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#### CUBA

The home of sexy salsa beats, late-night caipirinhas and seriously beautiful scenery (think white sand beaches and dramatic waterfalls) – Cuba has everything honeymooners need. With flights from America finally starting, get there quick before the country becomes overrun with US tourists.

#### NORWAY

Scandi chic has never been hotter, and Norway gets our vote for sheer diversity. Whether you choose a classic winter visit with huskymushing and whale-watching, or a summer sail around the fjords – Norway has something for every couple.

#### ŪRUGUAY

Gorgeous never-ending beaches? Delicious food? Incredible wine? Uruguay has a whole lot to offer travellers who love South America, but don't fancy the craziness of Rio. Check out the capital, Montevideo, which combines lively tango bars with elegant old architecture.

LAMINGO INFLATABLE. JOHN LEWIS **£55** 

GIANT PINEAPPLE POOL FLOAT, TOTALLY FUNKY £24.99

#### LISBON

Often overlooked for the more lconventional romance of Paris, Rome and Barcelona, this European capital has a few secrets up its sleeve. As well as world-class food in the many diverse restaurants, it also features rich culture, buzzing nightlife and a nearby coast – perfect for surf lovers.

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## **ROOM WITH A VIEW**

Looking for a honeymoon on another level? Made up of 32 private pods, each with a glass-feature wall with breathtaking views of the surrounding forest, and maybe (if you're very lucky), the Northern Lights, the Arctic TreeHouse Hotel in Finland should be top of your list. regent-holidays.co.uk/tour/arctictreehouse-hotel

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#### BARBADOS SUGAR CANE CLUB HOTEL AND SPA

Set amid tropical fauna, this hillside hotel is perfect for nature lovers. Pick a sun lounger in the garden and watch green monkeys playing or spot hummingbirds flitting around the flowers. You can also test out your sea legs on the weekly glass-bottomed boat tour along the coast.

Guide price from £1,533 per person based on two people sharing for seven nights in a Garden View One Bedroom Suite all-inclusive, including economy flights on Virgin Atlantic from London Gatwick and group transfers. kuoni.co.uk

#### ANTIGUA KEYONNA BEACH

Don't be fooled by this hotel's laid-back attitude – this adults-only resort is all about treating yourself. Whether you're eating jerk chicken in the open-air beachfront restaurant or sipping piña coladas on your own Carib beach bed (that's right – a four-poster bed, on the beach!) it's impossible not to sink into the Caribbean way of life.

Prices for a Beach House Standard room from around £1,664 per person for a seven-night, all-inclusive stay including flights. Based on September 2017 dates. kuoni.co.uk

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DON'T MISS! SWIMMING WITH STINGRAYS AT STINGRAY CITY!

#### TURKS & CAICOS COMO PARROT CAY HOTEL

A popular haunt for celebrities (keep an eye out for Bruce Willis who owns and rents out one of the Parrot Cay Estates), this boutique hotel, on its own private island, is the epitome of Caribbean cool. The supremely beautiful beach stretches for miles and it is the perfect place to paddleboard, kayak or simply spot tropical fish in the shallows. Heaven. **Double rooms from approx £851.30 per night, including breakfast and daily yoga** classes, mrandmrssmith.com

## GRENADA SPICE ISLAND RESORT

A BEACH BREAK WITH STUNNING SCENERY AND CHILLED-OUT VIBES

Set along the golden sands of the world-famous Grand Anse Beach, Spice Island is the perfect blend of romance and style. Be pampered with a Grenadian chocolate massage at the fab Janissa's Spa, laze in the sun or be



wined and dined with Creole delicacies at one of the two open-air restaurants. An Oleander Garden Suite costs from \$1,045 (approx £840) a night on an all-inclusive basis, based on two sharing. spiceislandbeachresort.com

## JAMAICA COUPLES NEGRIL

As the name implies, you won't have to deal with splashy kids here! With four restaurants, a swim-up bar, SCUBA dives, sunset cruises, award-winning spa and a whole lot more – this place really is a honeymooners paradise. Prices start from around £2,401 per person for an all-inclusive, seven-night stay, including flights from London Gatwick. Based on September 2017 dates. couplesresorts.co.uk

## JAMAICA GOLDENEYE

This resorts' name is no gimmick – Ian Fleming really did pen all of his 14 Bond novels right here. With such inspiring scenery it's not hard to see why! Oracabessa Bay is fringed with palm trees, covered in the softest white sand and calm warm waters. Bond fanatics can even rent out Fleming's Villa with private pool and dedicated staff.

Double rooms from approx £659.43 per night including daily breakfast and a flask of Blackwell Rum! mrandmrssmith.com

## SANDALS REGENCY LA TOC

Perfectly built for honeymooning couples, the extravagant Love Nest suites have their own private pools, marble bathrooms and personal butlers! This resort is definitely one for foodies with a huge array of choice (from sushi to Italian) in the nine excellent restaurants.

Prices for seven nights from just £1,999 per person. Price includes Luxury Included (all-inclusive) accommodation in an Emerald Deluxe Room, return economy flights from London Gatwick and resort transfers. Valid for departures in May 2017. sandals.co.uk

#### ANTIGUA CARLISLE BAY Sitting on a white palm beach,

with turquoise waters and a tropical jungle backdrop – this sophisticated resort has pretty much everything you need. For a total escape book in at the award-winning Blue Spa or do a few downward dogs in the on-site Yoga pavilion.

