reception (literally!)

ASK OUR AGENCY
for other ideas to personalize your wedding

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WEDDINGS

First, let us start by saying "congratulations." And now that you've made one of the best decisions of your life, it's time you made another one: having your destination wedding at El Dorado Spa Resorts, by Karisma. Not only are these resorts luxuriously romantic, but they provide every single indulgence imaginable. That includes gourmet cuisine, overwater suites, lavish spas and a Gourmet Inclusive® menu that will make your wedding meal completely unforgettable. Pair that with the stylishly refined décor found in their Memorable Moments Signature Wedding Collection™ and unique wedding locations such as an over-the-water pier, a rooftop terrace with 180° views of the Caribbean Sea as well as pristine white sand beaches and a charming wedding chapel, and your destination wedding is sure to be as stunning as you have imagined.



Overwater Bungalow at El Dorado Maroma

PALAFITOS — OVERWATER BUNGALOW

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Travel Tip #1: You can save 30% and enjoy private transfers at El Dorado Maroma Palafitos – Overwater Bungalows.

Travel Tip #2: Bungalow guests can take advantage of the Náay Spa and the Overwater Grill and Wine Bar.



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How to FINE-TUNE Your Guest List

By Jonathan Hermann

The old adage “less is more” is a sound approach when thinking about who to include on your guest list. From activities and transportation to food and drink, it adds up. Remember, weddings are priced on a per head basis, so keeping the numbers down will keep the cost down and also create a more intimate setting. If you’re struggling with where to start on your guest list, follow these tips.



Invite Only Current Friends and Family

Only invite the people you’re closest with. Just because they are a work associate or someone you met a few times in college, it doesn’t mean they need an invitation. The same goes for family. If you were in diapers the last time your great aunt saw you, it’s probably not essential you invite her.



Keep Things Fair on Both Sides

Both sets of parents should get the same number of invitations to hand out. However, if either of your parents are picking up the bill for even part of the wedding, then they get a bigger say in who makes the cut.



Create A & B Lists

The A-list consists of people you can’t imagine getting married without. Your B-list might be more distant relatives or friends you haven’t seen in a while that you’d like to invite. Write out your “A-list” first and see where that gets you, then start adding in your “B-list”.



Establish a Rule for Plus-ones

Plus-ones can be tricky. These seemingly small inclusions can add big costs to your wedding. The best way to handle this is to make a blanket rule for all your guests. This rule can be that they must be dating for at least 6 months, or you have to meet the guest’s significant other prior to the wedding. Make sure everyone is held accountable to the same rule.



Make a Firm Decision on Kids

Kids create an entirely different vibe at weddings. If you want kids there, make sure you have ample activities to keep them entertained. If you want a kid-free wedding, make sure you specifically list out the names of the people invited on the invitation so your guests know not to bring kids.



Put Yourself in Their Shoes

Even though it’s your day, a wedding is meant to be celebrated with the people you love most, so make sure you choose a destination that offers possibilities and perks for those on a budget.





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This gift bag folds up so guests can take it home in their luggage!

Guests can soak up the rays while you get ready!

Sip sip hooray!

They'll thank you in the morning

NEARBY NUPTIALS

If your destination wedding is domestic, gift your guests a mini bottle of champagne (and water for the morning after), a beach towel, and a festive candle as a keepsake.

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LONG DISTANCE LOVE

If it's a far journey to your destination, make your guests feel extra special with local snacks, beach necessities, and mementos they can bring home.

ASK OUR AGENCY
to help you find the best local gifts

1. SCOUT Daytripper bag in Sunny 2. Travel-size sunscreen 3. Sunglasses 4. Lei 5. Snacks 6. Destination-themed postcard welcome note 7. Hangover kit 8. Tissues

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THE CEREMONY

Destination wedding ceremonies come in all shapes and sizes, and there are pros and cons to each. Here's a breakdown of the most common ceremony types to keep in mind as you plan your dream-fulfilling day so you can find what's right for you.

LEGAL OR CIVIL CEREMONIES

Having a legal or civil ceremony in a destination outside of the U.S. does require some extra work. Some countries may require you to obtain a marriage license a number of months before or arrive early.

FAITH-BASED WEDDINGS

Destinations and resorts throughout the world offer ceremonies that respect your religious and cultural roots. From Catholic weddings to traditional Jewish and Indian ceremonies, our specialists will work with you to honor your customs and traditions.

Keep in Mind ...

Requirements vary by country and can include paperwork, documentation or blood tests.



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SYMBOLIC CEREMONIES

Symbolic ceremonies are becoming the newest trend for destination weddings outside of the U.S. They look and feel exactly like a legal ceremony, including everything from a celebrant, a walk down the aisle, and personalized vows.

Keep in Mind ...

This is not a legally recognized marriage. Obtain a marriage license in the U.S. before or after your trip.

OUR ADVICE?

Symbolic ceremonies allow you to avoid legal restrictions, so you can get married on any day of the week without a required waiting period.

TALK TO OUR AGENCY
about what ceremony type is best for you

Destination Weddings BY THE NUMBERS

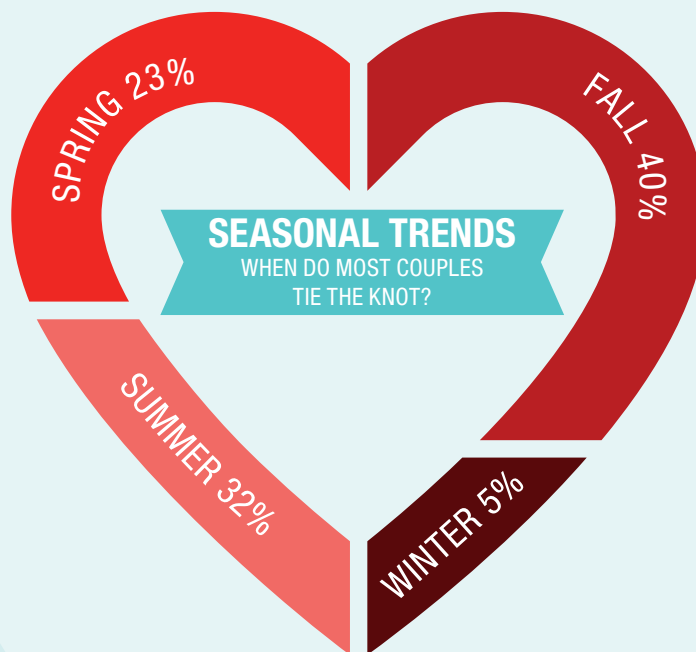
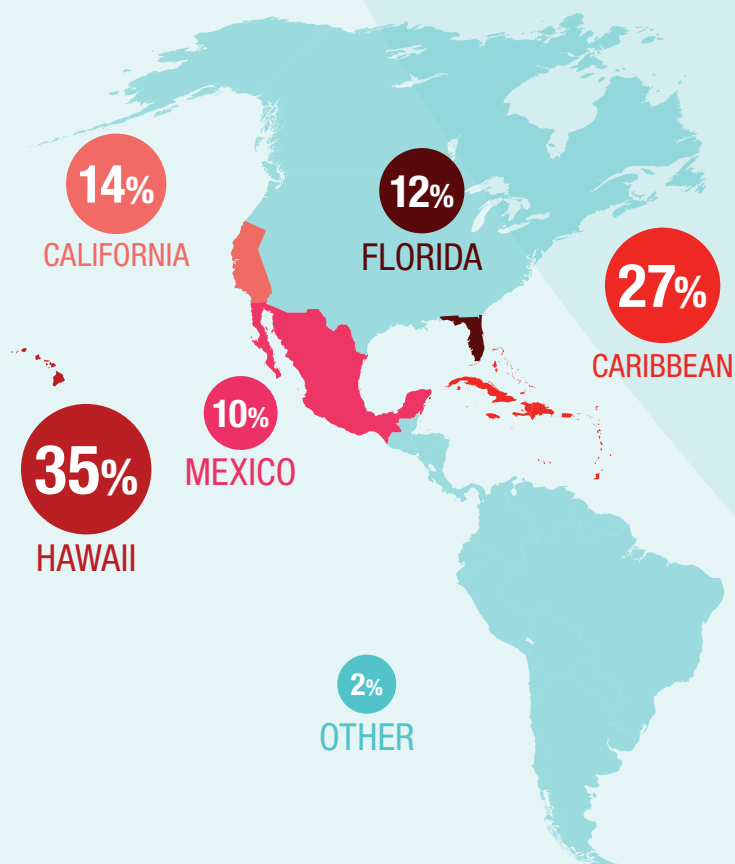
By Jonathan Hermann

When it comes to choosing the perfect destination wedding location, the globe is at your fingertips. Even though you could choose to marry just about anywhere, there are some places more suited for a destination I do.

