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Dear Engaged Travelers,

Last year at this time, the world was in a more uncertain place and wedding and honeymoon planning was extremely challenging. The one certain thing we have learned is that travel advisors are heroes who can save the day for the most important occasion in your life—your wedding and honeymoon!

This time is very special, and the celebrations deserve to be as well. We surveyed our destination wedding and honeymoon specialists about their experiences with recent brides and grooms for our *Real Weddings* section. You'll meet five couples who hosted remarkable weddings and honeymoons across the globe during this past year of constant change, as well as useful tips and information to make the best decisions for you and your partner.

We interviewed a group of bridal experts on beauty, fashion and communication to bring you the latest trends, product recommendations and inspiration. And we've included plenty of domestic honeymoon ideas for those who want to stay closer to home. Have fun taking our short quiz on where to hold your bachelor(ette) party. Lastly, be sure to bookmark our planning checklists to stay on track when things get hectic over the coming months.

After all of this planning, you'll be ready to treat yourselves to the celebration of a lifetime. Check out our suggestions for *High-end Honeymoon Splurges* and ask your travel advisor how to incorporate these ideas and more to create a truly unforgettable vacation.

So, grab a bottle of something sparkling, sit down with the person you love and use these pages to inspire your planning journey.

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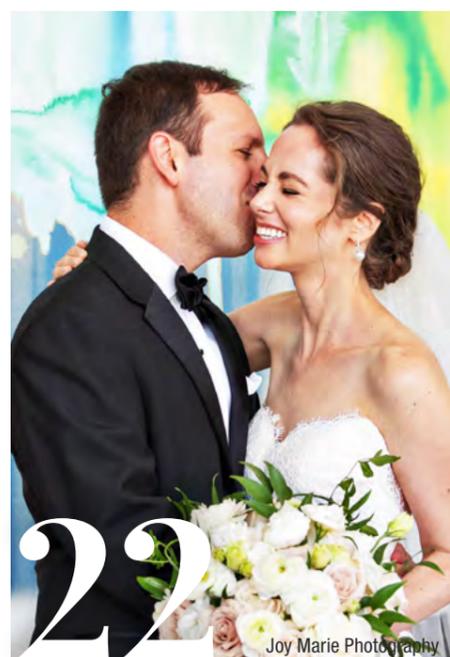
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 unique trends and personalized
 touches make for a fun, social-
 media-friendly soiree that will
 have guests talking for years
 after the bouquet is tossed.

Elevate the occasion with these

15 Unique Features

by Erica Moody



1 Use local traditions

Incorporating location-specific wedding traditions is a memorable way to include your guests in your destination of choice. In Hawaii, for example, a flower petal toss summons good luck. You can also feature famous local snacks (like pralines in New Orleans, or rum cakes in the Bahamas) in your welcome bags or favors.

- 2 They initially became popular in 2020-21 for safety reasons, but considering how adorable they are, the trend of **miniaturized versions of your favorite wedding foods** may be here to stay. Mini wedding cakes can be served to each guest at their table. Mini charcuterie boards in single-serve portions featuring cheeses, meats, crackers and fruits are a hit for cocktail hour.
- 3 Mini wedding cakes and other thoughtful items like mini bottles of champagne can be sent to any guests unable to attend in person due to safety concerns. The gesture of a **celebration care package** helps guests feel included in the big day.
- 4 Some couples are taking the time to pen **handwritten notes to their nearest and dearest** and placing those notes on each place setting for assigned-seating weddings. This trend of personalized touches works well for the smaller weddings we saw pop up in 2020 but can just as easily work for larger weddings if the couple puts in the extra time.
- 5 Another clever way to make guests feel welcome is with a **family and friends photo wall**. This can be hung at the entrance to the reception and is also a way to honor loved ones who aren't able to make it or who have passed away.
- 6 **Personalize your wedding bouquet** by adding sentimental items to it like tying the stems together with your mother or grandmother's wedding dress lace. Or attach small photos or other special, subtle mementos like family wedding rings onto the bouquet.

7 Incorporate your pets

There are so many ways to **incorporate your beloved pet** in your wedding without having them physically present for your ceremony and reception. Name your signature cocktail after your pet. Have a rendering of your pet drawn on your cocktail napkins. Create a custom illustration of your pet for your invitation suite. Include them in your cake topper figurines. You can even have your furry friend pose for some photos with you before the wedding or in the getting-ready photos.



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8 Share fun facts on wedding napkins, like where you met or what you did on your first date. This helps guests who may know one member of the couple better get to know both of you.

9 Be creative with wedding readings during the ceremony. Choose readings that may not be traditional but are meaningful to you, such as song lyrics, movie monologues or an excerpt from your favorite book. Or, instead of readings, ask a talented guest to perform a song, or have guests take turns offering marital advice.

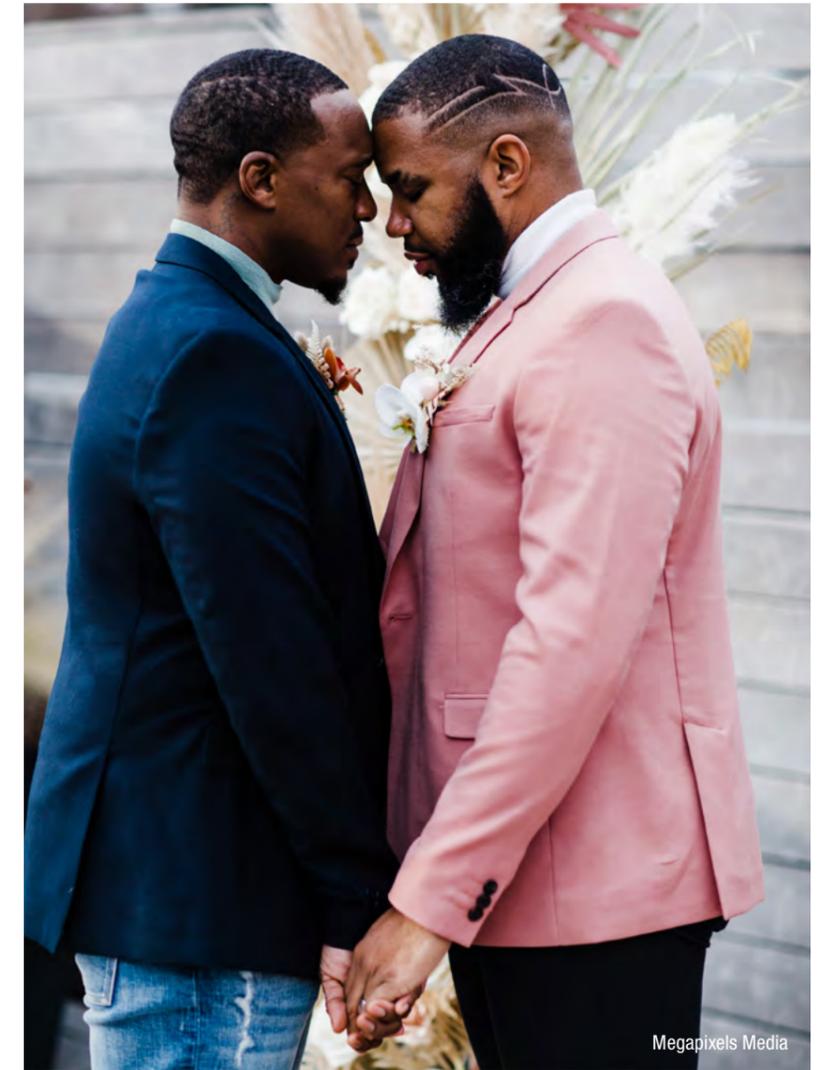
10 Make guests comfortable during outdoor weddings by providing blankets in cooler weather and fans in warmer weather. And including baskets of flip flops for guests is always a good idea during the reception when people may want to take off their heels and dance all night.

11 Practical party favors like mini hand sanitizer bottles or face masks with the couple's initials or wedding date on them are still popular for 2021-2022. It's always a good idea to stay cautious. And for people flying back home on airplanes, those masks will come in handy.

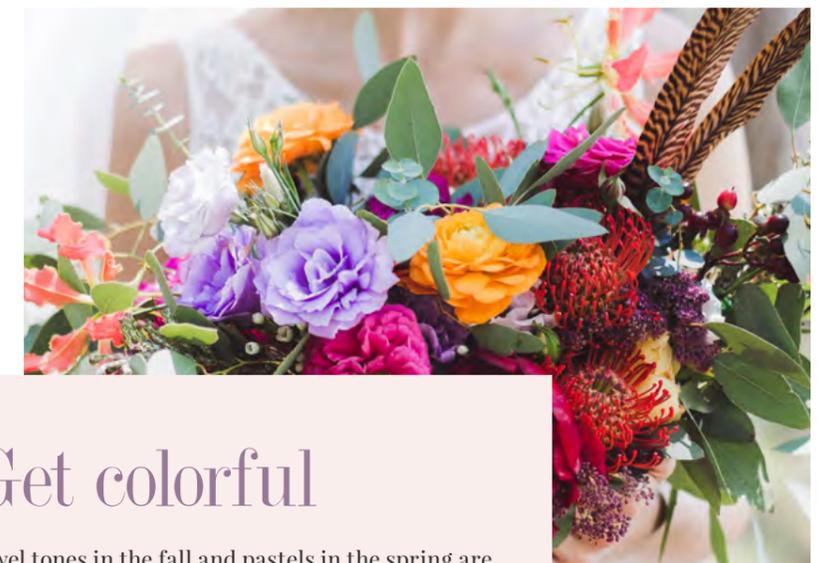
12 Consider including virtual elements in your wedding. For guests unable to attend, livestreaming the wedding is relatively simple and allows them to feel included.

13 Offer entertainment beyond the band or DJ during the reception. These days, you can find magicians, caricaturists, comedians, live painters and poets specializing in weddings. It'll make your event stand out from the typical dinner-and-dancing program.

14 Having a summer wedding? An old-school ice cream cart will lend a stylish vintage vibe to your wedding and help guests stay cool.



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15 Get colorful

Jewel tones in the fall and pastels in the spring are on the rise. Weddings on a whole are embracing more color, from the florals to the attire, so don't shy away from a bold palette.

DESTINATION WEDDING

Checklist

By Erica Moody



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MONTHS OUT

- Choose a destination.** Rely on your travel advisor to guide you on destinations. Make sure it's a location that you're both excited about.
- Stay organized.** Start a binder to store all paperwork and inspiration in one place.
- Establish a budget.** Allow flexibility for travel costs, especially if you're bundling your honeymoon and destination wedding in one trip.
- Finalize guest list.** Send save-the-dates as soon as possible so your guests have enough time to plan too!

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MONTHS OUT

- Go for a site visit.** Many of the questions you have about your wedding can be answered by visiting the property in advance. (Plus, it's a great excuse for a mini vacation!)
- Find your vendors.** Depending on the venue, many resorts offer photographers, florists, hair and makeup stylists and caterers.
- Create a wedding website.** A website is a great way to communicate details of your big day. Make sure to also include a link to your wedding registry.

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MONTHS OUT

- Buy your gown and/or suit.** Traditional bridal boutiques often take months to order a gown that fits your measurements, and you'll need extra time for alterations.
- Start thinking about wedding party attire.** Ensure that outfits arrive with plenty of time before departure.

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MONTHS OUT

- Research excursions.** Consult your travel advisor about planning special activities for you and your wedding party at your destination.
- Check your passports.** Make sure they won't expire six months from the date you're set to return home. Build in extra time if you need to renew them.
- Schedule any dance classes.** Formal dance lessons are a fun way to gain confidence before you hit the dance floor as a married couple for the first time.