Prices for a Garden Suite start from approx £705 per night based on two people sharing. Ihw.com

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#### THE BAHAMAS BRITISH COLONIAL HILTON NASSAU

The only beachfront hotel in downtown Nassau, this Bahamian beauty features amazing views of the cruise ship harbour, its own private white-sand beach with beach club, and a beautifully clear outdoor, freshwater swimming pool. Prices start from around \$259 per night for a City View room with king bed. Based on September 2017 dates. hilton.com

#### ST LUCIA LADERA

If you're looking for a true taste of St Lucia, head to the beautiful haven of Ladera. All of the furnishings are handmade locally and the amazing restaurant, Dasheene, serves up traditional Caribbean food with a modern twist. The hotel is perfectly situated for exploring the natural wonders of the island, such as the world's only drive-in volcano where you can bathe in the warm Sulphur Springs. For more info on St Lucia, visit saintluciauk.org/love Prices for a Gros Piton Suite at Ladera start from £452

per night (ladera.com)

#### ANTIGUA SANDALS GRANDE

Located on the absolutely stunning white-sand beach, Dickinson Bay, this resort is the ultimate in luxury. Why not book your own personal butler, who can arrange anything from snorkelling to breakfast in bed?! If you want to get out and explore, the nearby Shirley Heights offers the best view of the island and it is *the* place to party on a Sunday night!

Prices for seven nights from just £2,099 per person. Price includes Luxury Included (all-inclusive) accommodation in a Caribbean Deluxe Room, return economy flights from London Gatwick and resort transfers. Valid for departures in May 2017. sandals.co.uk

#### ST BARTHS HOTEL LE TOINY Perched on the hillside overlooking the gorgeous Toiny Bay,

Perched on the hillside overlooking the gorgeous loiny Bay, these one-bedroom villas really are at the height of luxury. After an evening spent sipping cocktails at the open-air bar you can wake up the next day to find your breakfast already delivered and waiting for you on your own private terrace with heated infinity-pool and sea views as standard – can we come too? **Carrier offers seven nights from £3,610 per person, based on two adults sharing a Junior Suite with private pool, including** 

breakfast, return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick and private transfers. (Price based on departures 07 June 2017). carrier.co.uk

#### JAMAICA ROUND HILL

Round Hill is situated on a lush 110-acre peninsula just west of Montego Bay. Originally built as a colony of cottages for the rich, famous and glamorous of the 1950s, the iconic resort exudes understated luxury and sophistication. Front row access to breathtaking sunsets, an opulent infinity pool and award-winning dining are just some of the highlights on offer. An Oceanfront Room starts from \$410 (approx £330) per night on a room-only basis based on two people sharing. roundhill.com

## ST LUCIA THE SANDPIPER, ST JAMES

Set in seven acres of exotic gardens beside a powdery white beach, this family-run boutique resort is a dreamy home-from-home. Visitors come from around the island to dine at the incredible restaurant, which offers eclectic food with some Caribbean flair (naturally). Prices start from approx £735.29 per night for two people sharing. Based on dates in April 2017. slh.com

#### THE BAHAMAS PINK SANDS RESORT, HARBOUR ISLAND

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Set on the edge of the famous three-mile pink sand beach, this island-getaway features 25 pretty pastel-coloured cottages scattered across the stunning natural surroundings. All of them are designed for relaxation and seclusion and each feature their own private patio – perfect for watching those many-hued sunsets!

Prices for seven nights, bed and breakfast in a Garden View Cottage starts from £3,389 per person, including flights with British Airways and Bahamas Air from London Heathrow. Based on travel in May and June 2017. destinology.co.uk

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BAG, WHITE STUFF £45

#### THE BAHAMAS SANDALS ROYAL BAHAMIAN, NASSAU

This incredible resort features it's very own offshore island! Jump in a sailboat or kayak, and arrive in minutes at two secluded beaches, a chic beach club, shaded hammocks, late night firepits and some seriously good seafood. Back on mainland you'll find ten more restaurants to choose

DON'T MISS! PADDLING WITH PIGS IN THE EXUMAS



from and the world-class spa. Prices for seven nights from just £2,379 per person. Price includes Luxury Included(all-inclusive)

accommodation in a Royal Village Deluxe Room, return economy flights from London Gatwick and resort transfers. Valid for departures in May 2017. sandals.co.uk

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#### DUBAI ATLANTIS THE PALM

Placed right on the tip of Palm Island, this iconic marine-themed resort has become a symbol for luxury and fun.

Each guest has complimentary access to Aquaventure Waterpark and the Lost Chambers Aquarium.

The lavish rooms are everything you'd expect, and you can even upgrade to an Imperial Club Room with your own lounge, personal concierge service and access to the exclusive Imperial Club Beach.