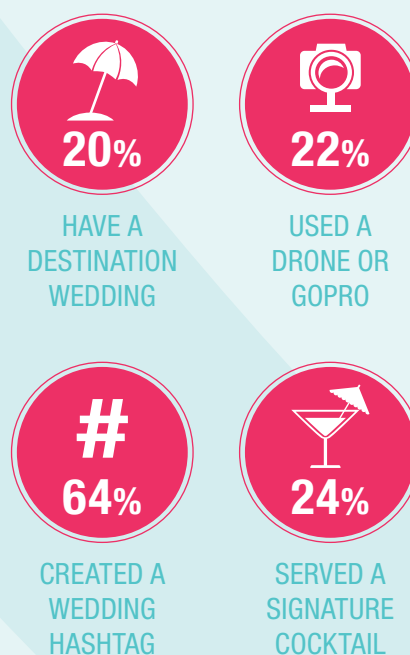
Hawaii and the Caribbean are among the top destinations, thanks to their sun-drenched settings, tropical weather, and wide variety of all-inclusive resorts that offer pre-packaged wedding options and make planning easier.

If you're looking for something unique or different, like a villa in Tuscany or a sunset vow exchange overlooking the Eiffel Tower, our agents have connections with local experts all around the world to help you plan a picture-perfect wedding in any country.

TOP WEDDING DESTINATIONS



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TO PLAN YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING OR HONEYMOON TODAY!

COVER THE COST OF TRAVEL FOR GUESTS

This is a big splurge, but making sure the people you care about most are able to be at your wedding is priceless. Talk to our travel agents about special rates for group travel for your air and hotel. Often times you get better rates when they are booked as a package.

THROW A WELCOME PARTY

Although not a necessity, a pre-wedding welcome party is a great way for guests to get to know one another and set the tone for your time together. There are no rules for an event like this, so whether you're thinking cocktails on the veranda or beers on the beach, let your style be your guide.

BOOK A PHOTOGRAPHER

You've already picked a photographer, so why not hire them for a few extra hours to capture your guests' special moments too? Whether it's a portrait of your cousin's new baby or casual pics of your best friends goofing around by the pool, take advantage of the gorgeous locale and send guests home with frame-worthy professional snaps.

By Lisa Kahan

Splur

FOR YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING YOU WON'T REGRET



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ORGANIZE A GROUP ACTIVITY

Whether you charter a boat for an afternoon, arrange for a group cooking lesson, or hire a guide to take you on an island tour, group activities create memories that will last a lifetime. Finding something suitable for every age, interest and ability can be tough, but our agency will be able to point you in the right direction.

ARRIVE A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOUR GUESTS

With the expense of the wedding and honeymoon, an additional few days away might seem like an extravagance, but you'll thank yourself once your guests start to arrive and you can relax knowing all the details have been taken care of. Use the time to meet with vendors, put together your welcome bags, and scout out local bars and restaurants.

DON'T SKIP THE WELCOME BAGS

Welcome bags might seem like an unnecessary expense, but when they're done right, they are worth their weight in gold. Maps, restaurant suggestions, and a detailed itinerary give your guests the information they need to function without relying on you. Do you really want to be a 24/7 concierge? Welcome bags are especially important for destination weddings, where guests aren't familiar with the area and have more free time to themselves. *(See page 17 for tips.)*

HIRE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Talented musicians can take your party to a whole new level. Get everyone on the dance floor with a fun-loving mariachi band, have a jazz quartet play the first dance song, or hire a drummer to accompany the DJ. This is one splurge that won't be forgotten.



CALL OUR AGENCY
for help organizing all of this and more!

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EXPERT OPINION

By Sarah Title

Think about every big purchase you make in your life. From a house to a car, you typically consult a realtor or car salesman and ask for their sound advice. So why wouldn't you do the same with your destination wedding or honeymoon? From guest accommodations to coordinating all the details, our agency is here to help you every step of the way!

WE KNOW OUR STUFF

We specialize in destinations and resorts; we know them like the back of our hand. We'll work with you and your significant other to understand your vision and play matchmaker by pairing you with the location that best suits your preferences.

WE'RE DETAIL ORIENTED

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GUEST DRAMA? IT'S HANDLED

Coordinating large groups can be a lot to take on. Thankfully, you've got us to do it for you. We'll take care of everything from room blocks to family and friend travel details so the only thing you have to worry about is tying the knot.

WE KNOW PEOPLE

Just like you, we pride ourselves on our relationships. Except, our relationships are with the top cruise lines, resorts and tour operators in the world. We'll take advantage of those to make your special day that much more special with awesome amenities and VIP treatment.



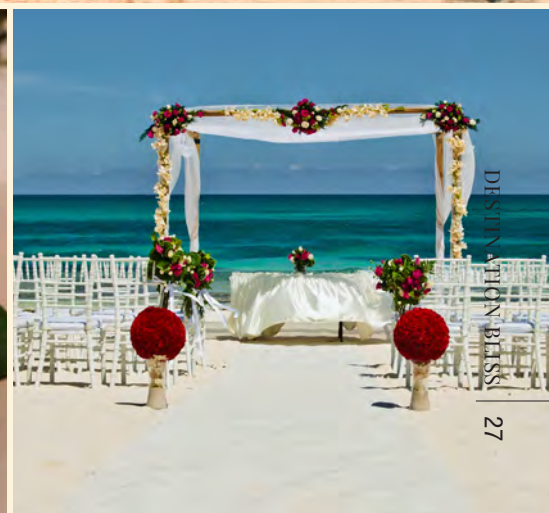
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IBEROSTAR Grand Hotel Paraíso, Riviera Maya, Mexico



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One of the major things to consider when picking out your wedding day attire is the formality of the event. We're here to dole out our expert advice on how to dress for both formal and laid-back soirées.

FORMAL

By Sarah Title

A fitted bodice is flattering in all the right places.

We love a good wavy side pony.

Va-va-voom!
A voluminous ballgown skirt with ruffles adds serious drama.

When it comes to the train, the longer the better!

WEDDING



When it comes to formality, a tux is always the way to go.

There are three different types of lapels—choose one that fits your style!

Black or navy blue should be your go-to colors.

Make sure the suit is well-tailored. Nothing ruins a good tux like one that fits poorly!

This is the perfect occasion for extra shiny dress shoes.

L A I D B A C K

Ditch the jacket
if you're getting
hitched on a beach!

No tie? No problem. Go for
a relaxed beach vibe.

Avoid dark colors. You'll be
much more comfortable in
white or neutral hues.

Not into the idea of
getting married barefoot?
Dress the part and opt
for boat shoes.

WEDDING

The expected high temp makes this the perfect opportunity to show off your arms in a spaghetti strap dress.

A tousled updo is a chic way to keep your hair out of your face when the breeze picks up.

Opt for a lower neckline so you don't sweat through your dress.

Lightweight fabrics are best for warmer destinations. Tulle and chiffon are two good options.

Avoid high heels for your sandy and unlevel walk down the aisle (go barefoot instead!).

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- Bamboo canopy at the beach
- Flowers and lanterns for the aisle
- Aisle carpet with rose petals
- Shoe valet for the guests
- Flowers for the wedding couple and centerpieces for the reception
- 45 minutes of live music during cocktail hour
- Wedding cocktail
- Three-hour private dinner with three-course meal
- Wedding cake
- Dance floor and DJ plus audio system (microphone, speakers, etc.)
- On-site wedding planner

MOON PALACE JAMAICA

Ochos Rios, Jamaica

- Bamboo canopy at the beach
- Ivory spun fabric-draped wedding gazebo
- 20-stem rose bridal bouquet and boutonniere
- Officiant
- Custom wedding cake
- Breakfast in bed the morning after the ceremony
- Private cocktail reception and two-hour dinner
- \$700 photography package
- Services of a wedding coordinator

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Riviera Cancun, Mexico

- Preparation and ironing of couple's wedding day attire
- Wedding cake and sparkling wine toast
- Turn-down service the night of the wedding
- Late check-out for the couple
- Complimentary room the night before the wedding
- Bouquet and boutonniere for wedding couple
- 36 full-color photos and wedding album
- On-site wedding coordinator



\$10,000 SPLURGE

WHAT YOU GET...

IBEROSTAR PLAYA MITA

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Everything in previous level, plus:

- Live music during the ceremony
- Custom decor and additional flowers for reception
- Champagne toast
- Three-hour live band during reception and a fire show
- Photography package (Quartz Collection – three-hour coverage by on-site photographer)

MOON PALACE JAMAICA

Ochos Rios, Jamaica

Everything in previous level, plus:

- Aisle and altar decor
- 12 yellow calla lily stem bouquet and boutonniere
- Themed wedding cake with natural flowers
- \$3,000 DreamArt photography package
- Romance Honeymoon package

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Riviera Cancun, Mexico

Everything in previous level, plus:

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- Wedding day hairstyling and make-up application
- Natural floral centerpiece for the head table
- Private cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres
- Three-hour private dinner reception
- 50 full color photos taken during the ceremony and wedding album
- Video of ceremony
- Choice of couples spa treatments

\$20,000

LUXE

WHAT YOU GET...