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MONTHS OUT

- Send invitations.** Include your travel advisor's contact information for your guests to book their flight and hotel.
- Practice beforehand.** Plan a rehearsal dinner or welcome cocktail reception to make sure everyone in the wedding party knows the drill before the big day.
- Confirm appointments.** Double-check the times for hair and makeup appointments to avoid any mishaps.

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MONTH OUT

- Write your vows.** Also, finalize all the ceremony's personal touches, like music, readings and rituals.
- Make finishing touches.** This is the time to select a signature drink, design a wedding sign and purchase welcome bag goodies.
- Consult with your advisor on the marriage license and other requirements.** Make sure there's nothing you've overlooked!

STILL NEED SOMETHING BLUE?



That question you've been waiting to be asked—you said yes! So what comes next on the road to "I do"? The first step: booking the venue. The when and where of the big day will impact every other decision you and your honey make, from the size of the guest list to what you wear.

For destination weddings, locking in your date early is even more important. But with so many gorgeous locations out there, where do you start? To help you get an idea of your style, we took a look at five of Funjet Vacations' most-loved wedding spaces, and the couples we'd "propose" make them the one.

ARUBA

If "happy is the celebrant the sun shines on" is your mood, the Caribbean's sunniest destination sets a scene to the tune of a trade wind-cooled 82° year-round. Known as One Happy Island (Coincidence? We think not.), this inclusive hideaway welcomes everyone to marry their dushi—sweetheart in local Papiamentu—in paradise. Getting there is easy, too, with over 100 direct flights from major U.S. cities.

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There's no such thing as over-the-top—only a great party. Between its many venues, breathtaking backdrops and included amenities, the all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotels have everything you need to plan the perfect destination wedding for your love story. From small and stylish to crowd-pumping extravagance (their Punta Cana resort can fit up to 3,600 guests either outdoors or in a ballroom), Hard Rock imbues every wedding with its trademark zeal for living large. Make this a day you'll never forget with four new inspired collections or the Complimentary Collection.

UNICO 20°87°

HOTEL RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO

As one of the Leading Hotels of the World, it's no wonder the adults-only UNICO 20°87° has made luxury an art. Weddings are the masterpieces, with either a complimentary simply chic affair or an "experiential" package designed by Modern Luxury Weddings—featured planner Marylen Exposito. Opt for boho beach, restrained splendor, or the hyper-personalized 20°87° Experience, whether it's a "minimony" of closest friends or a "sequel" vow renewal with the entire family. And if it's a traditional South Asian wedding you need, carry on; their team can arrange all the details.



LOS CABOS, MEXICO

The great thing about destination weddings is that the aisle can be anything you want: a stretch of beach, desert garden, even a mango grove à la Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo. In Cabo, set on the tip of Mexico's Baja California Sur Peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortés, there's no shortage of breathtaking backdrops for tying the knot. Enlisting a planner from resort-venues like Hard Rock Hotel Los Cabos, RIU and Nobu Hotel Los Cabos lets you design your wedding your way, the easy way. After vows are exchanged, the natural wonders and lively atmosphere of Los Cabos await. For those interested in experiencing the outdoors, kayaking, scuba diving or horseback riding are sure to thrill. And those who wish to relax or let loose are encouraged to explore Los Cabos' luxury spas and vibrant nightlife.

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You love your partner more than anything ... but you have very different tastes. This all-inclusive heavyweight is all about variety, from their range of destinations—including Aruba and Mexico—to the new redesigned Wedding Collections by RIU, featuring a Free Collection available with NO minimum room requirement, you'll have enough left in the budget to upgrade to a sea view suite sure to please.

With some ideas in mind, talk to your travel advisor about what you do—and don't—want. Your wedding is your special day, and your advisor is there to make sure it lives up to that.



To book or learn more,
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SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED.

Anatomy of an Invitation

By Dayna Engberg

First impressions are important. As you start planning your wedding, few pieces are as crucial (and confusing) as the invitation. We break it down to demystify the various components to make your invitation assembly a piece of (wedding) cake.

Save the Date

Send this out four to six months before a local wedding, or eight to twelve months before a destination wedding, since guests will need additional time to make travel arrangements. Don't forget the URL to your wedding website.

The Invitation

The invitation not only provides all the essential details for the big day, but also it gives guests the first taste of your theme and sets the tone and formality for the event. These should go out six to eight weeks before a local wedding, or up to 12 weeks for a destination wedding.

- The first line of the invitation should name the hosts (if they are different from the couple).
- Include the full names of the couple — bride first, or alphabetical for same-sex couples.
- List the name and address for the ceremony. Make sure to avoid abbreviations and spell out things like street names and states.
- Include the details for the reception. If the venue is the same, you can say something like “Join us for dinner and dancing following the ceremony.”

Reply Card

The reply card is the place you indicate who, specifically, is invited. Phrases such as “and guest” or “and family” help clarify whether plus-ones and children are welcome. Set a deadline so invitees know when to return it.

Reply Card Envelope

Including a stamped envelope eliminates hassle for guests and improves your chances of receiving it back in a timely manner. If guests can RSVP online, you might replace the reply card and envelope with the website URL instead.

The Website

This is a great place to include all the information not included on your paper invitation, such as registry links, menus and meal selections, travel tips, destination details, RSVP forms, wedding party bios, event attire and more.





HOW TO FINE-TUNE

Your Guest List

By Jonathan Hermann

If you're struggling with where to start on your guest list, follow these tips.

As any good dressmaker or book editor will tell you, the more you cut, the better the outcome. This “less is more” approach works well when thinking about who to include on your destination wedding guest list. Weddings are typically priced on a per-head basis, so keeping the numbers down will keep the cost down as well, and also create a more intimate setting where social distancing is easier to achieve. Plus, in our current, crowd-averse world, keeping the list low will make it easier for those you really want to attend to make up their minds.

INVITE ONLY CURRENT FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The level of connection you have with your guests has a direct effect on the overall special-ness of the ceremony. So 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 not essential to 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 AN A & B LIST

The A-list consists of people you can't imagine getting married without seeing their smiling faces in the audience. 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. Make sure you choose a destination that offers possibilities and perks for those on a budget, as well as those who prefer to travel draped in the finest luxuries. Working with a travel expert can help you zero in on locales that offer the perfect balance.



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Q & A

WITH THE WEDDING EXPERTS

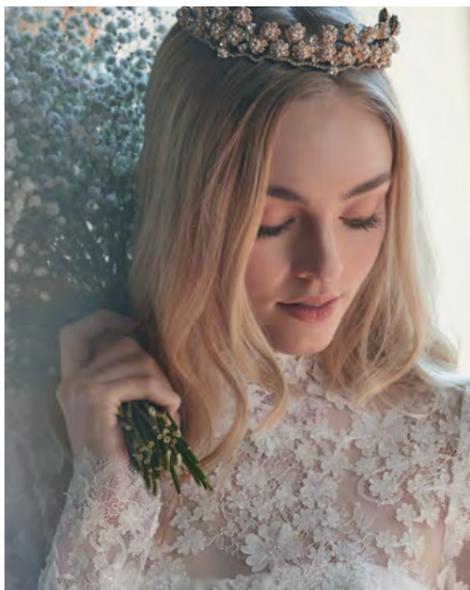
We tapped into our network of wedding consultants, stylists and designers to bring you the latest event planning trends, fashion tips and smart selections for an elegant celebration.



Q&A WITH DESIGNER SAREH NOURI



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THINK ABOUT
THE DESTINATION
AND CHOOSE THE
BRIDAL GOWN
THAT WILL WORK
IN THE SETTING.



Sareh Nouri

What made you want to focus on bridal design and how did you get your start?

I started my brand after my wedding. I designed my own wedding dress. I always loved bridal or I should say I was always obsessed.

How have bridal trends changed since the pandemic hit?

My bride is still the same. Very timeless, elegant, and fashion forward. She knows what she wants!

What are the biggest trends for 2022?

Clean, sleeves, tailored.

What is your approach to bridal party style?

I love pastel colors. Especially sky blue!!

Are there certain bridal trends that you'd like to leave in the past?

Illusion necklines and a very deep sweetheart neckline that plunges.

If a bride is indecisive when choosing a gown, what advice would you give her to help her make that decision?

Put the dresses on back-to-back to see what kind of emotion she has. It is such an emotional purchase.

What would you say to brides with a destination wedding?

Think about the destination and choose the bridal gown that will work in the setting. For example, lighter gowns for beach destinations.

Are there any celebrity wedding looks you've worked on that stand out for you?

Diana DeGarmo wore one of my gowns and it was all over People magazine and online blogs. She looked absolutely stunning!

Q&A WITH MAKE-UP ARTIST VALORIE COLE



Photo by Erin Fox Photo

What trends are you seeing in bridal beauty?

The turmoil that Covid generated in the wedding industry has been devastating. The uncertainty has had two very different effects. The most typical one is that everything for the wedding has been scaled down, from the venue, the guest list, to the food service, and that trickles down to the simplicity of the bridal and bridal party make-up. Elegant and soft has been the most common theme, but on occasion, there are brides who want a bolder makeup look because they are ready to celebrate!

Do you have any tips for brides to keep their makeup looking great for the duration of a wedding?

I have quite a few! The main tip is to use a foundation that has a lot of pigment and is not a liquid. It will last longer; you will perspire through it and it will not evaporate. You won't need a setting spray, which is sometimes an irritant. For normal skin, use a loose powder to set the makeup, especially in the T-zone. Use pressed powder for oily skin, although I prefer a soft glow without too much powder. I love the oil-blotting sheets, but if it's super hot, paper towels

are most absorbent for perspiration, blotting not wiping.

For the eyes, a great primer keeps shadows from creasing and eyeliner in place. I really don't like waterproof mascara, but it's a necessity for such an emotional day.

What beauty advice do you have for brides preparing for a destination wedding?

The best beauty advice is not to try ANYTHING new for two weeks before the wedding. This includes medication, different makeup, self-tanner, permanent lashes, new brow products, skincare routine, abrasive skincare treatments, a new hairdresser — basically anything you have not tried before, do not try it right before the wedding!

If you are prone to breakouts, wedding week nerves can cause issues. HYDRATE and talk to your dermatologist about the best way to treat this.

When doing a site visit for the destination, make sure to do a trial with the makeup and hair team if you are using local talent. I like to do both trials on the same day, because you can get the whole look, see how it lasts and give feedback to the stylists. If this isn't possible, then I would hire your favorite team and bring them with you.

Valorie Cole spent her career beautifying on-air personalities ranging from politicians on CNN to Nashville's top talent on the Country Music Awards before dedicating herself to wedding clients and her make-up line, Daniel Cole. She shares her best advice on destination wedding beauty tips, trends and brands.

What is your approach to bridal beauty?

I love to make a bride feel confident, special, and the most beautiful she has ever felt by enhancing her best features. The phrase from most brides that sums it up is, "I want to look like the best version of myself."

DON'T FORGET

Make-up wipes

Wipe up a mistake, get a stain off clothing and remove eye make-up. I prefer wipes without alcohol.



Be sure to include your normal shampoo and styling products. Sometimes different water in different locations can make your hair limp or dry and the consistency of your normal products can help.



Pack a small, handheld make-up mirror and a pair of tweezers just in case you need to pluck any brows or facial hair that appear overnight. I like the mini-slant tweezers from Tweezerman, from \$15.



PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESTINATION WEDDING BEAUTY



SKINCARE

The Ordinary. I love their skincare products and prices, and the small bottles travel well. Most are \$10-20. theordinary.com

SkinCeuticals' Blemish and Age Defense Serum zaps blemishes quickly – a little expensive, but lasts a long time and really works! \$92 skinceuticals.com



LASHES

Ardell or Kiss lashes from the local drugstore, along with DUO clear lash adhesive. The clear stays on better than the black, and there are hardly ever any allergies to it. Bring 2-3 pairs of lashes.



MASCARA

COVERGIRL Professional Remarkable waterproof mascara, at your local drugstore, IT Cosmetics Superhero Mascara, or the tried-and-true, BOURJOIS Volume Glamour Push Up Waterproof mascara, available at Boots or Amazon. All under \$20. itcosmetics.com

MAKEUP

Daniel Cole Collection creme foundation (\$50), eye/lip primer (\$25) and long-lasting lip and eye pencils (\$25) as well as long-lasting matte liquid lips and glosses that I created specifically for that special day for both brides and bridesmaids. Love Struck Lips \$40/pack of 3, \$18 individually. danielcole.com



Q&A WITH DESTINATION WEDDING PLANNERS



Dreams Resort & Spas

Resorts in Mexico and the Caribbean are popular for both honeymoons and destination weddings, but they're not all created equal. Our agency can help you select the all-inclusive resort for your style and their wedding planner will bring your dreams to life.



Daniel Meza
Dreams Las Mareas'
wedding manager

Why should couples lean on the expertise of an onsite wedding planner?

It is simple. The onsite wedding planners know best what to do and react to

unexpected changes happening during an event. Especially in terms of weather, vendors, daylighting and, of course, the know-how onsite.

What mistakes do couples often make when planning a destination wedding?

Hiring vendors on their own. The onsite wedding planners will always recommend what is best for their most important day of their lives.

What are some of the unique amenities, incentives and activities that your resort offers couples?

We provide very secluded locations surrounded by nature and national parks. Weddings are intimate events, so we make sure you have the privacy you desire.

Resorts often have several spaces available for weddings – what should couples know before choosing one?

First, having a good idea on the number of guests is helpful. And, of course, what elements the venue has that can be incorporated into the general wedding design and vision to play with the pre-existing elements.

What advice would you give couples who wish to have an off-site wedding?

Most of the locations for off-site weddings are remote, difficult to access or simply unknown. It is important to do a site visit to get an idea of the general experience both the couple and their guests will have at the location.



Marsha-Ann Donaldson-Brown
Director of Weddings
and Romance
Sandals Resorts
International

What mistakes do couples often make when planning a destination wedding?

They underestimate the opportunities they can explore and are oftentimes not open-minded to weaving in cultural dynamics into the weddings. Like, they could infuse local music with a reggae or steel-drum band, or local cuisine with jerk chicken. Also, they neglect to add excursions. Excursions make their time at the destination fun by taking advantage of the adventurous side of their wedding and honeymoon.

What are some of the unique amenities, incentives and activities that your resort offers that couples might not know about?

First off, Sandals offers a free wedding for anyone who stays three nights or longer. That's an important one. Also, the more rooms you book, the more incentives you get. Many different elements become complimentary the more rooms you have. Finally, envision beyond the wedding day. Some couples are so focused on the big day that they fail to plan out the rest of their time at the destination. Add in an intimate couple's massage or more to enrich the marriage beyond the I do. Or include a sporting activity like learning how to scuba dive, so that way they have a new hobby to do together after the bliss of the honeymoon.

What are some of your favorite customization options for couples?

We believe in customization – each wedding should be as unique as the love shared by the couple. If they have a favorite color, we can weave it in using flowers or linens. Another favorite customization option is including an event or activity to thank your friends and family for coming, like a fire dancer or a catamaran cruise.

What advice would you give couples who wish to have an off-site wedding?

The ones who choose to go off the resort are often couples who wish to have a religious ceremony at a local church. However, Sandals is proud to offer overwater chapels at our resorts in Jamaica and St. Lucia, giving couples the best of both worlds. They can still have the tradition of a chapel ceremony with an ideal Caribbean backdrop. Plus, they get to walk over water – it's simply magical.



Over-The-Water Wedding Chapel at Sandals Montego Bay

THE PERFECT WAY TO SAY I DO


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RESORTS®



Couples looking to celebrate their love with friends and family in a tropical paradise have a choice of 10 superb options. Palace Resorts, a leading brand in all-inclusive destination weddings, offers countless breathtaking, oceanfront venues across their properties in Mexico and Jamaica. Whether the theme is romantic, bohemian, modern elegance, or anything in between, there is a resort just right for any size wedding party.

Everyone attending will enjoy a Palace Resorts all-inclusive vacation, which features fine international dining in multiple restaurants and unlimited premium drinks. And they can relax and unwind in modern, elegant guestrooms with picturesque ocean views, high-end amenities and 24-hour in-room dining.

A full-service spa delivers pampering massages, hydrotherapy, and more. Plus, guests can put their golf skills to the test at the 27-hole Jack Nicklaus course for those staying at a Palace Resorts Cancun property.

Every couple has a personalized wedding specialist to ensure every detail is considered every step of the way—from venue selection and accommodations to menus, cake design, and decor. They will also discuss any special offers and complimentary wedding items and services. And an onsite wedding specialist handles all the final arrangements, so the big day runs exactly as planned.

What's more, Palace Resorts hosts many kinds of wedding ceremonies: nondenominational, Catholic, Jewish, interfaith, South Asian, and Mayan. Paired with a variety of wedding collections to suit every couples' taste, it's the perfect place to celebrate destination wedding bliss in paradise.

Find out more about
Palace Resorts.
Contact us today.



PRESENTS

for their presence

By Dayna Engberg

How do you express your gratitude for the people who have stuck by your side through it all? We've come up with a few suggestions!



CUSTOM WINE TUMBLERS

Keep those wedding day mimosas cold with some cute, insulated wine tumblers that will be useful long after the wedding. Plus, everyone will know which drink is theirs so you can stay extra safe and hygienic on your important day.



INSTANT CAMERAS

Instant cameras like Fujifilm Instax or Polaroid Now are a huge hit at weddings. Let everyone get in on the fun of capturing your wedding moments and you'll have plenty of tangible memories to take home with you.



CUSTOM LUGGAGE TAGS

Help your guests keep track of their bags with these handy luggage tags personalized with their name or initials.



COCKTAIL KITS

For a fun way to incorporate the local culture of your destination wedding, pair tiny bottles of the celebrated local spirit (like mezcal from Mexico or rum from the Caribbean) with artisan syrups, tonic or lime juice for a cute little cocktail on the go.



LEATHER-BOUND JOURNALS

This is a great gift for the travelers in your life to write down all the special moments from your big day and beyond.

BUDGET \$AVVY TIPS

By Jonathan Hermann

Planning your destination wedding

As much as you want your destination wedding to light up Instagram or TikTok, it's a slippery slope. One moment, you're planning to use local flowers in the centerpieces, the next, you're shipping in two hundred exotic orchids after seeing the floral beauties on your favorite reality TV show. Use these tips to edit your vision into an affordable (and realistic) action plan. Luckily, there are impactful ways to save in some areas that will allow you to splurge in others, like adding more days onto your honeymoon or upgrading your suite.

SPEND LESS ON FLORALS

Chances are you picked your wedding destination because of its spectacular beauty, so forgo expensive over-the-top floral arrangements and let the natural surroundings shine. If fresh flowers are a must, save money with simple, local arrangements or add a splash of color with garlands or centerpieces made only from greenery. These vibrant, on-trend arrangements can be made with anything from ferns to rosemary and add major bang for the buck. You can also re-use your bridesmaids' bouquets as centerpieces at the reception.

BUY AN AFFORDABLE DRESS

Wedding dresses by famous designers can really cut into your budget. Instead, opt for a gown you love versus the name on the tag. You should also avoid heavy and expensive fabrics like silk shantung. Fabrics such as chiffon are usually more affordable, and their breathability is perfect for tropical climates. It will also be easier to travel with your gown if it has less fabric. When you've got some extra cash to spare and you're as cool as a cucumber, you'll be a much happier bride. If you still crave a designer gown, consider

finding it at a bridal consignment shop. Since they've only been worn once, the gowns are typically in excellent condition and sold at a fraction of the original price.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WEDDING PACKAGES

Many all-inclusive resorts provide wedding packages that are not only affordable, but also they make hosting your wedding a tropical breeze. Some resorts even include free wedding packages if you stay a certain amount of nights. By allowing the resort to take care of the flowers, reception venue, ceremony set up and more, you save both cash and stress.

RECONSIDER FAVORS

While thoughtful, customized favors are a fast way to empty your pockets, think about what's unique to your location and how you can incorporate that into your favors. If your destination wedding is in Hawaii, give out Kona coffee beans. Do you and your significant other have a charity that's near and dear to your heart? Make a donation in your guests' name in lieu of a tangible gift. Thinking local and personal will not only save you money, it will also fit right in with your wedding theme.

GET A TRAVEL ADVISOR

If your dream wedding includes a big smiling group of family and friends, you need a travel advisor. They can handle everything from coordinating airline reservations to arranging preferred room types. Not only will they ensure your guests arrive in a celebratory mood, but also they'll take a load of stress off your shoulders. And thanks to group discounts, they can save you a lot of money in the process. What's more, travel advisors can help you understand all safety precautions and cancellation policies, giving you and your family the peace of mind you need.

ASK OUR AGENCY FOR OTHER WAYS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BUDGET FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WEDDING.

THE TRUE VALUE OF A *Travel Advisor*



Your vacation time is valuable. In today's unpredictable world, it can be challenging to make the most of your time away. That's why it helps to have a travel professional on your side, someone who enhances every facet of your journey through a combination of experience, expertise and connections. Travel advisors have always been helpful to couples planning their weddings and honeymoons but in this new environment, we are especially crucial — you can rest assured that your travel advisor will provide you with all the information you need on destination entry and COVID-19 testing requirements. Here are some of the many benefits an expert advisor will provide.

WE READ THE FINE PRINT FOR YOU

We can help you decipher complex refund policies and break through the red tape with airlines, cruise lines, resorts and hotels around the world.

WE ARE YOUR GUIDES TO THE UNKNOWN

Through our expertise and worldwide contacts, we make it easy and rewarding for you to journey to these unknown places, discovering new parts of the planet and yourself.

WE PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

Thanks to our long-standing relationships with travel suppliers around the globe, we have access to insider perks like limited-time discounts, bonus upgrades and exclusive offers.

WE SAVE YOU VALUABLE TIME

We've been to your dream destination, so we have firsthand experience and expert insights to make your vacation truly extraordinary.

WE PERSONALIZE VACATIONS

Travel advisors get to know you — your dreams, your expectations, your past travel experiences and your budget — to create a customized journey we know you'll love.

WE SPECIALIZE IN THE UNIQUE

African safari? Island hopping in Hawaii? Scuba diving in Mexico? Thanks to our expertise, we can customize any adventure to exceed your expectations.

WE WILL BE YOUR SOUNDING BOARD

We can help you set realistic and safe goals, then offer our advice on how to achieve those goals in a way that creates an unforgettable travel experience.

WE ARE ALWAYS UPDATED

Travel advisors stay on top of current news and updates, especially with travel restrictions by country and with regard to how cruise lines, airlines, hotels and more are enacting new safety protocols.

CONTACT OUR AGENCY TODAY TO START PLANNING YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING OR HONEYMOON.