Guide price from £1,581 per person; 08 May–13 Jul; 04 Aug–27 Sep 2017. For more information visit kuoni.co.uk

#### DUBAI ONE & ONLY THE PALM

With its own private peninsula of Palm Island and sublime secluded beach, The One & Only Palm has an intimate atmosphere that's perfect for honeymooners. Spend time lazing on the beachfront daybeds or cool off with a dip in the pool and a nap in the private airconditioned cabanas – heaven. A Palm Manor Premier Room King starts from around \$788 (based on April 2017). oneandonlyresorts.com



#### MOROCCO PALAIS AMANI, FEZ

This is a truly traditional riad with a beautiful open courtyard at the centre, filled with flowers and lemon trees. Set in the north of the medina (old town) in Fez, it's the perfect escape from the souk-filled craziness outside. A traditional hammam is an absolute must – your skin will be unbelievably soft and glowing afterwards! A double room at Palais Amani starts from around €295 per night (based on April 2017). palaisamani.com

## MIDDLE EAST & NORTHERN AFRICA CAMEL RIDES, DESERT TREKS

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#### ♥ MOROCCO L'HÔTEL MARRAKECH

Did you know Jasper Conran had a hotel? This gorgeous 19th century riad in the heart of the medina comprises of five

spacious suites, each filled with luxe antique Moorish pieces and textiles from Jasper's own collection. Along with a courtyard swimming pool and delicious Moroccan food, the riad's roof terrace offers amazing views of the Atlas mountains and the Marrakech skyline. **Starting prices for a suite at L'Hôtel is** €345 a night. I-hotelmarrakech.com

SUN DANCE COVER UP, WHITE STUFF **£35** 

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## MAURITIUS HERITAGE AWALI

Situated on the wild southern coast, this resort embraces African culture with beautiful classic décor and relaxed surroundings. Spend your days lazing by the pool and your nights cuddled up by the beachside bonfires listening to the traditional African drums.

A Deluxe Garden View room starts from €289 a night based on seven-nights for two adults in May 2017. heritageresorts.mu THE MALDIVES COCO PALM DHUNI KOLHU

Located on a private island, this stunning palm-shaped resort needs to be seen to be believed. The Baa Atoll's waters are home to manta rays year-round and every Wednesday the resort's resident marine biologist will help you look for the gentle giants. Visit from June to November and there's also a chance you'll spot whale sharks too! Hayes and Jarvis is offering seven nights for the price of five in the Maldives staying at the five-star Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu on a half board basis from £1,349 – a saving of up to £789 per person. The offer includes transfers and return international flights from London Heathrow with Qatar. Based on departures 31 May 2017.



#### ♥ THE SEYCHELLES MAIA LUXURY RESORT AND SPA, MAHÉ

These pretty little thatched villas blend so beautifully into the white sand/blue water setting you'd think they were part of the natural scenery. It's not all about appearances either – each one comes equipped with its own private infinity pool and sunken outdoor

double bath – honeymoon heaven. Double rooms from £1559.94 (€1,787), excluding tax. Please note the hotel charges an additional service charge of 10% per booking on check-out. Rates include all meals, most drinks, and exploration scuba dives, non-motorised watersports, exercise classes and laundry. mrandmrssmith.com

DON'T MISS! The Maldives IS All About the Sea Life So Pack Your Snorkel!

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DESERTED WHITE BEACHES AND CLEAR TURQUOISE WATERS – HELLO PARADISE...

Not sure what type of accommodation you're after? You'll be spoilt for choice at this idyllic resort. Here the beach villas are set in lush vegetation, the pool villas have their



own infinity plunge pools and the sublime water villas are perched above the water with timber steps that lead down into the lagoon. **Double rooms from £682.59** (\$830), excluding tax at 23.2%. mrandmrssmith.com



### ZANZIBAR THE RESIDENCE

A secluded spot with all the ingredients for the ultimate honeymoon. Set in 80 acres of oceanfront gardens (once occupied by Shirazi princes!), each luxurious villa comes equipped with their own plunge pool, and access to watersports in the warm ocean.

Turquoise offers seven nights at The Residence Zanzibar from £1,610 per person, staying in a luxury Garden Pool Villa, on a half board basis. Price includes return flights from London and private transfers. turquoiseholidays.co.uk

#### MAURITIUS LUX GRAND GAUBE

Tucked away in its own pocket of peace, this elegant resort is built for romance – there are even weekly star gazing sessions! However, if you're in need of a little more excitement the bustling markets of Goodlands, and the buzzing bars and boutiques of Grand Baie are just a short journey away. Rooms start at €145 (approx £120) a night

on a B&B basis (based on two sharing). luxresorts.com

#### MAURITIUS CONSTANCE LE PRINCE MAURICE

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This beautifully-designed resort is the perfect blend of traditional charm and modern luxe. The thatch, stone and timber villas are dotted about the lagoon and you can choose either beachfront, lake-edge or palm-shaded suites. Don't miss the chance to eat at Le Barachois – the resort's spectacular floating restaurant.

Double rooms from £550.34 (€630), including breakfast, excluding tax. mrandmrssmith.com

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#### THE SEYCHELLES DENIS PRIVATE ISLAND

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Who needs a beach resort when you can have the whole island? Stay in one of Denis' 25 free-standing cottages and spend your days exploring the island's natural beauty – snorkel in a sea turtle sanctuary, spot rare birds, and go fishing on the edge of a continental ocean drop-off! Carrier offers seven nights with up to a 35% reduction on accommodation from £2,875 per person, based on two sharing a Beach Cottage, including full board, return

flights from Heathrow and internal flights to the island. Offer valid for travel until 31 October 2017. Book a minimum of 60 days prior to arrival. (Price based on departures 24 May 2017). carrier.co.uk **INDIAN OCEAN** 

#### MAURITIUS SHANGRI-LA'S LE TOUESSROK RESORT & SPA

Every room and suite in this beautiful hotel features uninterrupted, postcard-perfect views of the surrounding crystalline waters. Take a closer look and you'll spot two islands – llot Mangénie, which is open exclusively to Shangri-La's guests and features a trendy beach club and on-island butlers, and lle aux Cerfs, which holds an 18-hole championship golf course! Le Touessrok rooms start from around £400. Visit shangri-la.com for more details.