IBEROSTAR PLAYA MITA

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Everything in previous levels, plus:

- Live Mexican music trio
- Three-hour private dinner reception
- Floral centerpiece for ceremony
- Ceremony decor
- Custom photo package for the ceremony and additional wedding album
- Extended video of ceremony

MOON PALACE JAMAICA

Ochos Rios, Jamaica

Everything in previous levels, plus:

- Custom decor with tear drop crystals
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CHOOSING A

FOR YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING

By Sarah Title

Choose a Backdrop

Do you want to exchange I do's with picturesque Caribbean waves in the background? Or would you rather have your first kiss with the sun setting over the Eiffel Tower behind you?

Close your eyes and envision where you see yourself getting married, and consider a location that directly reflects that.

Known for its picturesque scenery, Paris isn't a bad place for your first kiss!



Photo by Catherine O'Hara Photography

Set a Budget

Before you hit the ground running on planning, it's important that you set a budget. Have an open and honest discussion with your significant other and whoever else may be contributing financially to your big day. This can help you narrow down options. If you're on a tight budget, flying halfway across the world to your destination may not be realistic, therefore you'll eliminate distant locations and you can start looking a little closer to home.



Mexico is a little closer to home and offers an array of all-inclusive resorts!

Photo by Anna Gomes Photography

LOCATION

With so many stunning backdrops and beautiful places around the globe, picking a destination wedding location can be nearly impossible. Consider these four things to help you narrow down your options!

Incorporate Your Interests

Are you and your significant other the active and adventure type? Or are Piña cooladas on the beach more your speed? Whatever it is you care most about while traveling, be sure to choose a location that allows you to do whatever it is you love!

Not all destination weddings have to be beach weddings!



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Consider Your Honeymoon

Think about where you want to go on your honeymoon. Would that also double as a great wedding location? You can celebrate with friends and family and then explore the destination as newlyweds after you tie the knot and everyone heads home. Or perhaps if you want your honeymoon and destination wedding location to be two different places, you could exchange vows somewhere close to your honeymoon spot, making it easy to get there once the big day comes to an end.

A Lake Como wedding gives you many nearby honeymoon options!

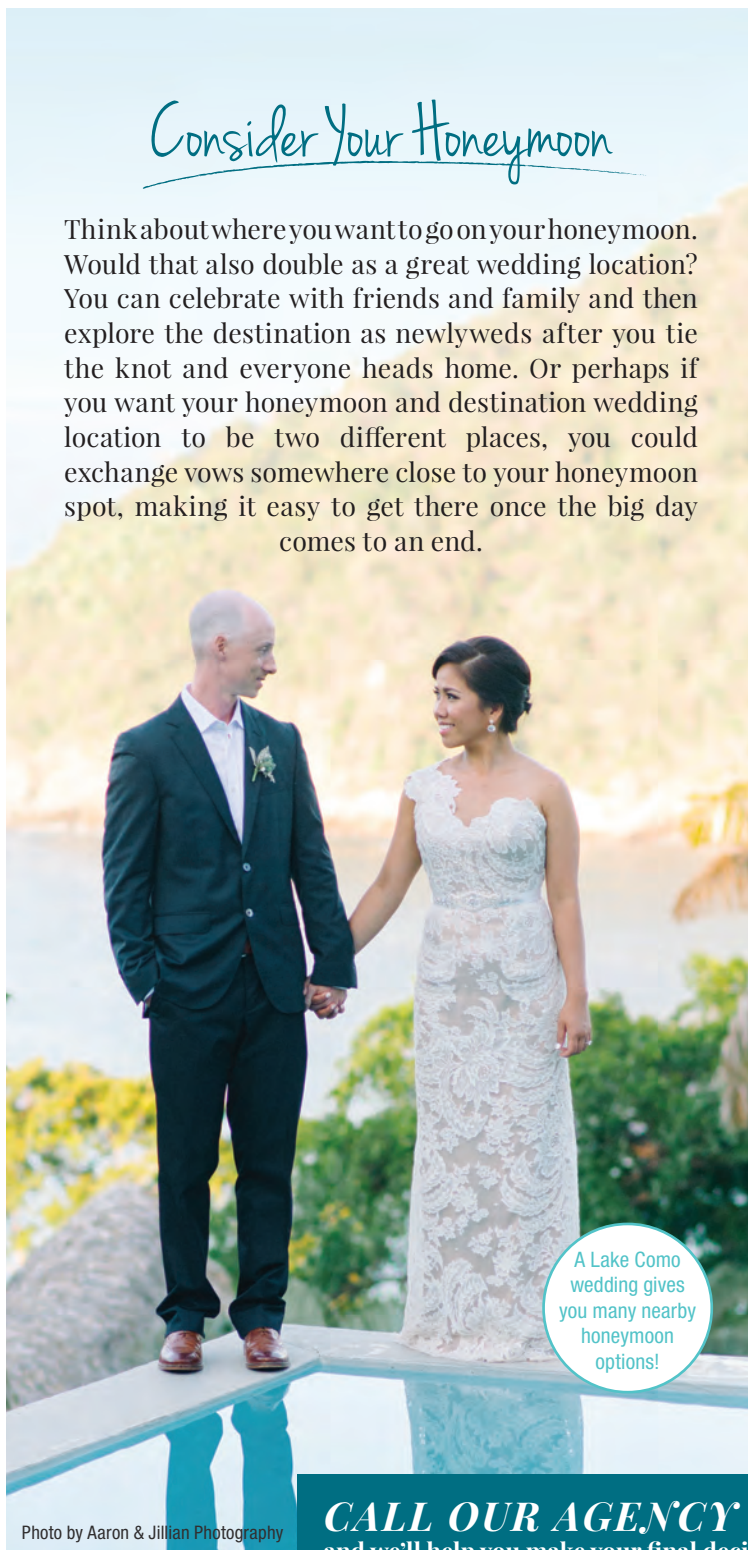


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- The ultimate boutique celebration at adults-only Beloved Playa Mujeres
- Say "I do" at a gorgeous Caribbean setting right on the beach

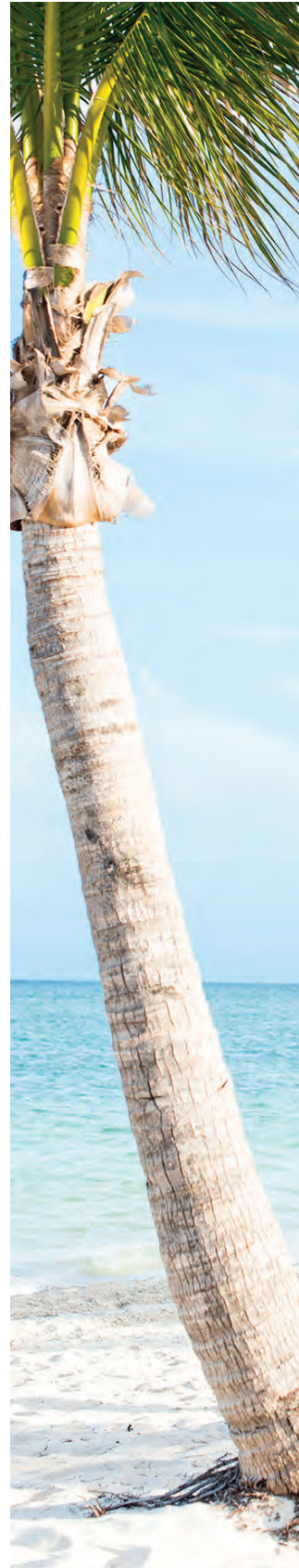
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Excellence Playa Mujeres, Mexico

INSIDER TIP

Ask for one of the Two-story Rooftop Terrace Suites to enjoy your own private terrace and plunge pool during your stay.

THE WEDDING GIFT

If your party stays more than seven nights, you may be eligible for a complimentary wedding package.

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Talk to your travel agent to decide which luxury resort is right for you! Whatever resort you choose, your big day or honeymoon will be nothing short of excellent.

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DESTINATION WEDDING Checklist

By Carrie Brandt

There are steps you need to take to create the ideal destination wedding, much like following a recipe for a savory soufflé. One missed task—like one missed ingredient—can affect the outcome! To help you serve up a wedding that's delightful to all the senses, we've put together the ultimate checklist to keep your planning in order.

18 MONTHS OUT TAP INTO YOUR PASSIONS

WHAT INSPIRES YOU AS A COUPLE?