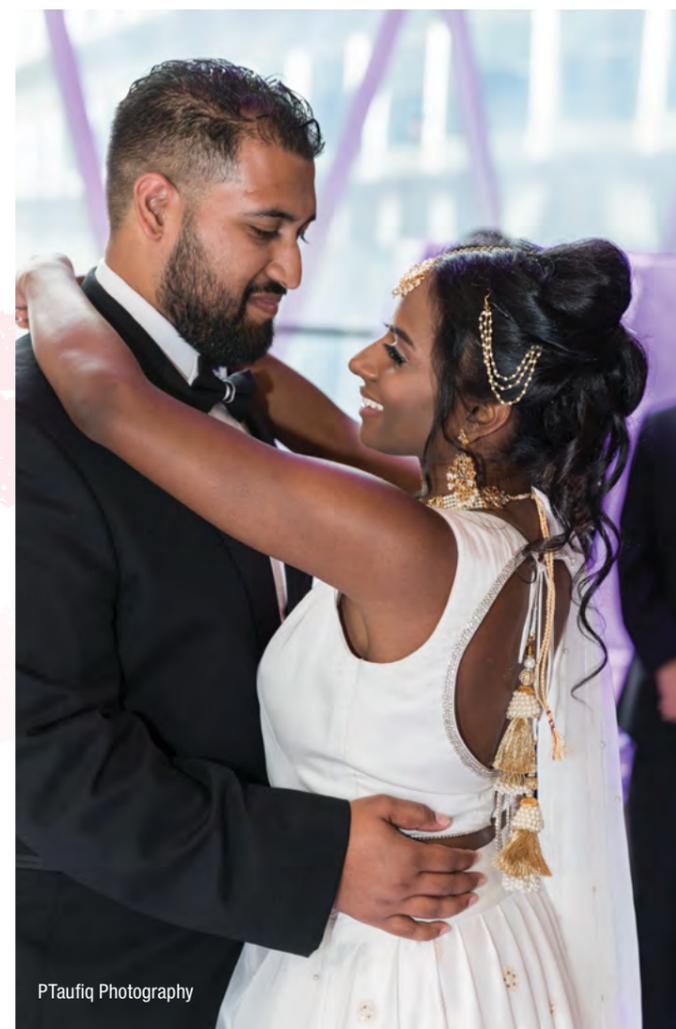
DOWN TO THE DETAILS

Simple guides for
selecting your music,
creating a registry,
building your wedding
website and more.

HOW TO:

PICK YOUR PLAYLIST

Unless you're sticking to orchestral classics, you'll need to choose a few songs for the wedding processional, your first dance and your grand exit as newlyweds. Choose something meaningful, that both you and your partner enjoy. Need suggestions? Here are a few of our favorites!



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PROCESSIONAL ENTRANCE

A Vintage Classic:

“Chapel of Love” by Dixie Cups

Something Upbeat:

“You Are the Best Thing” by Ray LaMontagne

A Modern Hit:

“Just the Way You Are” by Bruno Mars

FIRST DANCE:

A Vintage Classic:

“At Last” by Etta James

Something Upbeat:

“Everything” by Michael Bublé

A Modern Hit:

“Perfect” by Ed Sheeran

RECESSIONAL EXIT:

A Vintage Classic:

“What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong

Something Upbeat:

“This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)” by Natalie Cole

A Modern Hit:

“Love on Top” by Beyoncé

HOW TO:

BUILD YOUR REGISTRY

Once you're engaged, it's time to start thinking about your wedding registry. Here are some tips to get you started.



INVOLVE YOUR PARTNER

The registry should be a fun task you and your partner share. Chat openly about your expectations and assess your needs and wants together before jumping into it.



Stampfli Photography



KEEP IT SIMPLE

Stick to two or three stores you truly love. National chains like Target or Crate & Barrel and online retailers like Amazon offer a range of items to cover everything you'd need.



INCLUDE OPTIONS

As a rule, you should register for more gifts than there are guests to provide enough options to choose from. Include a range of items at different price points and avoid including too many expensive sets; split some of those up into individual items instead.



SET UP A HONEYMOON REGISTRY

Including a fund for honeymoon experiences (like a beachfront massage or fancy dinner) is a polite way to give guests the option of a monetary gift while also including them in the excitement of your honeymoon plans.



START EARLY

This is a fun process you share with your partner, so don't rush it! Build your list early to give guests time to make their purchases, and also to give options for your engagement or bridal shower.

HOW TO:

ACE THE INTERNET

Once your wedding registry is complete, the next step is to create an event website. Keep your users in mind when you address questions like attire, hotel options, and most importantly - your love story. Don't forget the clever hashtag.

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CREATE A WEDDING WEBSITE

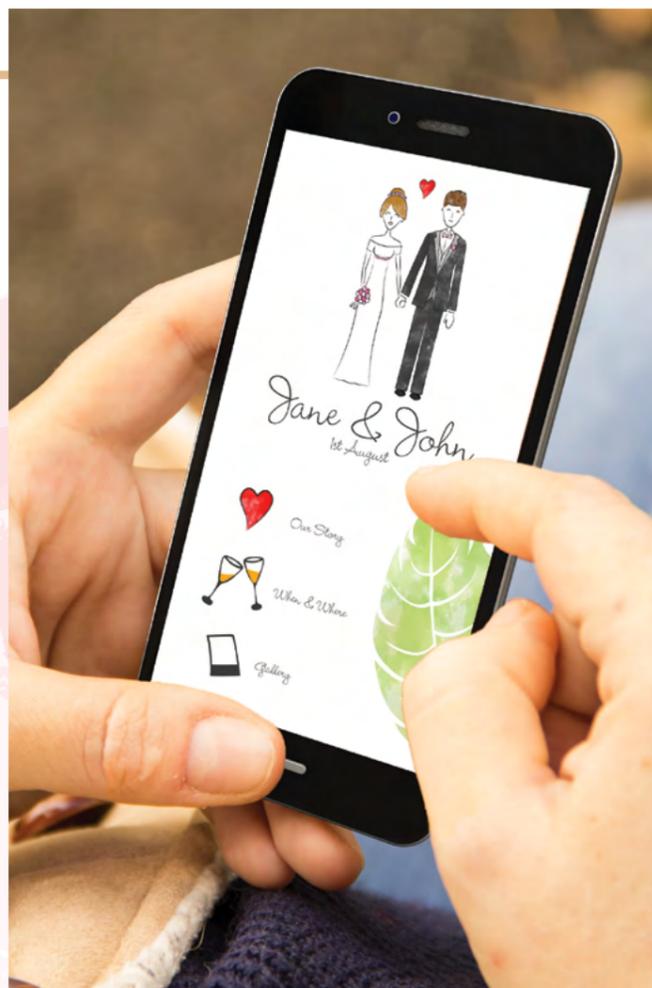
Collect all the details. Before you sit down at the computer, make sure you have all the details handy. You'll need the exact venue address, travel details, registry links and digital copies of your favorite engagement photos, plus any other photos together over the years.

Pick a website host. There are lots of free sites that host wedding websites. Some of our favorites are theknot.com, minted.com and zola.com.

Choose your template. Don't worry! You don't need to be a tech whiz to make a website. Choose from dozens of beautiful, pre-designed templates and fill out the details.

Be thorough. To avoid fielding the same questions over and over, include absolutely everything your guests might want to know, like the schedule of events, travel directions, things to do in the destination, RSVP details, registry links, photos and even the story of how you met.

Share the URL. Once your website is published, share the URL on your save-the-date announcements. That's it!



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CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To tweet, or not to tweet? Nobody said you have to have a social media presence at your wedding. Whether you want to be connected or unplugged, you can communicate your wishes to your guests with a cute DIY sign.

If you want to be connected, choose a wedding hashtag and start using it right away. This will encourage your guests to use it, too. Plus, it will help catalog your experience from engagement to tying the knot and everything in between.

If you use Pinterest to plan your wedding, maintain the element of surprise and make your wedding board private. It will help you avoid unsolicited advice about your plans and make a bigger impression on your guests on the actual wedding day.

Pass the buck. No, seriously! You have enough to do on your wedding day, so hand over your Facebook or Instagram account to a trusted bridesmaid for the evening so you can be present in the moment.

CONTACT OUR AGENCY FOR MORE HELP WITH LAST-MINUTE DETAILS.

WHERE TO HAVE YOUR BACHELOR(ETTE) PARTY

WHAT **SCENE** ARE YOU GOING FOR THE MOST?

A) TO CHILL

THE HAMPTONS

Wide-open beaches bordered by cute coastal houses, sprawling Eden-esque vistas at more than 60 wineries, cozy main streets filled with boutique shops — the Hamptons is surprisingly chill for a place just a few hours away from NYC.

PORTLAND

Portland is a bastion of hipster cool, a town surrounded by natural beauty and chock full of microbreweries, très cool coffeehouses and intimate art galleries. Bonus: you can still find some nightlife if you wanted to.

B) TO PARTY

LOS ANGELES

Spend the morning walking on Venice Beach, the afternoon shopping on Rodeo Drive, then the nights rubbing elbows with -up-and-coming actors and actresses at rooftop pool parties and super-chic nightclubs.

MIAMI

Spend your days sunbathing on iconic beaches, and your nights dancing next to celebs and international models in the cool neon of fabled nightclubs. Miami seems like it was tailor-made for bachelor and bachelorette parties.

C) TO PARTY INTERNATIONALLY

CANCUN

The quintessential beach party town, Cancun has everything you could hope for regarding a bachelor or bachelorette party: luxe resorts, stunning beaches and a margarita that is never more than 60 seconds away.

LOS CABOS

Located on the Pacific coast of Mexico, Los Cabos trades the tropical waters of the Gulf for sweeping shorelines with wild geological formations, picture-perfect golf courses and A-list night clubs that keep the energy up all night long.

D) TO VIBE

AUSTIN

They successfully kept Austin weird, but it's a wonderful kind of weird that is equal parts authentic and welcoming. Party weekends here can include tons of live music, an incredibly diverse art scene and some seriously addictive tacos.

NASHVILLE

Rooftop pools, honky-tonk dancing and foodie favorites imbued with Southern charm make for an unforgettable bachelor(ette) party in Music City. Nashville is hallowed ground for country music, so if the person of the hour has a penchant for dive bars and live music, this is the place to head to.



GREECE

FIND ALL YOU WANT IN GREECE



When pondering where to travel for your destination wedding or honeymoon, it's wise to ask yourself one important question: "What do you want?" Do you want a destination where the local history is so captivating and so deep you can dive into it for days? Do you want a place filled with romantic settings that make you fall deeper in love with both each

other and the earth itself? Do you want to taste flavors so exceptionally fresh and honest that you'll be fantasizing about them long after the trip has ended? For most couples, all you want is a place that allows you to be inspired and free to explore your whims. A place tailor-made for two people in love. All you want is Greece.

CENTURIES-OLD CULTURE

Greece is a true paradise for the culturally curious, an unforgettable journey into history and art. Here you and your partner can visit countless monuments in both the open air and in museums, along with vast collections of ancient and modern art. Archaeological sites — from the mighty Acropolis in Athens to the island sanctuary of Delos — always leave you awestruck while making the past come alive. Numerous civilizations shaped the land here, leaving their footprints for all to admire.

NATURAL WONDERS

With 80% of the country's landscape mountainous, you'll find breathtaking views in nearly every direction. Couple the geographic splendor on display — deep caves and gorges, alpine forests teeming with biodiversity, historic volcanoes — with its mild climate, and you have the perfect recipe for outdoor adventures. Yet when it comes to natural beauty, the Greek Isles are in a world of their own.