#### THE MALDIVES BANYAN TREE VABBINFARU

The name Vabbinfaru refers to a round island circled by a coral reef and that is exactly what you get at this incredible resort. Your villa comes equipped with a king-sized four poster bed, your own private pool, outdoor shower and bedroom

patio that leads straight to the ocean. Overnight stays at Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru start at \$846 (approx £678) for an Oceanfront Pool Villa on a full board basis. banyantree.com

#### THE SEYCHELLES SUNSET BEACH HOTEL, MAHÉ

This affordable, yet gorgeous resort has 29 suites each facing the secluded beach. Here you can snap up some of the hotel's free snorkelling equipment and go out spotting colourful coral, parrotfish and maybe the odd angelfish too. We love the Coco de Mer restaurant and bar, where guests are encouraged to come barefoot so they can feel the sand between their toes.

A Deluxe Room in May starts from approx €195.20 a night: thesunsethotelgroup.com

DON'T MISS! A VISIT TO THE FISHERMAN VILLAGE OF CAP MALHEUREUX

#### A MAURITIUS PARADISE COVE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

This adult-only resort promises peace and tranquility as soon as you step off the plane. Prettily placed in its own cove of tropical gardens, the hotel overlooks the Anse la Raie lagoon and the five northern islands. Choose to give kite-surfing a go on the beautiful lagoon, or simply lounge around together on your private terrace – you really can do as little or as much as you want.

A deluxe room in May 2017 starts from approx €195.20 per night. slh.com



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#### MAURITIUS DINAROBIN HOTEL GOLF AND SPA

As the first hotel company on the island, Beachcomber Hotels had the pick of the most stunning locations and the Dinarobin Hotel doesn't disappoint! A haven of tranquility with the spectacular La Morne mountain acting as a dramatic backdrop – this is the perfect place to drop after all that wedding excitement.

Prices for a Junior Suite start from €139.20. For more info visit: beachcomber-hotels.com.

#### SRI LANKA MERMAID HOTEL, KALUTARA

This relaxing hotel offers a superb beachfront location, on-site spa and quiet setting all at a fabulously affordable price! We love the incredible restaurant, which serves up Sri Lankan delicacies and beautiful, fresh seafood. Add an al fresco table and some candlelight and you've ticked all the honeymoon boxes.

Hayes and Jarvis is offering seven for the price of six in Sri Lanka staying at the three-star Mermaid Hotel & Club on an all-inclusive basis from £599pp – a saving of up to £161pp. Offer includes airport transfers and return flights from Heathrow. Based on departures 21 May 2017. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

### THE MALDIVES KANDOLHU ISLAND

Enjoy ultimate seclusion on this tiny, verdant island, which measures just 200m by 150m! Get busy trying your hand at diving and windsailing, then head down to the Sea Grill for a sunset feast for two. Prices start from \$620 per night (approx £507.51) for a Jacuzzi Beach Villa based on dates in May 2017. kandolhu.com

## WHAT TO PACK

MAIDA MIRROR CROP BIK TOP, ACCESSORIZE **£19** 



## THE MALDIVES COCO BODU HITHI

At this eco beach resort you will be expected to spend long, lazy days soaking up the sun and snorkelling among the brightly-coloured fish. Once you've worked up an appetite, you can dine in one of the five sensational restaurants, and the sunset cruise is a must for any honeymooning couple.

Prices from \$910 (approx 731) B&B, based on two

people sharing an Island Villa. Villa rates, meal supplements and transfers charges are subject to GST tax, Green tax and 10% service charge. cocoboduhithi.com

RIKINI £12

KATE SPADE SUNGLASSES, THE SUNGLASSES SHOP **£130** 

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#### **KENYA** GIRAFFE MANOR. NAIROBI

Two's company, three's a crowd? Not at Giraffe Manor, where you'll share your honeymoon breakfast with a peckish Rothschild giraffe yes, really! In search of treats, the resident long-necked creatures visit guests every meal time to sneak a little bit off the fruit platter.

Take us here now, please! Full board including transfers from around \$550 per person. thesafaricollection.com

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#### 0 ZAMBIA ANABF71

This unique tented camp is the most comfortable way to get close to nature. Each of the 11 luxury tents is spacious and welcoming with a huge viewing deck and plunge pool to cool off (this is so much more than glamping). The camp is also a popular meeting point for hundreds of animals, so morning or night you're guaranteed to be greeted by a whole load of wild friends. Prices from £3,648 per person for four nights all inclusive, including flights to Lusaka from Heathrow. theluxurysafaricompany.com

#### **DON'T MISS!** CANOEING ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

#### 0 **KENYA** SARUNI SAMBURU

Built into the natural rocks, this lodge feels like part of the wilderness only with a serious splash of luxury. As the only lodge in over 200.000 acres of unspoiled wilderness. these six eco-chic villas offer unrivalled views across the Kalama Conservancy and Mt Kenya. Our favourite vantage point? The magical open-air infinity pool. Prices from £509 per person, per night based on two sharing. For more info visit theluxurysafaricompany.com