A favorite movie, a shared activity or a special vacation spot? Start putting a list together!



3 MONTHS OUT DETAILS, DETAILS

- ☐ **CONFIRM DETAILS WITH YOUR VENDORS**
Speak to your wedding planner at the resort to be sure all of the details are finalized. Be sure to get everything in writing!
- ☐ **BUY GROOM'S ATTIRE**
When looking for your groom's attire for a destination wedding, be sure to think about location, temperature and color.
- ☐ **MAKE A SALON APPOINTMENT**
Call the hotel salon to book an appointment for your wedding hair and make-up.

12

MONTHS OUT

SHARE YOUR INSPIRATION LIST
WITH ONE OF OUR TRAVEL AGENTS

Start scoping out options and making plans!

- ☐ EXPLORE DESTINATIONS
- ☐ DO A SITE VISIT
- ☐ SHOP FOR LOCATION ATTIRE
See page 29 for tips.
- ☐ SET A BUDGET
- ☐ ACQUIRE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
Ask your travel agent what you need.
- ☐ RESEARCH WEDDING LICENSE
REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR DESTINATION
- ☐ CONFIRM YOUR WEDDING DATE,
TIME AND LOCATION
- ☐ MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT IS VALID
- ☐ THINK ABOUT SAVE-THE-DATE CARDS
It may seem early, but your wedding guests need plenty of time to plan their trip.

6

MONTHS OUT

GET ORGANIZED

- ☐ CREATE A HONEYMOON AND
WEDDING REGISTRY
- ☐ CONFIRM YOUR TRAVEL PLANS
WITH A DEPOSIT
- ☐ SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO GUESTS

1

WEEK OUT

START PACKING

- ☐ PACK YOUR WEDDING ATTIRE AS A
CARRY-ON FOR THE PLANE
- ☐ PRINT YOUR TRAVEL ITINERARY
and an agenda to hand out to your guests
- ☐ GRAB YOUR GO-TO ITEMS
prescriptions, electronics chargers, sunscreen,
snacks, entertainment for the airplane ride, and
cameras that are charged and ready to go!
- ☐ SURPRISE YOUR SPOUSE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

UPON ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION

- ☐ MEET WITH THE WEDDING PLANNER ON SITE
 - ☐ Inspect ceremony and reception sites.
 - ☐ Confirm details with your
ceremony officiant.
 - ☐ Confirm delivery time of flowers.
 - ☐ Have your dress pressed or steamed.
- ☐ APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE
Check the rules of your destination before your
wedding day.
- ☐ CHECK FOR ADDITIONAL STEPS
If your destination requires an on-site blood test,
make arrangements to have them done.

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for help planning all of these tasks.

REAL WEDDINGS

"Our wedding travel coordinator, Kim Gorres, sold us on the idea of doing an all-inclusive, and she specifically recommended the Hard Rock Hotel knowing what kind of experience we wanted."



PAT & YOSH *Cancun, Mexico*

Pat and Yosh had a whole weekend of events planned including a meet and greet and a next-day brunch. The couple's favorite entertainer and close friend officiated the ceremony and emceed the reception in drag, complete with multiple costume changes and performances. The most memorable moment? Saying their vows in front of everyone they love.



"Kim was there to ensure our guests could change their room categories, shorten or lengthen their stay, change their departure time or their flights, etc – all of which happened."



PHOTOGRAPHER:
Thompson Photography Group

TRAVEL AGENT:
Kim Gorres of
Travel Leaders Travel Now

CEREMONY LOCATION:
Hard Rock Hotel

GUEST COUNT:
85



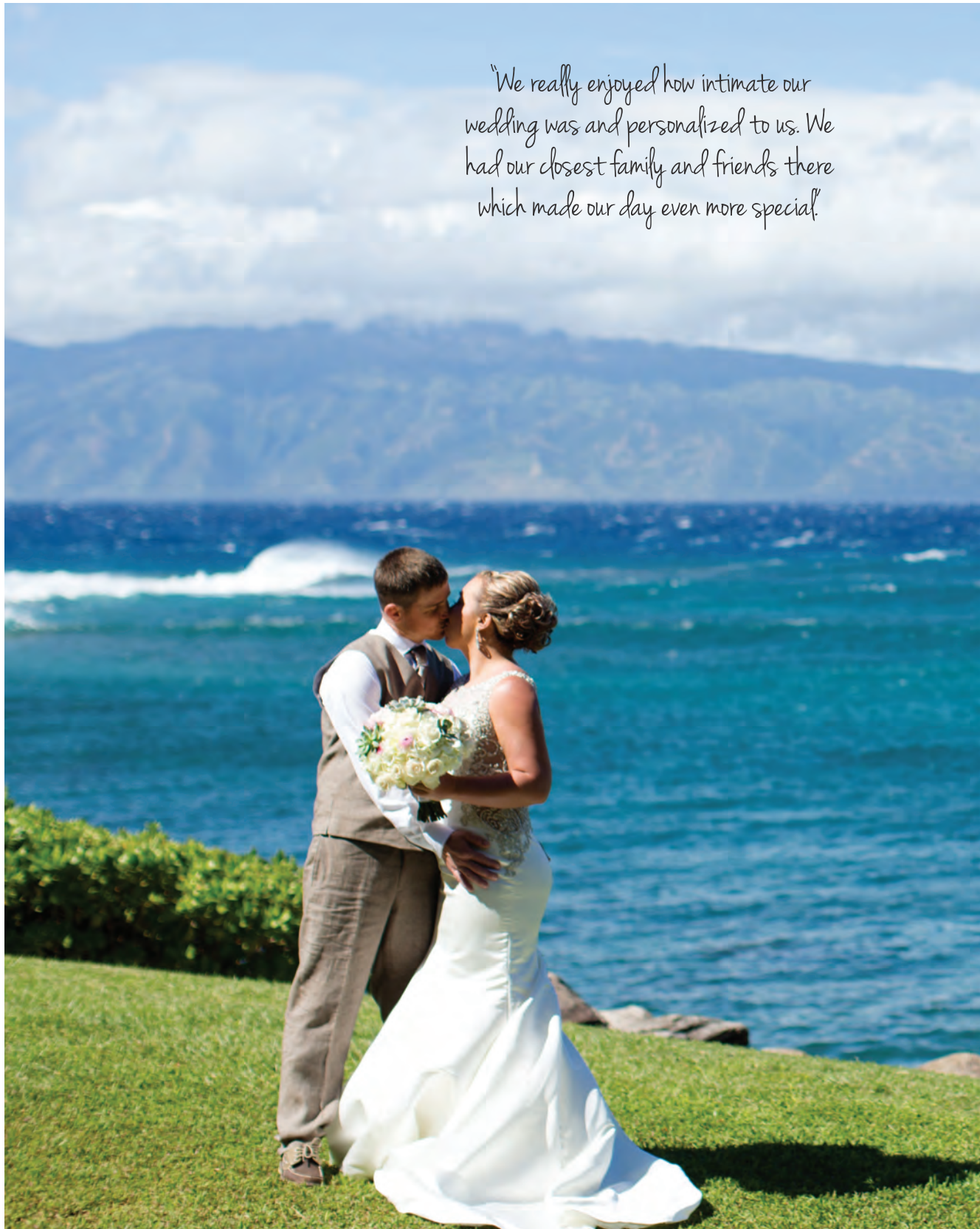
*"Our experience was perfect.
I would not change a thing."*

REAL WEDDINGS

TRAVIS & JUSTINA *Maui, Hawaii*

Travis and Justina tied the knot on a grassy overlook with sweeping views of Kapalua Bay. Their favorite part about the resort was being right on the beach and in a villa with all the luxuries of being at home. A good friend officiated the wedding, which gave it a more intimate feel.

"We really enjoyed how intimate our wedding was and personalized to us. We had our closest family and friends there which made our day even more special."





"Our favorite part about our wedding was the simple fact of knowing that we were on vacation. None of the pressures of a traditional wedding were there."



PHOTOGRAPHER:
Beau Petersen Photography

TRAVEL AGENT:
Michelle Buckley of
Travel Leaders Travel Now

CEREMONY LOCATION:
Merriman's Restaurant
in Kapalua

GUEST COUNT:
31

"We could not have planned anything on our own without the help of Michelle our wonderful travel agent. She went above and beyond the call of duty from the beginning, even when we were just searching for locations."



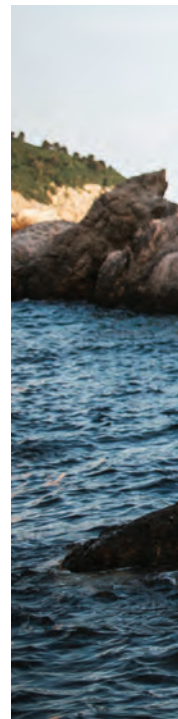
REAL WEDDINGS

"We knew we wanted to go somewhere with great wine, food history and activities. People automatically think of Italy when it comes to wine country, but we wanted to go somewhere that wasn't a popular American tourist destination (yet)."