FLAVORFUL CUISINE

Republics and emperors have come and gone, yet the food in Greece has stayed the same. It's that ode to tradition and simplicity that keeps these regional dishes treasured worldwide. Healthy, flavor-packed and visually resplendent, Greek cuisine may be difficult to pronounce — just try wrapping your tongue around kolokithokeftedes — yet it's relatively easy to savor throughout the mainland and the isles. Plus, many Greek tavernas are naturally romantic, turning every meal into a date.



Crete



Zakynthos



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LEISURELY PURSUITS

Why is Greece a popular year-round destination for couples? Because the country is full of theatres, music venues, cute cafés, nightclubs, pampering spas, fashion boutiques, traditional markets and trendy restaurants open all year. Add in an accessible coastline with idyllic beaches and hidden coves, and you have many, many ways to rest, relax and make the most of your time here. Your days can be filled with as much activity, or as little, as you wish.

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

With one of the longest coastlines in the world — almost 10,000 miles — Greece is a veritable playground for those seeking sun-and-fun. Crystal clear Mediterranean waters can easily be enjoyed in sheltered bays and coves, golden stretches of sand with high dunes, pebble beaches, coastal caves with dark volcanic sandy shores. Cruising the Greek Isles, whether in a larger cruise ship or smaller yacht, is the best way to sink your toes into as many beaches as possible.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Of course, the birthplace of the Olympic Games can provide you with ample ways to get your blood pumping. In between exploring archeological wonders, you can hike mountain trails on Mt. Parnassos, enjoy sea views while bouldering on Kalymnos, hit the slopes on Mt. Vassilitsa, search for gods while rafting near Mt. Olympus or kayak down Pineios River, just to name a few.

GREECE

A COUNTRY MADE FOR ROMANCE

While it's easy to see why all travelers would enjoy Greece (see the previous two pages), let's focus now on why the country should be at the top of your romantic destinations list. This is, after all, the birthplace of the winged God Eros, son of Aphrodite, who with his quiver and arrows inspired

artists and writers for centuries to praise the virtues of love. Whether you are looking for an ideal honeymoon destination or just a romantic escape for your wedding ceremony, the beauty and diversity of the Greek landscape forms an incredibly romantic backdrop.

SO MANY SETTINGS FOR LOVE

Find romance in every shade of blue and white in the Greek Isles, a perfect honeymoon destination bathed in sunlight all year long. No matter which island you settle on, you and your beloved will enjoy sun-kissed beaches, Insta-worthy natural landscapes, cosmopolitan resorts and traditional villages. Santorini, Mykonos and Corfu rank among the most popular romantic getaways in Greece, but don't forget to pay a visit to the rest of the Aegean and Ionian islands as well!

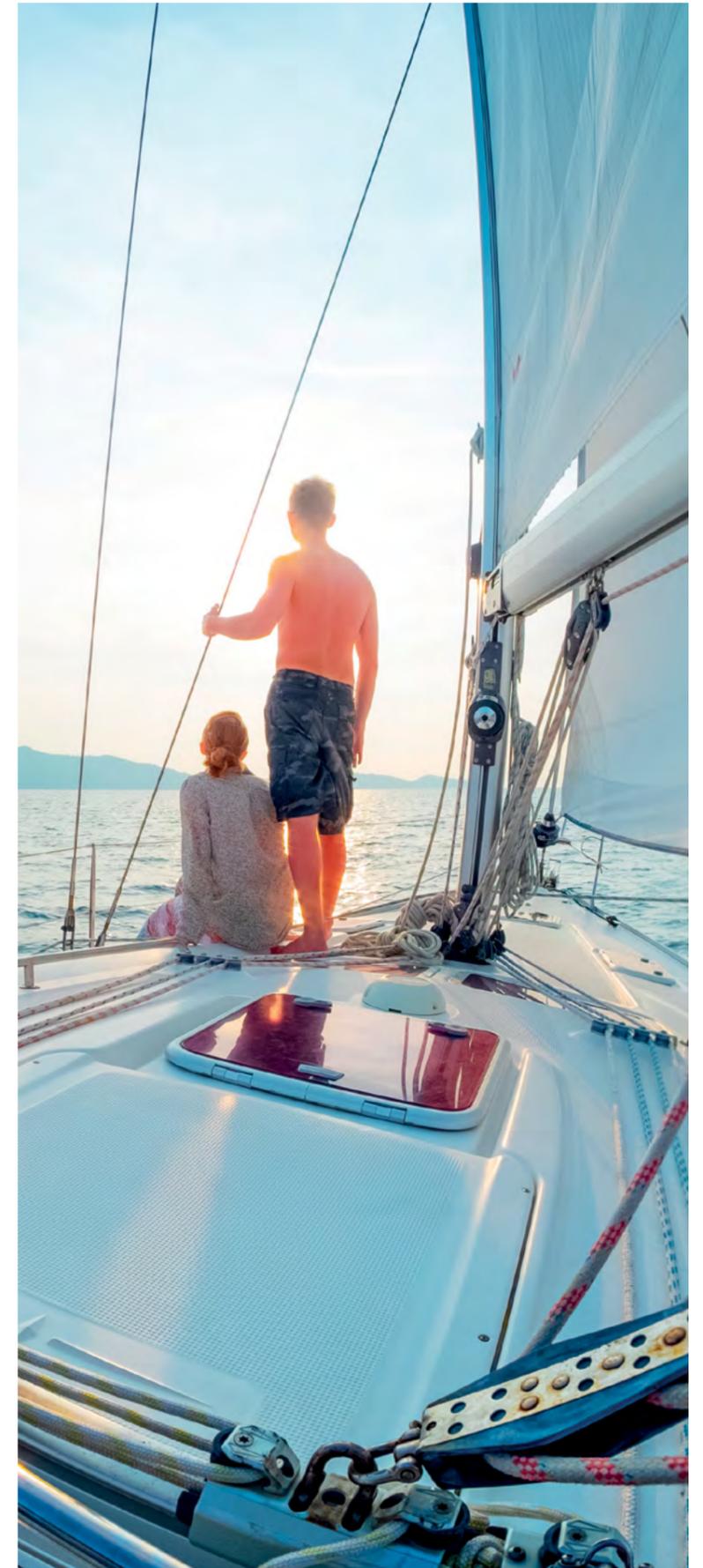
For newcomers to this area — and even for those who've already visited Greece — it can be difficult to decide which islands are absolute must-sees. It doesn't help that there are about 6,000 Greek islands and isles scattered throughout the Aegean and Ionian Seas — 230 of which are inhabited. So, sample as many as you can on a Greek Isles cruise, either on a larger ship filled with high-end restaurants and Broadway-caliber entertainment, or on an intimate yacht that will take you to secluded beaches and coves.

If you fancy the energy and variety of cities, places like Athens, Thessaloniki, Larissa and Heraklion will fit the bill nicely. Here you can enjoy blissful moments while walking hand-in-hand along monumental avenues or narrow pedestrian streets packed with the cutest boutique shops you'll ever see. As evening descends, catch a bird's eye view of the sunset from hilltop viewpoints, head to a cozy bar for a glass of a local vintage and then end the night with a romantic dinner of fine Greek cuisine under the candle lights.

GET MARRIED IN A CASTLE

Always full of surprises, Greece has many idyllic castles that form the perfect backdrop to a couple's dream wedding. You could have your fairytale ceremony in the castle town of Monemvasia on the eastern coast of Laconia in the Peloponnese, where you'll find a medieval castle still alive with small shops, Byzantine churches and traditional stone houses. The castle and town are actually carved into a huge rock, so you know this setting will be unforgettable.

To learn more about Greece, contact our agency today.





REAL WEDDINGS

Punta Cana

MEGAN & JUSTIN

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC · 36 PEOPLE

Q. WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR WEDDING?

A. My favorite part of our wedding was after dinner when we got to dance and have fun with all of our guests. My nerves from walking down the aisle faded away, and seeing all of our planning come together while enjoying it with our closest friends and family was the greatest feeling. I also enjoyed the sunset photos my husband and I got to sneak away to take. At the time, I didn't realize how little time we would actually get to spend together on our wedding day, so I am very grateful our photographer suggested these photos.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DESTINATION?

A. We loved that whatever mood we were in, there was somewhere at the resort to accommodate us. When we just wanted to chill and have a laid-back day, there was a quiet pool or beach cabana to hang out at. When we wanted to go to dinner with a large group of people, there was the hibachi restaurant that had amazing food. The day after our wedding, when we wanted a quiet morning together, we were able to get breakfast brought to our room and eat on our balcony while listening to the ocean.

Q. HOW DID USING A TRAVEL ADVISOR MAKE WEDDING PLANNING BETTER?

A. Wedding planning, in general, can be very stressful as we wanted everything to be perfect for both us and our guests. But then, adding on the additional stress of planning the wedding in a different country during COVID and at a resort we have never visited, really started to add up. Having an expert to answer all our questions and take away some of the worry made us feel more comfortable. Our travel advisor had personally been to the resort and was able to make great suggestions. He also took away the burden of answering all the questions our guests had. We knew he could handle the constant travel changes that COVID threw his way, but never did he let us know of that stress. He was always very positive and made our options clear when changes needed to be made. We never would have gone through having a destination wedding during those crazy times if we didn't have a knowledgeable and experienced travel advisor on our side.

Q. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER COUPLES PLANNING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

A. Do it! Never once have I looked back and regretted deciding to marry my best friend on a gorgeous beach surrounded by our closest family and friends! Yes, it was hard that a few of our family members weren't able to make the trip, but we did have a very casual celebration back home after to celebrate with them too. At first, it felt like we had little control of the vendors and details of the wedding, but our onsite wedding coordinator was so easy to work with and she accommodated all of our ideas. She was able to provide pictures from prior onsite weddings to ensure us exactly the setup we would be getting and how we could customize it to work for us. She also greeted us upon arrival and then took us around the resort to show us exactly where the wedding would be held and how it would all come together.



Kerry Barthelmy of Sirena Photography

NOELLE & MACK

CAP ESTATE, ST. LUCIA · 130 PEOPLE

Q. WHY DID YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ CHOOSE THIS LOCATION?

A. My husband and I chose this location because, while looking for the perfect destination for our wedding, we came across pictures of the Pitons and quickly fell in love with St. Lucia. Those iconic mountains are even more impressive in real life!

Q. WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR WEDDING?

A. My favorite part was walking down the aisle on that beach, my friends and family on both sides smiling big, and my handsome husband-to-be at the end — all with the incredible Caribbean waters as our backdrop. It was absolutely magical.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DESTINATION?

A. We did so many things while there to make the event extra special. We took a mud bath at the spa, hiked to the most beautiful waterfall I've ever seen, took a catamaran ride at sunset and just spent countless hours on the beach. Our wedding turned into a true Caribbean vacation.

Q. HOW DID USING A TRAVEL ADVISOR MAKE WEDDING PLANNING BETTER?

A. Using a travel advisor allowed us to focus on making our day memorable. She took care of all the travel details, so we could turn all of our attention on the wedding. She took so much stress off our plates, we will always be thankful.

Q. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER COUPLES PLANNING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

A. Just remember that this is YOUR day and should focus first and foremost on what you BOTH want. You'll drive yourself crazy trying to please your parents, aunts, cousins and friends.