# DON'T MISS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME – BINOCULARS AT THE READY!

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TRAW HAT MBAYLOLA £49

> SAFARI HORN NECKLACE, FOLLI FOLLIE **£95**

# luxury add on your own private Land Rover, game ranger and butler (natch)!

A three night all-inclusive stay at the Madikwe Hills, Main Camp, is £2,519 per person – including flights with Virgin Atlantic to Johannesburg, and flights from Johannesburg to Madikwe, price based for travel in May 2017. destinology.co.uk

O **SOUTH AFRICA** MADIKWE HILLS PRIVATE GAME LODGE This gorgeous lodge features ten glass-fronted suites each with their own

private plunge pool, fireplace and private deck. If you want to opt for extreme

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#### MALAYSIA GAYA ISLAND RESORT, SABAH Accessible only by boat, the white

shores of Pulau Gaya (just off the coast of Kota Kinabalu) are certainly worth the wait. Built into the hillside, this jungle paradise has spectacular views of the ocean and

the majestic Mt Kinabalu. Hayes and Jarvis are offering a seven-night stay at Gaya Island Resort on a B&B basis from £1,099pp – a saving of up to £114 per person. Including airport transfers and flights to Heathrow. Based on 12 June 2017. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

> DON'T MISS! The Infamous Big Buddha – A Must-See on Ko Samu!!

#### THAILAND SIX SENSES YAO NOI

Perched on the cliffside, these all-natural treetop villas provide spectacular views of the beautiful Phang Nga Bay. This special resort also offers an amazing menu of Thai-influenced treatments – choose the Deep Dream massage to sooth away any remnants of wed-stress. Seven-nights at Six Senses Yao Noi from £1,750

per person, staying in a hideaway pool villa, on a bed and breakfast basis. Price includes return international flights from Heathrow and boat transfer. turquoiseholidays.co.uk



## TAJ LAKE PALACE, UDAIPUR

Floating on water, this shimmering marble palace emerges like a beautiful mirage from the lake it sits upon. Built in 1746 as the pleasure palace of Maharan Jagat Singh II, it certainly oozes luxury. Inside is just as spectacular – in fact, honeymoon in this magical 16th-century palace and you'll feel exactly like royalty.

Double rooms at the Taj Lake Palace start from approx £430. taj.tajhotels.com

#### FROM BEAUTIFUL BEACHES TO CITIES BRIMMING WITH CULTURE, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR LOVED-UP ADVENTURERS

## THAILAND SAMUJANA VILLAS, KO SAMUI

If you want to get away from it all you've come to the right place. There are 30 gorgeous villas on this estate and each has its own dreamy infinity pool overlooking a coral cove with private beach access. Not sounding romantic enough? Why



not arrange a trip on the resorts' luxury catamaran, 'Kindred Spirit', and watch the sunset at sea with a glass of fizz? A three-bed villa starts from \$920 (approx £736.80) a night including breakfast. samujana.com

#### HONG KONG HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG

It's the incredible harbourside setting that really sets this hotel apart from the rest – no matter what room you are in you will have sensational views of the Kowloon skyline. Plus, the nearest MTR station is just a short walk away, so it won't take long to get to the heart of the city – just think of the shopping (and the food)! Stay from £80 per person per night excluding meals. kuoni.co.uk

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SILK SCARF,

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#### VIETNAM BANYAN TREE LANG CO Set beside the dramatic Truong Son Mountain Range,

set beside the dramatic iruong Son Mountain Range, the beautiful East Sea, and three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, this pretty resort is surrounded by history and natural beauty. Stay in your own Lagoon Pool villa and indulge in your own private pool overlooking the stunning wild water – you won't be disappointed. An overnight stay at Banyan Tree Lang Co start at \$463 (approx £370) for a Lagoon Pool Villa on a bed and breakfast basis. banyantree.com

#### ■ JAPAN THE GATE HOTEL KAMINARIMON, TOKYO

Love the city life? This stylish hotel is at the heart of the hustle and bustle of Japan's capital. Explore the many wonders of the city by day, and at night soak in the unique culture on the fourteenth-floor terrace, with stunning views of the Sensoji temples and the Tokyo Skytree.

The Gate Hotel Kaminarimon starts from £287 per night in June for a Classy King with Tokyo Skytree view. designhotels.com

## MAHAMAYA BOUTIQUE RESORT, GILI MENO

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**BULLET TRAIN** 

Looking for an unplugged island getaway? With its untouched beaches and tropical climate, the island of Gili Meno is the perfect place to relax and unwind after all of that wedding hype. The laid-back Mahamaya resort matches the chilled-out vibe of the island with cocktails by the pool, or maybe a lazy paddle in a kayak on the clear blue waters.



Eight-nights to Lombok and the Gili Meno from £1,249 per person. The offer includes one night at the Puri Mas Boutique Resort B&B in Lombok, followed by seven nights at the Mahamaya Boutique Resort, B&B. This includes flights and transfers from Heathrow with Singapore Airlines. Based on departures 20 May 2017. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

GEORGIA TASSEL SANDAL THE WHITE STUFF **£35** 



#### CALIFORNIA LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

On the hunt for sand, sea and surf? This hotel has got it all! Located next to the iconic Santa Monica Pier, this was the first beachfront hotel in the city and – unsurprisingly – it boasts insane Pacific Ocean views. Those wow-moments keep on coming as you step into the hotel lobby and see the four-storey space complete with 45ft palm trees! Just so LA.