ELISE & CHRIS *Dubrovnik, Croatia*

After initially considering a big wedding at home, the pair decided that an intimate trip to Croatia would be a great way to start their life together. The couple had a private dinner at a restaurant serving authentic Mediterranean food following their secluded beachside ceremony. The couple walked around Dubrovnik on their wedding day and took photos; they had groups of tourists coming up to them wishing them congratulations all day long!



PHOTOGRAPHER:
Dalibora Bijelic Photography

TRAVEL AGENT:
Marcie Boyle of Travel Leaders
St. Louis / Chesterfield

CEREMONY LOCATION:
Private beach in Dubrovnik



"Working with Dalibora [Bijelic Photography] made things much easier on us the days leading up to wedding and the day of. She really made the effort to get to know us so that we were comfortable being in front of her camera the day of the wedding."



"Chris seeing me for the first time in my wedding dress was definitely a memorable moment. I'll never forget the expression on his face."



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ACTIVITY LOVERS

Meg & Dan

"We can't imagine what we would have done without our travel agent Heidi. She was a huge help in planning our entire trip."

HONEYMOON LOCATION:
Disney World, Kissimmee, Florida

TRAVEL AGENT:
Heidi Hanson of Albertville Travel Leaders

"Ever since we can remember, we've always wanted to go to Disney World together, it was only fitting to spend our honeymoon in the 'Happiest Place on Earth'".



You and your S.O. are always on the move. Whether you're driving cross country just for fun or consider yourselves daredevils, you like experiencing all the world has to offer. Your kid-at-heart spirit will make your first days as a married couple special!

WHAT TO DO

Amusement Park Hop: If you're a thrill-seeking couple plan a road trip that allows you to stop at all the major parks!

Historical tour: Whether it's a walking tour or wandering around in search of interesting landmarks, don't miss the opportunity to learn what makes the location unique.

See a show: Wherever you go, there will most likely be a play, musical or entertainment show of some kind for you to enjoy.

TOP HONEYMOON SPOTS FOR ACTIVITY LOVERS

Hawaii | Disney World | London, UK

OUTDOORSY

Courtney & Isaac

Nothing excites you more than hiking, biking, and experiencing all the world has to offer. Nature is your playground, so you want to take full advantage of that on your first trip as a married couple.

WHAT TO DO

Scenic hike: Find the most scenic route so you can snap stunning pics while getting your sweat on.

Whitewater rafting: If your location offers it, hop in a raft with an instructor and enjoy the thrill of flying down a choppy river.

Cliff diving/bungee jumping: Take a leap of faith and experience your natural surroundings by doing an activity only a TRUE thrill-seeker would enjoy.

TOP HONEYMOON SPOTS FOR OUTDOORY COUPLES

Colorado | Costa Rica | Swiss Alps



HONEYMOON LOCATION:

Costa Rica

TRAVEL AGENT:

Ruth Peterson of Minnetonka Travel

"We chose Costa Rica because we wanted to be active, but to also be able to relax on the beach. There were so many adventures to choose from, we had an amazing experience!"



"Ruth, our travel agent, knew exactly which hotel would be perfect for us based everything we shared with her. She listened to us."

REAL HONEYMOONS

REAL HONEYMOONS



"The booking process was so easy and our travel agent was very helpful."

FOODIES

John & Jill

HONEYMOON LOCATION:

Rome, Cinque Terre, Siena
and Florence, Italy

TRAVEL AGENT:

Tracy Wirth of Travel Leaders
in New Richmond

"Both of us love Italian food, wine & culture. We have both dreamed of a honeymoon in Italy for years."

If you want to spend your first few days of wedded bliss sampling local cuisines, then let your taste buds map your route.

WHAT TO DO

Street food tour: Head to a local market where farmers, bakers and chefs alike gather to sell and share their latest creations.

Cooking class: Find a class that teaches you to cook the country's signature dishes. There are likely dozens offered, from a pastry course to curating a meal from start to finish.

Tastings: Whether it's the rum in St. Croix or the wine in South Africa, immerse yourself in whatever drink the country, city or region is known for.

TOP FOODIE HONEYMOON SPOTS

Italy | France | Japan



JET SETTERS

Amy & Scott

Traveling isn't just something to do in your spare time, it's a way of life! You two are passionate about exploring the most exotic of places.

WHAT TO DO

Enjoy the beach: Some of the most hard-to-get-to places have the most breathtaking beaches in the world. Make it a priority to seek out the turquoise waters.

Visit undiscovered gems: Take advantage of the untouched beauty of your location, from majestic monuments to natural phenomena.

Live luxuriously: Stay somewhere that will take your honeymoon to the next level.

TOP HONEYMOON SPOTS FOR JET SETTERS

Thailand | South Africa | Maldives



HONEYMOON LOCATION:

Bangkok, Chiang Mai and
Phuket, Thailand

TRAVEL AGENT:

Kim Gorres of Travel Leaders Travel Now

"We wanted somewhere exotic that wasn't your typical beach type of location. When we first thought Thailand we did picture the gorgeous beaches, but as we dug deeper with the help of our travel agent, we realized there is so much more to do in this beautiful country!"



REAL HONEYMOONS

ADVENTURE FOR TWO



Halema'uma'u Crater, Island of Hawai'i

Hawai'i offers six romantic islands, tailor-made for two. Spend the day sharing adventures, from watching the sunrise atop Haleakalā to watching the sunset from Waikīkī Beach. When the day is done, sip champagne while relaxing to the rhythmic ebb and flow of the ocean. Tomorrow there are beaches to explore. Sunsets to chase. Surprises to stumble upon. You'll see why the special moments of your trip to Hawai'i become even more memorable when they're shared together.

MAUI

Let the stresses of work and city life fall away as Maui works its magic on your body and spirit. From truly revitalizing spa experiences to idyllic resorts, quaint towns, and spectacular cuisine, Maui soothes and captivates at every turn. Everywhere you look there's romance—sweethearts strolling together embraced by the sound of slack-key guitar and the sweet fragrance of floral *lei*.

INSIDER TIP: Watch an intimate sunrise, wrapped together in a blanket more than 10,000 feet above sea level at the top of Haleakalā.

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Makena Beach, Maui

ISLAND OF HAWAII

The island of Hawai'i, right at the intersection of pure beauty and pure bliss, is an island made for exploration. Let your senses awaken to the sounds and textures of the landscape—birds and waterfalls, lava fields and sun-warmed black sand. Romance is everywhere: in thousands of twinkling stars, fragrant flowers, hypnotic sunsets and a soothing serenade of island music.

INSIDER TIP: While many visit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park during the day, the fiery glow of Halema'uma'u Crater can be even more dramatic at twilight. You can view the active lava on a hike, helicopter or boat tour.

KAUAI

Kaua'i is made for romance. Idyllic lush settings, quiet crescent beaches, luxurious resort pampering—it's all here, just waiting for the two of you. A refuge for body, mind and heart, "rejuvenating" is a word often used on Kaua'i.

INSIDER TIP: Explore the towering cliffs of the Nāpali Coast on the North Shore by taking a boat tour or cruise. In the summer you can even explore Nāpali's sea caves by kayak.

O'AHU

O'ahu is a vibrant gathering spot with a unique blend of relaxation and excitement. Wiggle your toes in the warm sand. Listen to the melodic sound of the surf. Stroll into colorful shops, where local crafts, gorgeous jewelry and fine art dazzle the eyes. Savor every delectable bite of fresh and irresistible farm-to-table cuisine and explore the vibrant nightlife. Experience the buzz and energy of O'ahu.

INSIDER TIP: Experience a traditional Hawaiian healing art – a couple's *lomilomi* (massage) – which incorporates broad, rhythmic strokes.



Sunset Surf Waikiki, O'ahu



Hanalei Lookout, Kaua'i



Here are some additional factors to consider:

DINING

This is where you can truly tell the difference between resorts. Most offer a buffet for all meals and sit-down restaurants or specialty dining experiences for dinner. Quantity doesn't always mean quality, so forget about the number of restaurants and focus on the variety and style of food. How many restaurants are buffet vs. a la carte? What style of food is offered? Are reservations required? Is there a dress code?

SPA

Spa treatments are almost always an additional cost, but the size and style of spa facilities vary significantly. If the idea of a relaxing day of pampering at the spa is on your agenda, it is good to know the options, the treatments and the size of the facility in advance so you can plan accordingly.