Emerald Rue

CHELSIE & ADAM

VIEUX FORT, ST. LUCIA · 33 PEOPLE

Q. WHY DID YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ CHOOSE THIS LOCATION?

A. We wanted an all-inclusive beach wedding in the Caribbean, and we loved the venue options and overall value.

Q. WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR WEDDING?

A. The entire week was amazing. Between our beautiful private sunset catamaran rehearsal cruise and our gorgeous beach-side ceremony and reception, it's hard to choose. The venue was amazing, and the staff were ultimate professionals who made the event go off without a hitch. The food was plentiful and delicious, and the entertainment was perfect. We even had fire dancers!

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DESTINATION?

A. The staff; we had amazing service, food and entertainment. Everyone was so friendly and respectful the entire time.

Q. HOW DID USING A TRAVEL ADVISOR MAKE WEDDING PLANNING BETTER?

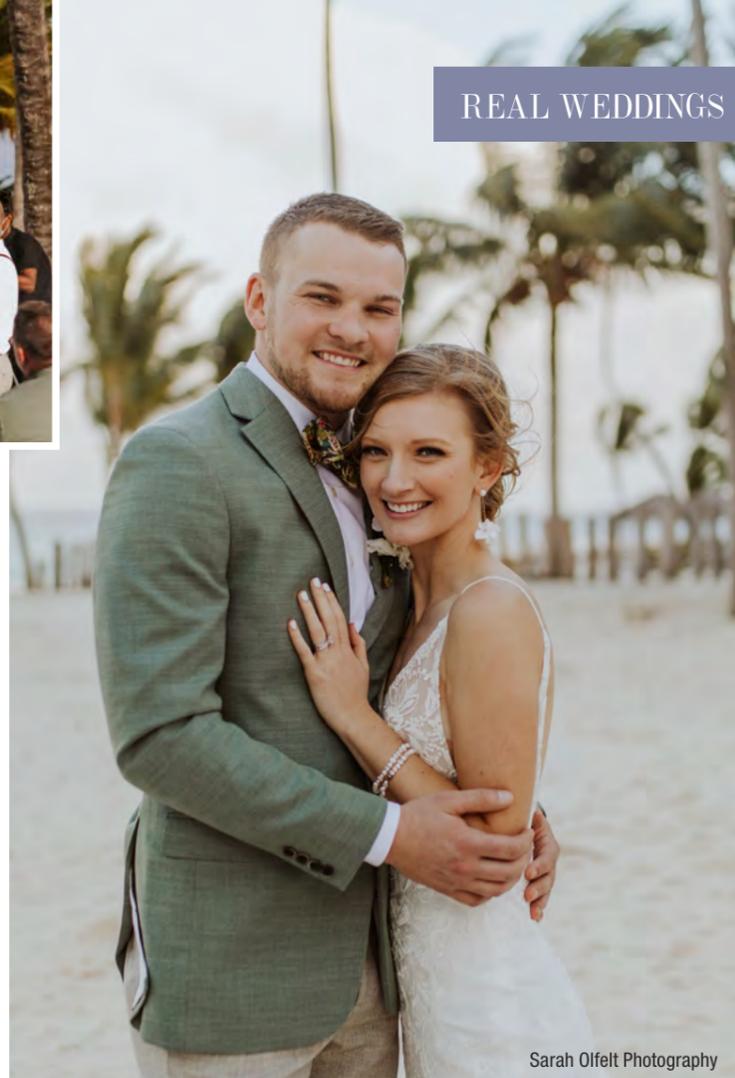
A. Our travel advisor made the "destination" portion of a destination much easier on our guests. They helped with the planning from start to finish and offered payment plan options. They also helped immensely with the day of travel, especially during the week COVID hit America. Which is

when our wedding was – March of 2020. They helped people adjust their itinerary and get refunds if necessary.

Q. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER COUPLES PLANNING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

A. Go all-inclusive and use a travel advisor. The best part of a destination wedding is enjoying the destination. Use the resources they have to offer to make the trip and event special. We arrived, had a blast, dressed up and then the best part — we're married! We enjoyed every minute and never once had a stressful moment.





Sarah Olfelt Photography

DEB & TOM

LAKE COMO, ITALY · 32 PEOPLE

Q. WHY DID YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ CHOOSE THIS LOCATION?

A. I had visited this area before and wanted to return for the wedding. Once you've been to this magical part of Italy, you want to return time and time again. Nothing compares to it.

Q. WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR WEDDING?

A. It's so hard to pick just one! The Villa Capressi gave us a fairytale wedding – and I loved the harp player for our wedding ceremony. It was like a dream come true.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DESTINATION?

A. Lake Como is majestic — all the surrounding mountains, local cities, the food and friendly people are amazing. Most people only visit Rome and Venice when they come to Italy, which is fine, but the lake district up north is my favorite part of the country.



Jen Martodam Photography

Q. HOW DID USING A TRAVEL ADVISOR MAKE WEDDING PLANNING BETTER?

A. She was there every step of the way and couldn't have done it any better. She took so much pressure off me and my fiancé, that it made it easier to enjoy the adventure.

Q. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER COUPLES PLANNING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

A. Go for it and don't let anyone dissuade you. It is your wedding, and this memory will never fade. You only get to do it once!

TAITE & KURT

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC · 52 PEOPLE

Q. WHY DID YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ CHOOSE THIS LOCATION?

A. We both come from families that travel a lot and have traveled to Mexico and other islands in Caribbean. In fact, Kurt's Mom owns a travel agency. We knew we wanted to be married on a really pretty beach with a great resort that was affordable for our guests to attend. We visited Dreams Macao Beach Punta Cana one year prior to our wedding and fell in love with it.

Q. WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR WEDDING?

A. The first look. It had started to rain, but we found a cool location to have that first look and our photographer captured it perfectly. We were high school friends before we became a couple and then decided to marry amidst the pandemic. It was a magical moment when our dream came to fruition.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DESTINATION?

A. Everyone knows the beaches are magnificent in the Dominican Republic. The wide beaches and swaying palm trees just make it look so inviting. We enjoy taking long walks on the beach when we are on vacation. Our guests loved it too, as we suspected they would. The resort arranged for our group to take a snorkeling excursion on a party boat, with drinks and music – that was fab!

Q. HOW DID USING A TRAVEL ADVISOR MAKE WEDDING PLANNING BETTER?

A. Using Kurt's family's travel agency was a key part of our wedding. His Mom, Denise, and the destination wedding specialist, Heidi, took care of our guests, fielded all of the questions, and took all of the pressure off of us. Working with a destination wedding specialist who is already a pro at working with complex groups gave us the confidence that we could pull this off and offered peace of mind to us and our guests.

Getting married with the COVID restrictions made it challenging, but we pushed ahead with our plans. Our wedding was scheduled to happen just as new testing rules were put in place. Dreams did an amazing job of getting our return tests scheduled.

At the time, it was a brand-new requirement and we were concerned about someone getting stuck in the Dominican and unable to get back into the U.S. That was nerve-racking, but we later learned that testing positive at our destination is very low.

Q. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER COUPLES PLANNING A DESTINATION WEDDING?

A. We felt like everything was perfect. A destination wedding for 52 people amid a pandemic was a big feat. The resort arranged a welcome reception on Friday night, which was amazing. We had a casual gathering with drinks, appetizers and music in lieu of a rehearsal dinner to introduce anyone who hadn't yet met.

Bottom line, keep in mind that this entire event is about you and you chose this route for a reason. It's easy to get caught up in the things that don't matter in the long run, but stay true to your heart and it will all work out exactly the way it's supposed to.

DESTINATION HONEYMOON

Checklist

By Erica Moody

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MONTHS OUT

GET INSPIRED

- Start brainstorming.** Think about what your dream honeymoon looks like. Is it off-grid adventure? Beachfront bliss? Cultural wonders?
- Explore destinations.** Get together and have a date night where you share inspiration. Maybe even get crafty and create a mood board together!
- Discuss your budget.** Will you splurge for an ultra-luxe honeymoon or are you keeping it sweet and simple? Make sure you and your honey are on the same page.

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MONTHS OUT

MEET WITH A TRAVEL ADVISOR

- Share your vision.** Our travel advisors can help you take the pieces of your inspiration and build a honeymoon specifically catered to your personality and interests.
- Compare options.** Your advisor is a travel guru who has access to secret tips, VIP perks and insider information that can help you narrow down your choices.
- Get informed.** From travel documents to immunizations and travel restrictions, your advisor can help you understand all the moving pieces to turn your dreams into reality.

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MONTHS OUT

PICK YOUR PARADISE

- Make it official.** Make a primary plan and secure your reservation with a deposit.
- Plan ahead.** Choose a backup option. In these uncertain times, you can't be too careful. Our agency can also make sure you understand all cancellation and refund options available.
- Create a honeymoon registry.** Listing your wishes — like couples' massages, rainforest ziplining or a photography package — is a great way to involve loved ones in the planning process.
- Protect your investment.** Consult with your travel advisor to select the best travel insurance policy to safeguard your honeymoon.

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MONTHS OUT

MAKE IT SPECIAL

- Cash out.** Withdraw your registry funds to book excursions, schedule spa appointments and make travel purchases like cameras, luggage and electrical adapters.
- Become an expert.** Whether it's salsa classes, SCUBA certification or language lessons, signing up for fun new activities can help you bond and get excited for your trip.
- Go for the extras.** Consider booking a surprise for your spouse — maybe a sunset catamaran cruise or Michelin dinner reservations?

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MONTHS OUT

GET EXCITED

- Plan your attire.** Think about whether you've made plans that require specific clothing. Check the weather forecast in your destination and bring pieces that can be layered.
- Make a packing list.** Bring adapters if you're traveling internationally and be sure you have any prescriptions you may need. Begin your list early so you don't forget anything.
- Start packing.** If possible, take carry-on luggage only so you don't risk lost baggage and can start your vacation as soon as you land.
- Be safe.** Check with your travel advisor on any destination restrictions or requirements.

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MONTHS OUT

ENJOY YOUR HONEYMOON!

- Be present.** Our agency has done this many times. We can help you plan ahead so you can leave your worries behind and enjoy your honeymoon.
- Make memories.** Bring extra camera batteries and a journal to write down special moments to remember later.
- Share your experience.** Remember to review tour operators, resorts and even our agency to help future honeymooners have their own spectacular experiences.

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HIGH-END HONEYMOON *Splurges*

By Erica Moody



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any couples who postponed their weddings and honeymoons due to COVID-19 are making up for it with elaborate celebrations. After patiently waiting out the pandemic with your

significant other, why not make your honeymoon extra-special now that you're vaccinated and feel safe to travel? Here are some ideas on how to embrace the urge to splurge on your honeymoon.



Cappadocia, Turkey

“*Romantic horseback rides on the beach, private sunset catamaran sails, hot air balloon rides, swimming under rainforest waterfalls*”

UPGRADE YOUR ROOM

The “honeymoon suite” at luxury resorts is designed for romantic, splurge-worthy occasions. If you’re staying at a resort, ask your travel advisor about any honeymoon suite packages or splurges. Does the hotel offer in-room hot tubs, villas with spectacular ocean views, private plunge pools, secluded gardens or butler service? You can even watch tropical fish swim beneath your feet through glass panels of an overwater bungalow in the South Pacific. Think of the most extravagant resort features you can imagine and upgrade your stay to include them.

ARRANGE PRIVATE EXCURSIONS

If your resort or cruise ship offers exciting excursions, check if you can forgo group activities and turn it into a private tour. Think romantic horseback rides on the beach, private sunset catamaran sails, hot air balloon rides, swimming under rainforest waterfalls, enjoying a picnic at the top of a mountain. Take advantage of your honeymoon location’s amazing scenery for the ultimate in romantic date ideas. If you’re more the adventurous type than romantic, ask about adrenaline-fueled activities like zip-lining through a rainforest, private helicopter tours over stunning landscapes, ATV adventures, scuba diving and more.