A seven-night holiday to Los Angeles staying at Loews Santa Monica on a room-only basis is from £1,499 per person – a saving of up to £264. The offer includes return flights from London Gatwick. Based on departures 07 March 2017. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

## FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI, WAILEA

Dreaming of golden beaches, floral leis, and yearround sunshine? With over 1,000 members of staff for just under 400 guests, this legendary resort ensures your every need is taken care of almost instantly. Soak in the natural beauty with a midnight stroll on Waliea beach under the stars. The starting rate for a stay at the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea is £680 per room, per night based on two people sharing a Mountain-Side Room including breakfast. fourseasons.com

#### FLORIDA LITTLE PALM ISLAND RESORT, FLORIDA KEYS

TO A HELICOPTER RIDE OVER

HAWAII'S TROPICA

WATERFALLS

**USA & CANADA** 

A popular hideout for celebrities and presidents (really!) this little piece of paradise is accessible only by seaplane or boat. With thatched

bungalow suites, hot tubs and ocean views – and with a strict nophones/no-TV policy you can really switch off and relax into married life.

£3,199 per person based on mid Aug to end Sept, BA flights into Key West, car hire and boat to resort. Seven nights, room only in an Island Escape Suite. destinology.co.uk

CANADA FANCY ROAD-TRIPPING ACROSS THE DESERT OR HIKING THROUGH PARKS? THESE SPOTS COULD BE FOR YOU...

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#### CALIFORNIA VENTANA INN AND SPA, BIG SUR

Set on the beautiful Californian cliffside, these luxurious cabin-style rooms offer comfort and calm. Spend your honeymoon hiking amid the redwoods and wildflowers and have sore muscles soothed in one of the two on-site pools or with a native plants and herbs treatment at The Spa at Ventana. Bliss!



Double rooms including buffet breakfast from £403.07 excluding tax. Please note the hotel charges an additional local city tax of \$2 per room per night on check-out and an additional resort fee of \$55.25 per room per night on check-out. mrandmrssmith.com

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#### CANADA CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

This tented eco-safari resort is the perfect base for honeymooners who are bored of the beach. After days spent whale watching, zip-lining, deep sea fishing or galloping on horse-back, you can relax in your luxe tent complete with king-size bed, under-floor heating and cosy wooden stove. Oil lamps and thick toasty rugs complete the ambiance. Carrier offers seven nights from £8,490pp, based on three nights at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia and four nights in a en-suite tent at Clayoquot Wilderness Resort on an all-inclusive basis, including private transfers, return shared floatplane transfers and return flights from London Heathrow with BA to Vancouver. Price based on departures 19 May 2017. carrier.co.uk

#### CALIFORNIA POST RANCH INN, BIG SUR

This gorgeous adults-only inn is the epitome of California cool. Cuddle up in your recycled redwood cabin and listen to the sounds of the surrounding wild woodland and gorgeous surf. For relaxation take your pick from any of the three on-site heated infinity pools – we love the one lined

with sea-weathered jade. Double rooms with buffet breakfast from \$775 (approx £615.10), excluding tax. Plus a local city tax of \$2 per night. mrandmrssmith.com

#### ♥ UTAH AMANGIRI, CANYON POINT

What could be more romantic than soaking up the stars in America's southwest skies? Beautifully designed to complement the dramatic surroundings, the contemporary Amangiri resort offers indulgence, relaxation and awesome Instagram pics, deep in Utah's canyons. Take advantage of the complimentary guides for some awesome desert hikes.

Scott Dunn offers a 12-night tailor-made Mountain Retreat and Desert Chic itinerary from £5,900 per person. This is based on a couple sharing and includes four nights at Amangiri, return international flights and private transfers. For more info, visit scottdunn.com

## WHAT TO PACK

DENIM SHORTS, NEXT **£26** 

VELVET LIP GLIDE IN LE PALACE, NARS **£22** 

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RIVER ISLAND £18

#### CANADA FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA

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**DON'T MISS!** A DRIVE TO PFEIFFER BEACH TO SEE THE GLORIOUS PURPLE SANDS

Located in Alberta's Banff National Park, this hotel really is all about location. Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the Victoria glacier *and* the emerald Lake Louise, you really can't get any more spectacular than this. In the winter, this resort is all about the skiing, but also offers ice-skating, snow-mobiling and even horse-drawn sleigh rides!

Prices for a seven-night stay on a room-only basis from £1,199 per person – a saving of up to £133 per person. The offer includes return flights from Heathrow with Air Canada. Based on departures 18 April 2017. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

GREY CANVAS BACKPACK, NEW LOOK **£19.99** 



#### AUSTRALIA HALCYON HOUSE, CABARITA BEACH

Stepping into this hotel feels like stepping into the pages of a rather fancy interior design magazine. With beautiful styling that perfectly complements the beach setting, you can while away the hours splashing around in the surf or borrowing one of the hotel's bikes to take a ride along the unspoilt coast. **Classic rooms from approx £349** 

per night based on a week in April 2017. slh.com

#### FIJI LIKULIKU LAGOON RESORT

At this adult-only resort you'll find the country's only overwater bungalows (or Bures) – the perfect base for a honeymoon filled with diving sessions, island-hopping, or simply gazing at the sea life through your own glass floor panel! Embrace island life immediately by slipping into your Likuliku sulu (a type of sarong) and heading to the Masima Island bar for a Fijian passion cocktail. Double rooms from approx £734.09 including all meals, welcome drink, floral leis and Likuliku sulu! mrandmrssmith.com



#### ▼ NEW ZEALAND HAPUKU LODGE & TREE HOUSES, KAIKOURA

Calling all nature lovers! You can take to the trees at this stunning contemporary lodge high up in the canopies. Here the wrap-around windows offer up views of the mountains, sea and the hotel's own deer park (*Lord of the Rings* – eat your heart out).