OFF-SITE EXCURSIONS

Do you want to spend your days relaxing at the beach in a pool-side cabana, or would you prefer exciting off-site excursions like cultural village visits or sunset cruises? Be sure to check out the resort's offerings to ensure you have the choice to leave for more cultural immersion.



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A romantic sunset scene on a beach. The sky is a mix of deep blue, purple, and orange. Several palm trees are silhouetted against the sky. In the foreground, a couple is standing on the beach, facing each other and embracing. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky and the silhouettes of the trees and couple. The overall mood is peaceful and romantic.

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT ALL- INCLUSIVE

30 DESTINATION BLISS

By Jonathan Hermann

When it comes to all-inclusive resorts, we assume they're all alike. Beverages flow freely from bottles and taps, the buffet is never less than five feet away, and you can snorkel, kayak or snooze on your beach towel all day. However, no two are the same.

Choosing the right all-inclusive resort for your style can be a complex equation. Do you want one that has beach access and a top-notch spa? Do you want a large resort with multiple restaurants or a smaller place with just one or two? To help you decide which all-inclusive is right for you and your budget, we've broken down the basics.



ACTIVITIES

Some resorts really heat up after dark, so if you're a social couple looking to meet new friends, focus on a resort that hosts theme nights, live music, stage shows and dancing. Many resorts also offer different types of bars for mingling, ranging from sports bars to full-scale nightclubs.

Most resorts include a variety of on-site activities.

Some resorts focus on active options (pool games, sand volleyball, yoga), while others focus on educational or cultural activities (cooking classes, dance lessons, mixology). Almost all beachfront resorts offer watersports.

STYLE

Most all-inclusive resorts fall into three categories: family friendly, adults only and couples only. Family-friendly resorts cater to everyone, although some offer sections within the property that are restricted to adults. If you definitely do not want kids around on your honeymoon, check out the adults-only or couples-only options, like Secrets or Le Blanc Resorts.

Pool or beach... or both!

If you prefer to lay in the sand with the sounds of the ocean waves crashing beside you, but your fiancé(e) prefers a long infinity pool with breathtaking views, choose a resort with both. Make sure you decide what matters and what doesn't to ensure you pick the right place in the right location.

QUALITY

Just like any hotel, the star rating of an all-inclusive resort is a general indicator of the overall quality. Properties can range from moderate to deluxe to luxury. Thankfully, most resorts are typically impressive, since they want you to become a frequent visitor. So even the lower-rated properties are 10 times fancier than anything you'll find next to an interstate.

All-You-Can-Drink

Every all-inclusive resort includes an endless supply of beverages. At moderate properties, your selection will be limited, while you can have your fill of top-shelf liquors, local brews and a generous wine list at luxury-focused properties.

GAY-FRIENDLY

HONEYMOON HOTSPOTS



food & drink



adventure



nightlife



beaches

By Lisa Kahan

With thousands of same-sex couples getting married in the U.S. this year, the number of honeymoon destinations touting themselves as gay-friendly has skyrocketed. With more and more countries adopting marriage equality and anti-discrimination laws, there are now a wide variety of viable options, from far-flung international destinations to off-the-beaten path domestic escapes.

Check out our list of this year's top gay-friendly honeymoon hot spots where accepting locals go a long way toward making newlyweds feel welcome.



SITGES, SPAIN



You'll never be bored in Barcelona, but after your big day, you might need a little down time. Sitges, often referred to as the St. Tropez of Spain, is a small picturesque resort town about 25 miles southwest from the bustling capital. Here you'll find beautiful beaches, quaint cobblestone streets and a plethora of gay-friendly bars, restaurants and clubs all within walking distance of the town's charming boutique hotels.

PUNTA MITA, MEXICO



The gay mecca of Puerto Vallarta is famed for its raging party scene, but drive an hour south and you'll find the quiet fishing village of Punta Mita. Known for its gentle surf, laid-back vibe and luxury resorts, this is the place for rest and relaxation. Spend lazy days on the beach or head out to the Marieta Islands to explore the diverse array of underwater wildlife.

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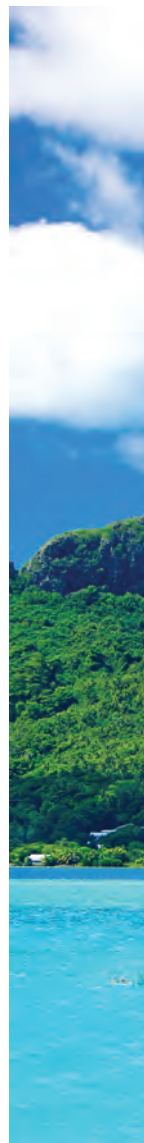


This quirky capital is quickly gaining in popularity as a honeymoon destination for those looking for an alternative to the beach. Beyond the famous Blue Lagoon, this trendy city is a cultural mecca with modern architecture and a thriving art scene. Travel about an hour outside the city, and you can spend a romantic night or two gazing at the Northern Lights.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



Not everyone wants to spend their honeymoon laying on a beach or tucked away in some remote location. For those who want to celebrate their nuptials with a party, Buenos Aires is the best show in town. From clubs that rage through the night to a world-class culinary scene, this undeniably frenetic city is as much fun during the day as it is at night.





Napa Valley, CA

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



For wine and food connoisseurs, Napa Valley is the destination of a lifetime. It doesn't get much more idyllic than its gently rolling hills, especially when viewed from the seat of a bike as you cruise between wineries. With no shortage of luxury resorts and intimate boutique hotels, this is the honeymoon destination you'll never want to leave.

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SET SAIL

By Jonathan Hermann

Gazing out at the islands from your private balcony with champagne in hand. Front row seats to a full-scale Broadway show. An intimate table at a celebrity chef-inspired restaurant. Cruising, on its own merits, serves up quite a romantic vacation. Add in exhilarating destinations, a stunning ocean or river view, and you've got a honeymoon you will always cherish. Here are some of our favorite cruises.

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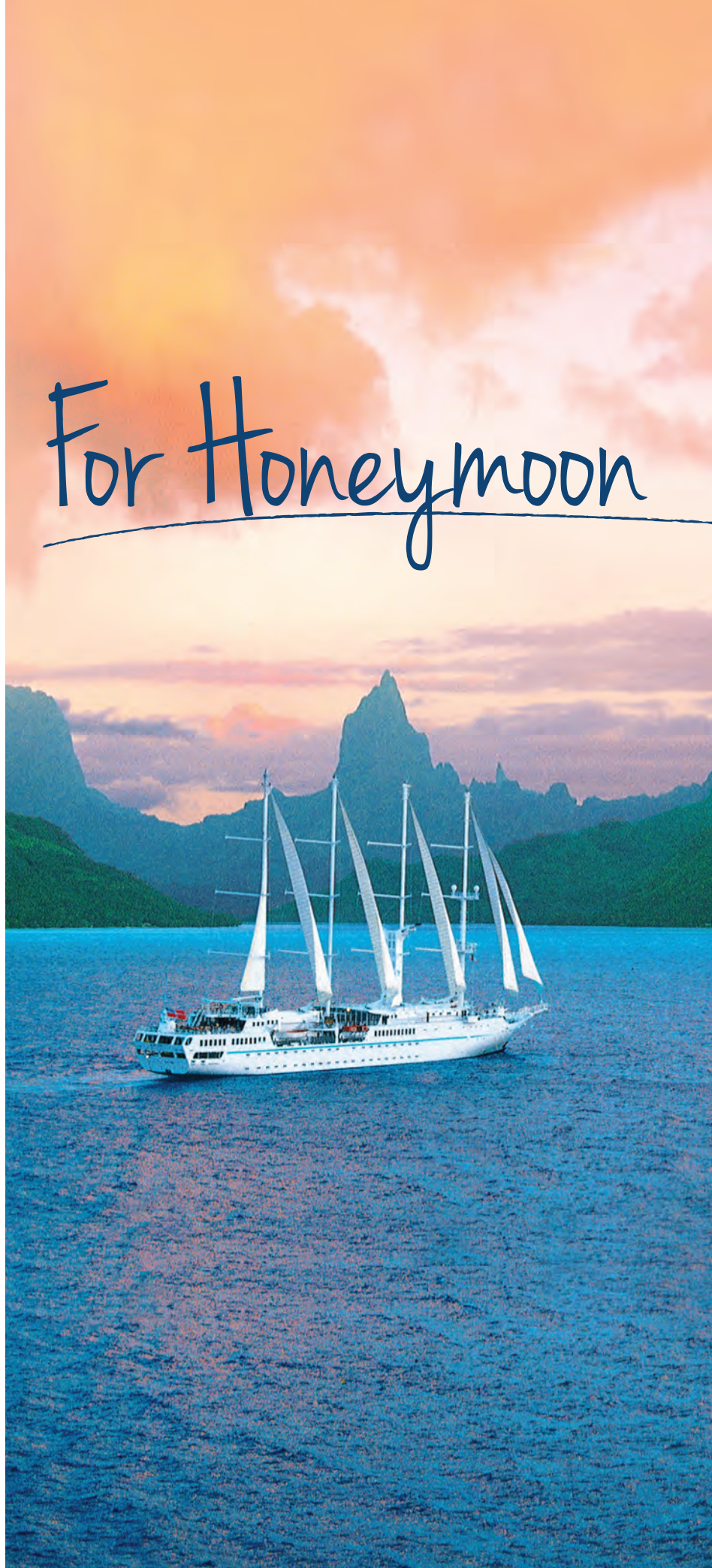
The **Caribbean** is practically synonymous with “romantic getaways.” Long walks down secluded beaches, snorkeling together in warm, turquoise waters, or simply cuddling in a beachside cabana. The islands of paradise are not just ideal for what they offer, but also for their proximity to the States.