INDULGE IN GOURMET MEALS

Nothing beats the atmosphere of dining overlooking the ocean at a luxurious beach resort. Make sure you're getting the highest quality experience by dining at the top-rated restaurants around. Treat yourselves to a multi-course meal featuring fresh local cuisine from your destination. And make sure to let the staff know you're on your honeymoon—you never know if complimentary champagne will be sent to your table. That goes for every part of your trip from beginning to end—honeymoon perks can include goodies like chocolate-covered strawberries, a cheese plate and wine greeting you in your room upon arrival or after your meals in the evening.



PAMPER YOURSELF AT THE SPA

Make spa time a bonding experience by purchasing packages you're likely to only indulge in on your honeymoon. In-suite, oceanfront or private garden couples' massages are offered at many high-end resorts. And they go all-out to set a romantic atmosphere—expect thoughtful touches like candle lighting, champagne, aromatic oils and sunset views. After the stress of planning a wedding, a spa treatment is just what you and your new spouse need.

HIRE A PHOTOGRAPHER

Ask your travel advisor or resort about local photographers for hire. They'll capture the two of you at your happiest with gorgeous scenery as a backdrop. If you really want to splurge and you already have a good relationship with your wedding photographer, pay for them to come to your honeymoon destination and take photos on-site. When you get back home, frame your favorites or put them in a photo album for everlasting memories to revisit.

BUY A MEANINGFUL SOUVENIR

Treat yourself and your spouse to a special purchase or two at your honeymoon destination. It's also a great way to support local independent businesses and artists. If you want to buy jewelry, find gems or designs that have special meaning to the destination or the two of you. Buy artwork that depicts your honeymoon landscapes or cityscapes so you can hang it up in your home and always remember this time in your life.

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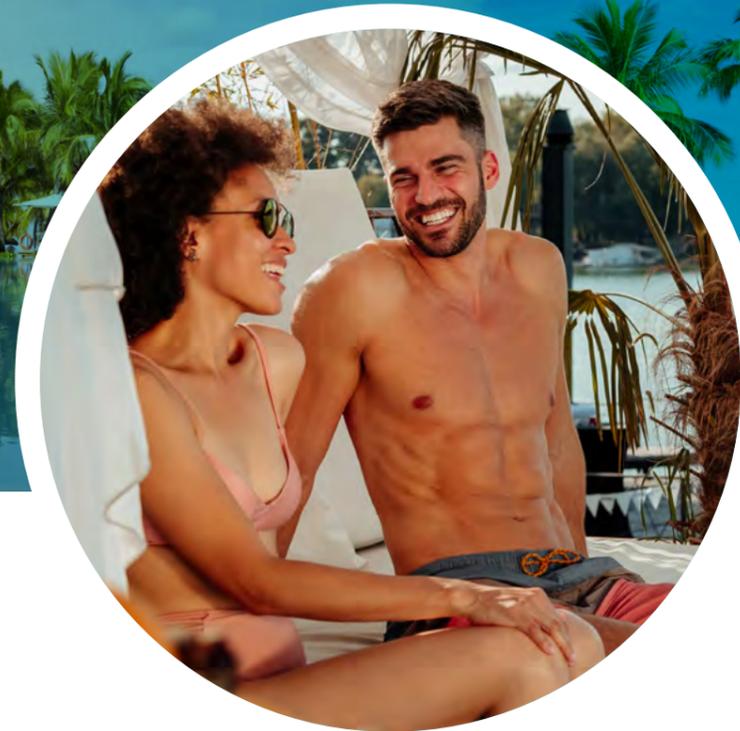
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find your Honeymoon Match

By Jonathan Hermann



Are you more of a *cruising couple*
or the *all-inclusive resort* type?

Some couples treat their honeymoon like a normal vacation, one they spend primarily to experience new destinations and cultures. Other couples though, after spending months and months planning their wedding, just want to relax and be pampered on their honeymoon. Sure, this latter group still likes to get a taste of new parts of the world, but they want it to be easy — they want their rooms to be posh, the service outstanding and the food choices accessible and divine.

All of those honeymoon goals can be achieved by going on a cruise or staying at an all-inclusive resort. But how do you choose one over the other? Luckily, as with all travel-related questions, we're here to help you.

you'll love a
cruise vacation
if you ...

...crave variety.

Sushi and a Broadway show? How about the steakhouse followed by the piano bar? On cruise ships, your options are nearly as endless as the views from your balcony stateroom thanks to an unbelievable variety of restaurants, cabins, entertainment, pools, nightclubs, casinos, activities and spa treatments. In essence, the ship is a destination itself, a place you can thoroughly enjoy during days at sea or after port explorations.

...want to explore the world.

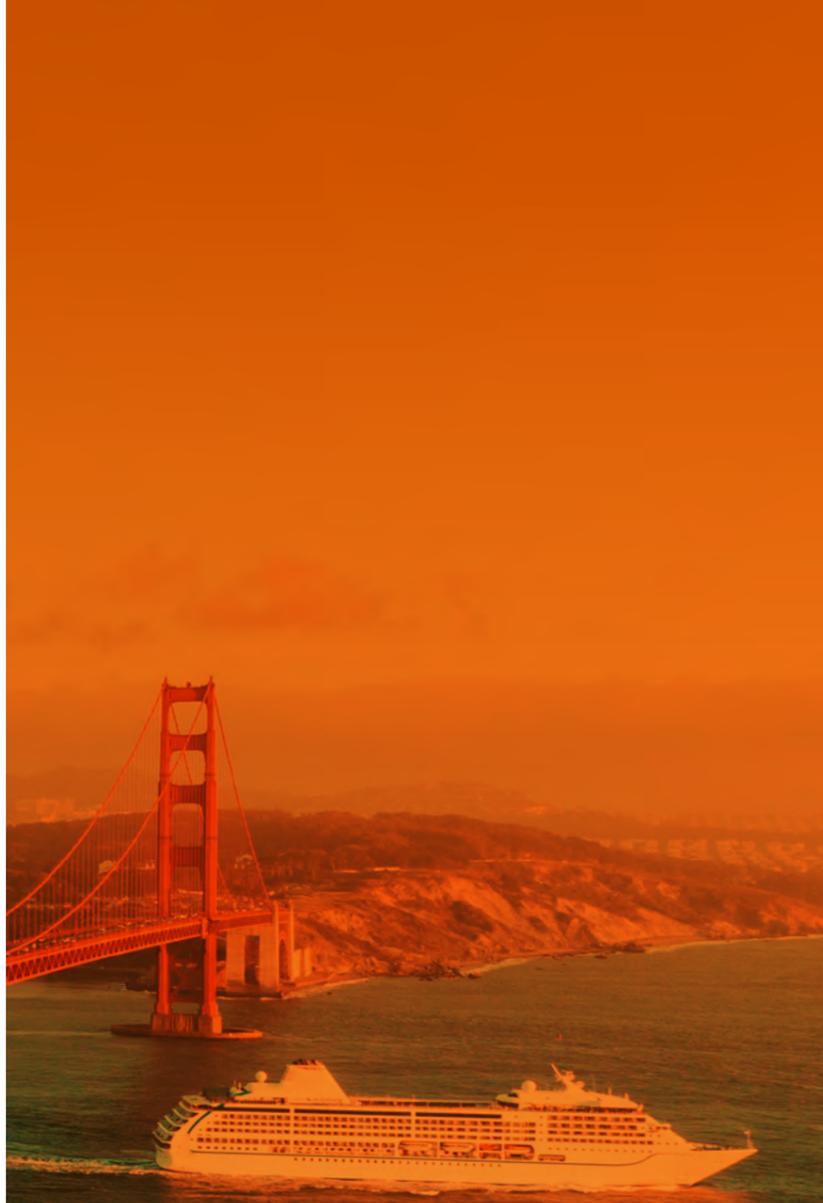
Cruise itineraries tend to cover multiple destinations, exposing you to a wider variety of cultures across countries and continents. An eastern Mediterranean voyage can stop in Italy, Greece, Croatia, Turkey, Israel and Egypt in just 12 days, giving you a wide range of experiences to collect and appreciate together. Plus, shore excursions run the gamut nowadays, so you can choose a private cooking lesson in one port and a dolphin encounter in another.

...love the allure of the islands.

In the eyes of many, paradise is found amongst the islands. From the tropical wonders of Hawaii to the white-sand masterpieces of the Caribbean, the call of the islands is powerful and can best be satiated by an island-hopping ocean cruise. In the Caribbean, each island has its own vibe and cultural appeals, so even though the weather doesn't change, each day will bring you a new country to explore.

...upgrade to spacious suites.

Onboard a cruise ship, suites can wow you with up to 5,750 square feet of space. Not only can these suites include grand pianos, multiple stories and private decks, Jacuzzi included, but they also come with a bevy of exclusive services and amenities, like a private butler and access to exclusive restaurants. You only have one honeymoon, so you might as well make the most of it.



you'll love a
resort vacation
if you ...

...want to feel like a VIP.

Who doesn't want to receive special treatment while on their honeymoon? All-inclusive resorts can offer butler service, in-room refrigerators stocked with all your favorite beverages and snacks, nightly turn-down service, a personal concierge and 24-hour room service. There's no better way to blissfully bond over your newly-minted marriage than to have all your wishes granted.

...love to eat and drink.

At an all-inclusive resort, everything really is included. From Italian restaurants and Japanese hibachi grills to Brazilian steak houses and order-off-the-menu breakfast diners, every resort has an array of specialty restaurants. All-inclusive does not mean buffet only! And while the quality of the liquor is always top shelf, so are the ingredients in their smoothies and premium coffee drinks. Toasting your love will be easy and frequent.

...want everything to be included.

While you can spend an entire cruise without spending an extra dime, you often do spend that dime (and many more) on drinks, shore excursions and more. All-inclusive resorts, on the other hand, provide pretty much everything — lavish accommodations, 24-hour room service, world-class dining, wireless Internet, even bottles of top-shelf spirits in your room — all included in the price of your stay. The only things you may pay extra for are spa treatments or extra-special dining experiences.

...wish to avoid the motion of the ocean.

No matter how technologically advanced the cruise ships' stabilizers are, you're going to feel the ship rocking occasionally on your voyage. At an all-inclusive resort, the only time you feel the waves is when you go swimming in the warm ocean waters.



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Two U.S. destinations face off to determine the best domestic destination for honeymoon bliss.

By Dayna Engberg & Jonathan Hermann

While many of us dream of an international honeymoon, it's only natural to factor in the actual travel time when choosing a destination. For many honeymooners, the last thing you want to do after planning and enjoying an amazing wedding celebration is to hop on a 17-hour flight to the other side of the world. With that in mind, we present two domestic titans of honeymoon memory-making going head-to-head: one an iconic symbol of wild fun in the West, the other a laidback, natural escape in the East. Will you prefer the one you're closest to, or will the other destination prove too enticing to deny?

WESTERN CHAMP

Las Vegas



TO Las Vegas
LAS VEGAS
NEVADA

Even if you've decided against eloping to Vegas to get hitched by an Elvis impersonator, you can still capture all those what-happens-in-Vegas-stays-in-Vegas moments with these essential honeymoon experiences.