From £9,000 per person for a 10-night stay in New Zealand South Island including a two night stay at Hapuku Lodge. This bucket-list trip also includes helicopter rides, vineyard tours, a hot air balloon ride and so much more! blacktomato.com

DISCOVER STUNNING VISTAS, FRIENDLY LOCALS AND SOME SERIOUS SURF...

#### BORA BORA INTERCONTINENTAL THALASSO-SPA BORA BORA

Located on an islet facing Mount Otemanu, this largely overwater resort is the picture of paradise. Stay in your own villa on stilts and enjoy direct



access to its crystal clear waters. Plus, the resort is famed for its Deep Ocean Spa, so you have to try a Deep Blue massage. Prices from £4,559pp for seven nights B&B in an Emerald Overwater Villa. Based on travel 31 Oct – 8 Dec 2017, including flights and boat transfers. destinology.co.uk

#### SOUTH PACIFIC

#### **COOK ISLANDS CROWN BEACH** RESORT. RAROTONGA

This adults-only beachfront resort features everything you could possibly want - sugar-fine sand, turquoise waters, traditionally-furnished villas, whale watching (between July and October) and even a resort dog (Bruno).

Prices from £4,195pp for two sharing including seven nights for the price of six at Crown Beach Resort in a One Bedroom Villa, five nights for the price of four at Pacific Resort Aitutaki. domestic and international flights. turquoiseholidays.co.uk



Hidden in the wilderness of Australia's Simpson Desert, the boutique tents at Longitude 131° offer serious luxury along with spectacular views of the iconic Uluru (Ayer's Rock). Indulge in a dune-top dinner to soak up the best of the outback - roughing it? No way. Stay three nights from £2,250 per person including all meals, drinks and selected activities. Honeymooners will have a special romantic room. Flights to Australia start from £750 per person and Turquoise Holidays can build Longitude 131° WATCHING THE into a tailor-made trip throughout SUNSET OVER Australia. turquoiseholidays.co.uk

## WHAT TO PACK

DON'T MISS!

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LE SPECS DEMO MODE, THE SUNGLASSES SHOP £49

#### O **AUSTRALIA** PAPERBARK CAMP. **JERVIS BAY**

Only two-hours away from Sydney and you'll find yourself at Paperbark Camp deep in the Australian bush. The luxury safari tents will provide you with all your home comforts - comfy beds, en-suite showers and mozzie screens to keep unwelcome visitors at bay.



Double rooms from approx £317.40 including breakfast, use of canoes. kayaks and bikes. mrandmrssmith.com NIVEA SUNSPRAY, BOOTS **£8** 

COLOUR BLOCK BIKIN ACCESSORIZE £31

SEAGRASS ELIPELO ACCESSORIZE £15

PERFECT WEDDING • 39

# SAY Ido' ABROAD Not a fan of a rainy summer wedding

in the UK? Here's how to get married in (almost) guaranteed sunshine...

**BROWSE YOUR GUEST LIST** Decide who you absolutely can't get married *without* and ask them how they feel about travelling. You'll soon see whether it is an option for you.

**PICK YOUR LOCATION** Decide on a destination that's right for you both. How far do you want to travel? Is there a country that means a lot to you? What month do you want to marry in?

ALL IMAGES: ANA LUI PHOTOGRAPHY

Weddings abroad don't have to be about ceremonies on the beach. What about on a plain in Kenya, or a hotel made completely of ice in Lapland?



**GET THE PAPERWORK SORTED Once** 

you've decided on your destination (woo hoo!), find out more about the legalities of actually getting married there. Local laws often apply – this government website is a handy place to start: govuk/marriage-abroad

**TIME TO PLAN!** A wedding planner can seem like a bit of an extravagance in the UK, but abroad they will save you money, time and a whole load of stress (trust us). They have knowledge of the local area and can speak the language.

**DO YOUR HOMEWORK** If you can, head to your destination beforehand. There's nothing like seeing everything for yourself to make your wedding really come together in your mind. Plus it's an excuse for a pre-wedding getaway – wedding day glow sorted!

**EMBRACE THE CULTURE** Marrying in Italy? Then why not toast with prosecco rather than champagne? Saying 'I do' on a Greek Island? Then why not consider a Meze for your wedding breakfast?

SAVE THE DATE Aim to send your save the dates a year before W-day and invitations about six months ahead.

THINK ABOUT YOUR DRESS Choose a wedding dress that suits your climate





AN OUTDOOR CEREMONY IS A LOT EASIER WHEN ONLY BLUE SKIES ARE FORECAST!

and won't get ruined when packed. Never check your wedding dress – instead call ahead and arrange to have it with you in your hand luggage.

TREAT YOUR GUESTS Leave a welcome pack with useful items in their room (maps and local treats) and plan gettogethers before and after the wedding.