For a romantic experience, go off the beaten path. Skip the itineraries that call on St. Thomas and head for St. Georges, Grenada, instead, where the local markets are teeming with exotic wares. Choose to swim off the pink sandy beaches of Barbados, where water visibility reaches 50 feet. Or hit one of the cruise lines' private islands—like Royal Caribbean's Labadee or Norwegian Cruise Line's Great Stirrup Cay—for a low-key, crowd-free experience.

We Recommend:

Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Line

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The weather is idyllic in the **South Pacific** and the islands may be the most romantic and inspiring in the world. Without much cruise traffic, the low lying atolls and jagged peaks feel like your own. You will have plenty of sunshine to hike through lush rainforests, swim in crystal clear lagoons, or just swing in the hammock rocking on the warm breeze.

While **Tahiti's** natural splendor is quite appealing, so is the island's cultural legacy. The Polynesian people are some of the friendliest in the world, and their infectious joy—along with their mouthwatering cuisine and island-inspired art—will make your honeymoon truly special.

We Recommend: Paul Gauguin Cruises and Windstar Cruises

ROMANCE AMONG HISTORY

As a cruise destination, the **Mediterranean** is an alluring mix of incomparable history, intoxicating cultures and authentic food and wines, all wrapped up in a sea so blue you can lose yourself staring into it.

You don't need to search for romantic moments here—they will find you. In the back booth of a gelato shop sharing flavors in Rome or on a long stroll down Barcelona's famed La Rambla, watching the street performers mesmerize the crowds. While lounging on a trendy beach in Mykonos, the thumping music urging you to dance, or on a sunset cruise around the yachts of Monte Carlo.

We Recommend: Celebrity Cruises, Crystal Cruises, MSC Cruises, and Princess Cruises

Viking
Longship on
the Rhine
River

WANDERLUST & WATERWAYS

The slow, relaxed pace of cruising on the **Danube River**, paired with excellent food and local wines, makes it romantic. Dock at the center of quaint villages and cosmopolitan cities, stepping off the boat and into history. Of all the rivers to cruise down, the most romantic may be the Danube.

In a picturesque procession of castles and vineyards, the Danube flows through green-clothed hillsides, red-roofed towns and riverside villages. Along the way you'll visit Vienna, a city filled with music; you'll take an evening stroll along Budapest's riverside for magical views of the city's historic buildings bathed in light; and you'll soak up the romantic, old-world atmosphere in a traditional Viennese coffee house in Melk.

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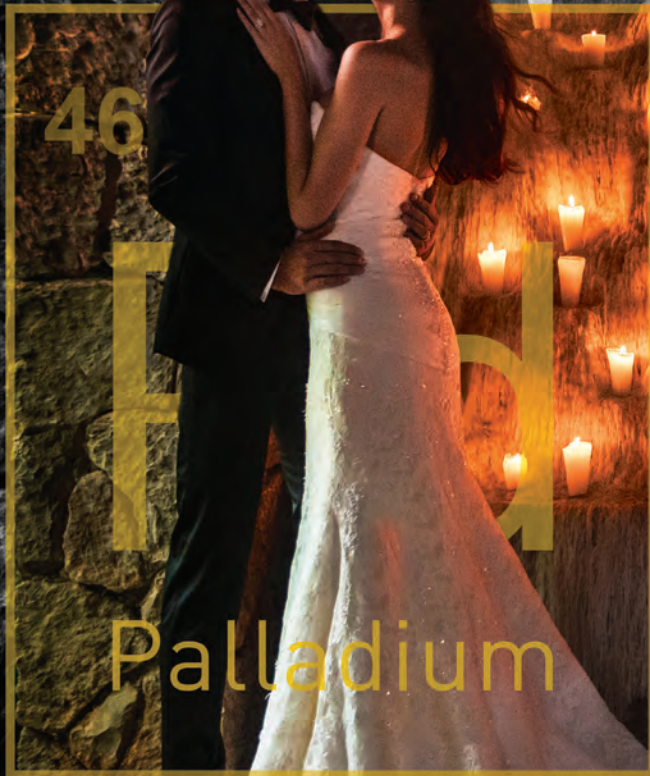
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HONEYMOON *FUND*

By Jonathan Hermann

Honeymoon registries have been around for over a decade now, yet some couples shy away, feeling that it's a tacky way to ask for money. No matter how you slice it, a registry is a polite way of asking for gifts; a honeymoon registry simply asks for them in a form that leads to amazing memories. Below are some pros of having a honeymoon registry.

THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR HONEYMOONS

The idea behind a honeymoon registry is paying for couples to enjoy unique experiences while traveling. So if you're having a destination wedding, it's totally acceptable for your honeymoon registry to also include pre- and post-wedding activities.

THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

Is your cousin Eddie a traditionalist who insists on buying you a stainless steel fondue set? No worries. Many honeymoon registries allow you to include physical gifts for those who simply want something tangible, which is a great opportunity to add a sweet set of Samsonite hardsides or other travel items you might need.

ASK THE EXPERTS FOR HELP

If you're having trouble thinking of activities to add to your honeymoon registry, simply consult our agency. After all, planning activities and excursions at destinations around the globe is our specialty; so we're filled with detailed ideas you may have never considered. Since we work with couples all the time, we also have useful recommendations on which registries are the best to use.

AVAILABLE FOR GUESTS ANYWHERE

Don't worry—your aunt doesn't have to fly to the Jamaican resort to buy you a spa certificate for hot rock massages. She can easily do it online through the honeymoon registry website, which eliminates the need for guests to find a specific store and helps them avoid shipping costs. As an added bonus, guests who couldn't make the wedding can now feel like they're part of the party by pitching in.



From ancient ruins to a plethora of watersports, Mexico's Riviera Maya offers tons of all-inclusive options for a romantic honeymoon.

You're an active couple with a thirst for exploration.

Choose It

RIVIERA MAYA

This popular getaway offers some of the largest resorts with entertainment for all ages, dozens of golf courses, and miles of stunning beaches to relax on.

You want a mix of activity and relaxation.

Choose It



Breathtaking architecture isn't the only draw to Spain. Fiestas with locals and tasty dishes that have been passed down for generations are all part of the experience.

You want to be immersed in culture and great food.

Choose If

SPAIN



GREECE



Known for its ancient historical sites, Greece boasts some of the most stunning sunsets and waterfront views in the world. Friendly and engaging locals make it feel like a home away from home.

Choose If

You want to explore ancient ruins and enjoy sweeping ocean views.

OUR AGENCY WILL HELP
you decide on a honeymoon location

DESTINATION

Head to Head

By Sarah Title

You know what kind of honeymoon you want—relaxing beaches and lots of sun—but you can't settle on where to go. With so many choices out there, we don't blame you! We've taken two similar honeymoon spots and put them head to head to help you make your choice. Don't stress too much—no matter where you end up, it's sure to be the trip of a lifetime.



Activities on these eight islands range from surfing, whale-watching, volcano hiking and attending luaus. An added benefit: no passport required.

Choose If

You're a couple that has trouble sitting still.



As a less-traveled area of the world, this picture-perfect tropical paradise is the ultimate destination for rest, relaxation and enjoying alone time with your new spouse.

Choose If

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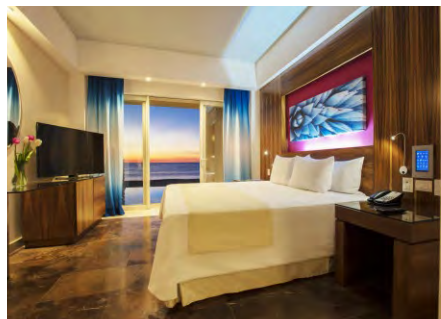
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DISCOVER YOUR HONEYMOON

Do you and your significant other have different ideas of what the perfect honeymoon looks like? This quiz will help you pinpoint where you should go. Snuggle close and answer these together.