**GET DIGITAL!** If there are friends and family who can't travel, why not live-stream your vows back to the UK? All it takes is a couple of computers, Skype and some tech-savvy ushers.

HONEYMOON HEAVEN Worried this is all going to cost you a bomb? Combine it with your honeymoon! Take a domestic flight to another part of the country to recharge and relax as Mr and Mrs.

EUROPE



#### CROATIA ADRIANA HVAR SPA HOTEL

Set on the idyllic harbour front of the beautiful Adriatic island of Hvar, this is the place to come for the ultimate Mediterranean chill-out. You'll love the olive leaf and sea salt polish at the spa, plus the stunning harbour-view roof terrace – the perfect place to enjoy a late-night cocktail (or two).

Prices start from from £1,074 per person 04 May – 01 Jun 2017. High season from £1,675. kuoni.co.uk

# **GREEK ISLANDS**BLUE PALACE RESORT & SPA, CRETE

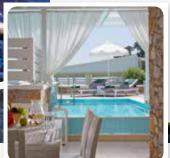
This incredible hotel features gorgeous curved arches and beyond-beautiful terrace pools, with insane views from the hillside setting. Don't fret about the long walk down to the private beach either – there's a lift that takes you straight there! Make the most of the views and opt for one of the bungalows with a private plunge pool (well it *is* your honeymoon!) Prices start from £1,309 per person 22 Apr–15 May; 06–24 Oct 2017. High season from £1,757. kuoni.co.uk

# EUROPE NOT A FAN OF LONG HAUL?

DON'T MISS! A BOAT TRIP TO LALARIA BEACH AND A SWIM THROUGH THE NATURAL ARCH NOT A FAN OF LONG HAUL? GLORIOUS SUNSHINE, GOOD FOOD AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY ARE JUST A FEW HOURS AWAY...

## GREEK ISLANDS KASSANDRA BAY, SKIATHOS

Famed for being one of the islands where musical movie *Mamma Mia!* was filmed, Skiathos is every bit as rustically-gorgeous as you'd expect. Turquoise waters, pine forests and wild rocky



beaches all add up to honeymoon heaven. The lovely Kassandra Bay Suites feature stunning views of the Med and your own private Jacuzzi balcony! What's not to love?! A Junior Suite with Outdoor Jacuz-

zi starts at €240. Visit kbsuites.com to book your stay.



#### GREEK ISLANDS GRACE, SANTORINI

This stunning white-washed boutique gem, nestled high above the caldera, is the perfect place to enjoy those famous Santorini sunsets. In the daytime laze by the infinity-edge swimming pool or visit some of the islands'

beautiful volcanic sand beaches.

Carrier offers seven nights with a 10% early booking reduction from £1,675 per person, based on two people sharing a Deluxe Room including breakfast, return flights from Gatwick and return private transfers. Offer valid for travel 20 April–31 October 2017. Price based on departures 16 October 2017. carrier.co.uk EUROPE

### FRANCE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, PARIS

Looking for timeless romance in the City of Lights? This elegant hotel in the heart of France's capital is the place to stay. Each room has a dreamy view of the Eiffel Tower and the River Seine, and it's just a short walk away from the Champs-Élysées (shopping heaven), where you can spend your days wandering the art galleries and munching macarons. Bliss. **Rooms at the Shangri-La Hotel start from around £600 a night. shangri-la.com** 

#### ITALY VILLA SPALLETTI TRIVELLI, ROME Since 2004, this historic building has been a luxury hotel, with opulent drawing rooms,

genuine antiques, an exclusive spa and wellness centre, plus 14 luxurious rooms. Think sumptuous antique beds and stunning marble bathrooms. The hotel is ideally located on one of the original Seven Hills of Rome, the Quirinale, and is just minutes from the Fountain of Trevi. Guests can also relax in the rooftop bar – complete with sofas, sun loungers, and Jacuzzis with amazing views of the city. Nightly rates start at €450, based on two sharing a double room, with breakfast.

villaspalletti.it

CAPRI PALACE, CAPRI With vaulted ceilings and grand columns, this hotel is Capri chic at its very best. It is also the proud holder of the only two Michelin-starred restaurant on the island

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(the incredible L'Olivo) and with the on-site 'Capri Beauty Farm' spa there really isn't anything else you need. Prices for seven nights at Capri Palace from £2,000 per person. This is based on a couple sharing a Superior Sea View room on a B&B basis and includes return flights and private airport transfers. For more information visit scottdunn.com

#### DON'T MISS! A TASTE OF THAT INCREDIBLE ROMAN FOOD – PIZZA AND

**GELATO PLEASE!** 

## WHAT TO PACK

LONG-SLEEVED BEACH DRESS, ACCESSORIZE £32 FRAMED SUNGLASSES, FOLLI FOLLIE **£90** 

> BENETINT LIP AND CHEEK STAIN, BENEFIT COSMETICS £24.50

HALTER SWIMSUIT, LA REDOUTE **£39** 

TWEDDING

SPAIN VILLA GALLARDO, MALLORCA

The total privacy and tranquility of this Spanish Villa mean that it's incredibly romantic, yet only two or three minutes' drive away is an array of restaurants and an amazing golf club. The perfect location if you want to be on your own, yet close enough to some delicious



tapas! Lounge around the pool in peace and quiet and pick your own lemons for the perfect G&Ts – honeymoon style! Book it from £700 per week: travelopo.com