What's your favorite thing to do with your future spouse?

1. Eat at the newest restaurants in town
2. Open a bottle of wine, Netflix and chill
3. Anything outdoors, like biking and camping
4. We'll try anything adventurous!

Which is most likely to appear as a backdrop in your photos?

1. A famous architectural landmark
2. A beautiful beach at sunset
3. Dramatic outdoor landscapes
4. Safari animals

What's the one thing you want to do the most on your honeymoon?

1. Savor local cuisine after a day of sightseeing
2. Relax and reminisce about our wedding
3. A morning hike followed by cocktails at the pool
4. Anything that requires signing a waiver, like bungee jumping

In your honeymoon suitcase, what will you find?

1. Wine tasting journal and passports
2. Sunscreen and a few books
3. A backpack and a professional camera
4. Athletic shoes and a GoPro

How much time do you want to spend in relaxation mode?

1. 40-65% – We want an equal mix of both
2. 65%+ – We'll be exhausted from the wedding festivities
3. 25-40% – We anticipate being active but also want a little time to rest
4. 10-25% – We want to maximize our time in the destination

Which of these best describes your wedding reception venue?

1. Vineyard
2. Ballroom
3. Beach
4. Rustic farm

STYLE

By Jennifer Coulter

RESULTS: *Add up the numbers
you circled on the left*

6-9 POINTS = CULTURE & CUISINE

You love exploring museums and visiting landmarks, trying local culinary delights, drinking wine or tasting craft beers.

Destination Recommendations: Asheville, NC · Austin, TX · Portland, OR · San Sebastián, Spain · Greek Isles Cruise · Buenos Aires, Argentina

10-14 POINTS = RELAXATION & PAMPERING

You like to balance relaxation with activity that makes you feel as though you've earned that afternoon cocktail by the pool.

Destination Recommendations: Calistoga, CA · Stowe, VT · Key West, FL · Phuket, Thailand · Tulum, Mexico · Marrakech, Morocco · Negril, Jamaica

15-18 POINTS = ADRENALINE & ADVENTURE

You thrive on immersing yourselves into a new destination, taking photos with dramatic backgrounds, and spending time outdoors.

Destination Recommendations: Kauai, HI · Yosemite, CA · Jackson Hole, WY · Reykjavik, Iceland · Galapagos Islands · East Africa Safari · Petra, Jordan

19-24 POINTS = EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

You feel the need for speed and have your own SCUBA gear, skis, climbing equipment, or safety helmets.

Destination Recommendations: Moab, UT · Hilo, HI · Adirondacks, NY · Vail, CO · Cinque Terre, Italy · Machu Picchu, Peru · Banff, Canada · Cayman Islands



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MONTHS OUT

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- ☐ CONFIRM YOUR TRAVEL PLANS WITH A DEPOSIT
 - ☐ CREATE A HONEYMOON REGISTRY
- See page 22 to learn more!

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MONTHS OUT

GATHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ ASK OUR AGENCY WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO BRING



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WEEK OUT

START PACKING

- ☐ TRAVEL ITINERARY
 - ☐ PRESCRIPTIONS
 - ☐ SUNSCREEN
 - ☐ CHARGERS AND CONVERTERS FOR YOUR ELECTRONICS
 - ☐ READING MATERIALS
 - ☐ CAMERAS
- Charge them so you can start shooting when you land!

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WEEK AFTER

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HONEYMOON MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. Don't forget to write a review of our agency!

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HONEYMOON

Checklist

By Carrie Brandt

The great thing about being a couple is dividing and conquering. One of you can stay focused on the flowers, dresses and desserts, while the other person juggles the plane tickets, passports, visas and hotel reservations needed for the honeymoon. Whoever is in charge of the honeymoon will definitely stay on target thanks to this checklist. And, as always, consult with our agency to make it all happen!

9 MONTHS OUT

TAP INTO YOUR PASSIONS

What travel pictures or destinations give you the good kind of chills? Start collecting ideas to share with our agency.

- ☐ MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH ONE OF OUR TRAVEL AGENTS
Bring your inspiration list to start planning!
- ☐ THINK ABOUT THE RESORT AMENITIES YOU WANT
- ☐ SET A BUDGET
- ☐ EXPLORE DESTINATIONS
- ☐ MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT IS VALID



1-2 MONTHS OUT

BOOK EXCURSIONS & SPECIAL AMENITIES

- ☐ CONSIDER BOOKING A SURPRISE FOR YOUR SPOUSE SUCH AS A SUNSET DINNER CRUISE

PACKING FOR PARADISE

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MULTI-DESTINATION

If you can't decide which destination you want to visit the most—then don't! You don't have to settle for one if you have multiple you want to hit. Obviously, this isn't sound advice if you're deciding between Thailand and Greece, but if you're debating between France and Austria you can definitely make both work. After all, your honeymoon is supposed to be the trip of a lifetime so why not spend some extra time crossing a couple of other destinations off your bucket list?

Explore
Vietnam and
Cambodia



Taste the
delicious
regional cuisines
of Italy

GOURMET

If you consider yourselves a serious foodies, then let your taste buds take the lead. Map your route based on what cuisine you most want to try or what food you can't live without. Mix it up between street food and 3-course dinners so you've got a variety of dining styles to keep things interesting. When you get to your location of choice arrange tastings or order the chef's choice at restaurants. And, of course, don't be afraid to try anything!



ROAD TRIP

Let the phrase “it’s about the journey not the destination” ring true for your first vacay as a married couple. Traveling cross country can be just as intimate and romantic as posting up in a honeymoon suite. Throw together a playlist of your favorite tunes, pick up some tasty snacks for the drive, and hit the gas. You can drive up the coast of California, stopping at vineyards and beaches along the way or you can drive along the east coast and make pit stops in Rhode Island, Boston and end in gorgeous Maine. The options for a road trip honeymoon are endless.

Cruise in style along the California Coast



#roadtripromance



#wildinlove

Get up close and personal with wildlife at Kruger National Park

SAFARI

South Africa is becoming a popular vacation spot, so why not travel there for your epic trip? Stay at a lodge overlooking the picturesque landscape, giving you close proximity to wildlife. Try to spot the Big Five on your game drive—you’ll be surprised how up close and personal you’ll get to elephants, lions and many more species. If you want to go big for your honeymoon adventure, a safari is definitely the way to do it.

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Honeymoon

#trendingtopics

The latest and greatest in romantic vacations

By Sarah Title



#keytomyheart

Opt for a long weekend in the Florida Keys

MINI MOONS

Why go on one honeymoon when you can go on two? The idea of the mini moon is perfect for couples who can't take time off for their wedding and honeymoon all at once or for couples who want to save up before traveling. Obviously going straight back to work after tying the knot isn't ideal, and that's where the mini moon comes in! Go somewhere that's near your wedding location so you can hop in the car or on a short flight to enjoy your first few days of married life together. Then when you head home, start planning for the longer honeymoon in your dream destination!



#snowbunnyhoneymoon

Ski the scenic Swiss Alps

WINTER HONEYMOONS

When you hear the word honeymoon, you probably form a picture in your head of a white-sand beach, turquoise water, and glistening sunshine. However, if you and your S.O. are more active and adventure types, consider going on an epic ski trip! Tackle the slopes during the day and curl up by the fire at night. You don't have to stay domestic either, there are plenty of ski destinations in Europe for you to choose from.

#bungalowchiff



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BUNGALOWS

Your honeymoon is a once-in-a-lifetime trip, so why not go all out? More and more resorts are offering overwater bungalows for an intimate, luxurious experience. Sleep right over the ocean and watch sea creatures swim right outside your room. You'll get to enjoy the ocean breeze and hear the soft lapping of the clear blue water all from the comfort of your own room. Enjoy your morning coffee as you dip your toes in the water right when you wake up. There's no time like the present to book a romantic bungalow getaway.

Relax in seclusion in the Maldives

RIVER CRUISE

Who said cruises have to be in the Caribbean? Many operators are specializing in the art of river cruising, taking you down the Danube or Rhine with stops such as Budapest, Austria, and dozens of other cities. Interested in honeymooning somewhere other than Europe? No problem. There are plenty of cruise lines that will take you down the Yangtze River to offer you a close-up view of Chinese culture and natural beauty. River cruising means smaller ships which gives you a more intimate and personal experience. See page 25 for cruise ideas.

Take a romantic cruise down the Danube

#river&romance



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Planning a honeymoon can actually be stressful—mainly because of the dozens of choices that are available to you! Whether you and your new spouse are adventurers seeking the thrill of a lifetime or more of a tanning on the beach couple—or a little of both—there's a destination out there that's perfect for you. Luckily, our specialists are here to help you find it. From helping you decide where to go to booking exclusive excursions, we'll be by your side every step of the way.



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