RIDE A GONDOLA AT THE VENETIAN GRAND CANAL

Taking a gondola ride at the Venetian is a must-do for your honeymoon. This resort isn't just modeled after its namesake. Frescoes painted by Italian artists and building materials imported from Italy complement designs plucked straight from the floating city itself, from the famous Rialto Bridge to Palazzo Ducale and more. Sip fine Italian Prosecco as you glide beneath bridges and past shops and cafés designed to be just like those in Italy. Upgrade to the private 2-person gondola with the singing gondolier for an extra romantic experience.

SPLURGE FOR A PRIVATE POOLSIDE CABANA

Vegas is all about the pool party. Up the ante and reserve a private poolside cabana like those at Marquee Dayclub or Drai's Beachclub. Offering ultra-luxury private cabanas and bungalows — some with their own private pools and showers — and an event calendar packed with big-name acts like Wiz Khalifa and Rauw Alejandro, it's the ultimate party scene to celebrate tying the knot. Looking for a more chill experience? Try the Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis at Caesar's Palace, where you can indulge in poolside spa services from the award-winning Qua Baths and Spa.

TAKE A RIDE ON THE HIGH ROLLER

Soar 550 feet over Las Vegas on the High Roller — the world's largest observation Ferris wheel located at The Linq — boasting 360-degree views from spacious, private cabins. Opt for the Happy Half Hour experience. Not only will you enjoy a private bartender and open bar for the duration of the 30-minute revolution, you'll also be able to get an envy-inducing photo with the entire Las Vegas Strip as your backdrop. It's the perfect way to harness all the high-roller energy without spending any of your precious poker chips.

SNAG A RESERVATION AT EIFFEL TOWER RESTAURANT

With an impossibly romantic view overlooking the Bellagio Fountains, Eiffel Tower Restaurant might hold the world record for wedding proposals. In fact, they even offer a menu of packages specifically for the occasion. The romantic vibe is perfect for a honeymoon dinner. Plan ahead and reserve the iconic table 56 — claimed to be the best table in all of Las Vegas — while you enjoy French classics such as filet mignon with foie gras or dover sole à la grenobloise. (And keep an eye peeled to spot the next happy newlyweds-to-be.)

Day Trips from Las Vegas

SEE THE GRAND CANYON BY HELICOPTER

With this tour, you can experience all the majestic landscapes of the Grand Canyon without ever stepping foot in a hiking boot. Board a touring helicopter for the scenic journey from Las Vegas, passing over the Hoover Dam and Lake Mead before touching down on a secluded bluff inside the Grand Canyon for a romantic Champagne toast.

GO FOR A SCENIC HIKE

Whether you want a quick stroll or a rigorous journey, the landscapes outside Las Vegas offer plentiful opportunities for a good hike. Venture out to Red Rock Canyon, just 17 miles from the city, to a picturesque waterfall on the Ice Box Canyon trail, trek alongside the babbling creek at Oak Creek Canyon or see the ancient petroglyphs and bright orange cliffs at the Valley of Fire.

TAKE A WINERY TOUR

Dig out a pair of sunglasses and your best vintage headscarf — we're taking the convertible for a spin! Just an hour west of Las Vegas is the charming Pahrump Valley Winery, the perfect destination for a road trip. The vineyard, winery and full-service restaurant are open daily. As you tour the winery and cellars, learn about the history of Pahrump Valley and how grapes are grown in the arid Nevada landscape.

THE EAST'S RISING RIVAL

Asheville



Sure, the eastern U.S. has some heavy hitters vying for the right to square off against Las Vegas; places like New York City, Miami, Savannah and Charleston come to mind. And while those would satisfy many couples as ideal honeymoon haunts, we've chosen a different contender, one that offers pretty much everything that Las Vegas cannot: enjoyable temperatures, lush landscapes, laidback vibes and Southern hospitality. Welcome to Asheville, North Carolina.

MARVEL AT THE MENUS

Every meal is a celebration in Asheville, where the local food scene is affectionally called Foodtopia thanks to its talented community of culinary collaborators. Window shopping here means pausing to read the tantalizing menus posted on the windows, making it very difficult to walk more than two blocks without jumping inside an establishment to sample its unique treats. While Caribbean-inspired Nine Mile in the Montford area and downtown's Rhubarb restaurant, helmed by five-time James Beard Award finalist John Fler, are two standouts, the city's vegan and vegetarian cooking take center stage here. Whether you're feasting on buffalo cauliflower tacos at the Laughing Seed Café or the applewood smoked mushroom steak at Plant, you'll suddenly realize why all the local vegans walk around with such big smiles on their faces.

BECOME ONE WITH NATURE

Packed with breathtaking vistas that include the highest peaks of the Appalachian Mountains, Asheville is tailor-made for both on- and off-the-beaten-path adventures. Check out Bridal Veil Falls in the Dupont State Forest and see why it starred in both *The Hunger Games* and *Last of the Mohicans*. Take a leisurely drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway, a winding two-lane byway packed with cute towns, fun hikes and massive views. And while Craggy Pinnacle Trail may not have the most romantic name, seeing the glorious sunsets or morning mist from the 360° views at the top will surely create a romantic spark.

DRINK UP THE BEER SCENE

Why should wineries get all the credit for being the romantic go-to spots for intoxicating beverages? Home to more than 40 breweries, Asheville has been voted Beer City USA by *National Geographic* four times! Breweries and beer gardens are sprinkled throughout the town, making it easy to enjoy a pint of hoppy goodness. Enjoy rustic ambiance while sipping a Surf Wax IPA in an old vintage truck at Burial Beer Co. Is your partner not a beer fan? Head to the rooftop deck of female-owned Chemist Spirits for a Classic Chemist Negroni. Want to burn calories while consuming them? Hop on the Amazing Pubcycle, a 13-person pedal-powered bar on wheels where you can drink and pedal your way to several downtown breweries.

CONTACT OUR AGENCY FOR MORE HONEYMOON IDEAS AROUND THE U.S.

Top Cultural Experiences in Asheville

CATCH A SHOW

See amazing performances by local troupes at the Asheville Community Theatre or Magnetic Theatre, and even catch a free outdoor Shakespeare production during the summer performed by the Montford Park Players.

ROCK ON

See why Asheville has been called one of America's "Greatest Music Cities." Catch live musicians busking on many street corners, or see a show at the iconic Orange Peel, hailed as one of the best venues in the nation by *Rolling Stone*.

GET INSPIRED

Tour former industrial warehouses along the French Broad river that are now filled with hundreds of working artist studios. Find traditional art exhibits at the Asheville Art Museum, or, for a museum experience unlike any other, play one of the 35 vintage pinball machines at the Asheville Pinball Museum.



NATIONAL PARK HONEYMOONS

FOR EVERY SEASON

BY DAYNA ENGBERG

IF YOU DREAM OF SPENDING YOUR HONEYMOON EXPLORING stunning landscapes, spotting wildlife in its natural habitat or cuddling up on a cozy lodge terrace beneath a blanket of shimmering stars, a National Park is a great fit, no matter the season. Declare your love from the top of a mountain with these National Park honeymoon ideas.

TOP EXPERIENCES



MOOSE SIGHTING

Spot wandering moose and elk that migrate down from the high country in the winter



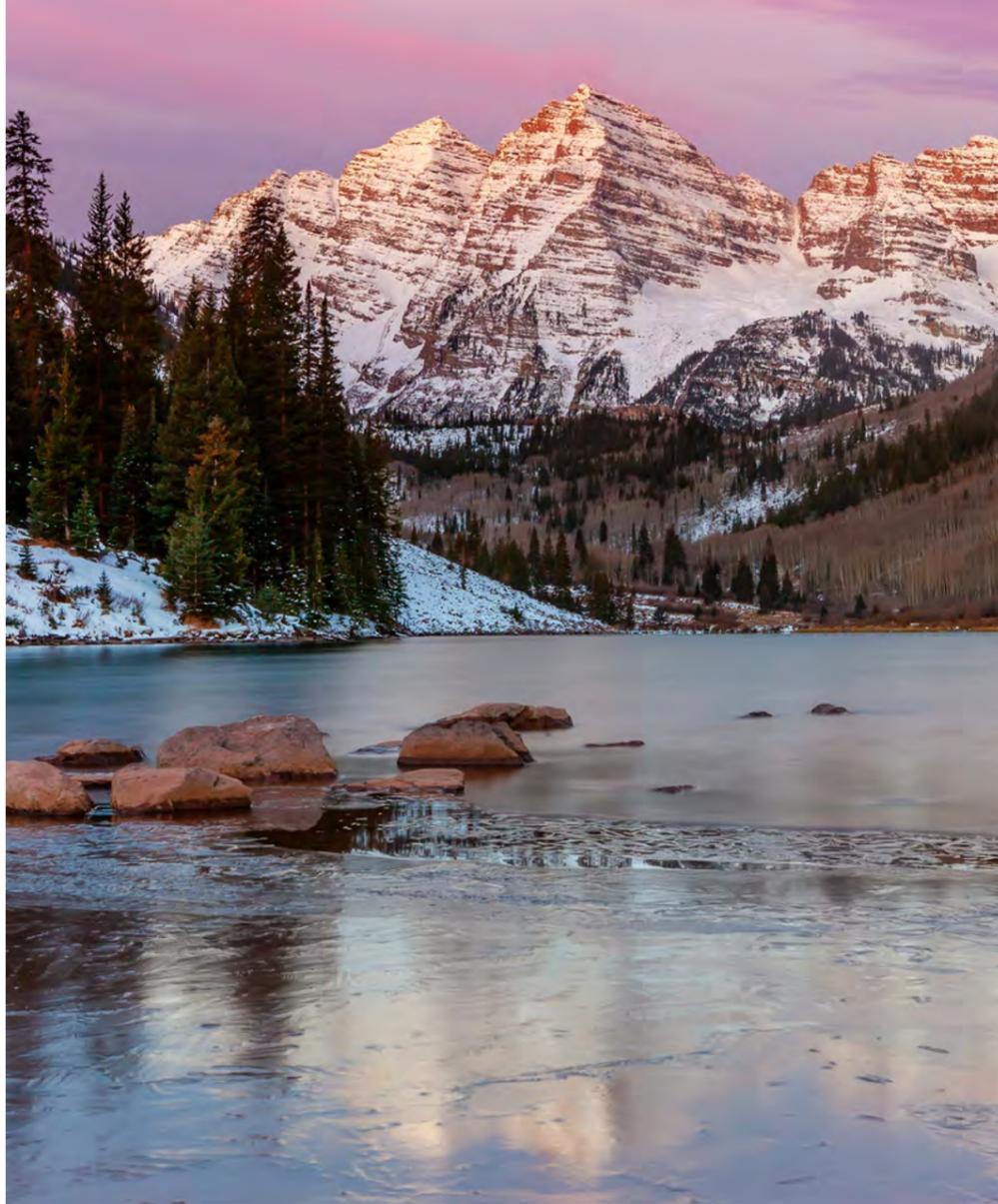
SNOWSHOE

Snowshoe the Bear Lake Loop trail past mirrored frozen lakes and sweeping mountain vistas



HOT SPRINGS

Unwind in a steaming hot spring surrounded in snowy cliffs and dripping icicles



WINTER HONEYMOON

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

TO GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT on your winter honeymoon, travel no further than the snow-dusted peaks and frosty white pines at Rocky Mountain National Park. Bundle up for a range of winter pastimes, from popular snow sports like skiing, dogsledding and snowboarding to niche activities like ski biking, ice climbing and skjoring.

At night, stroll the festively decorated Elkhorn Avenue in Estes Park, browsing Native American jewelry shops, ducking into a cozy tavern for a piping hot Shepherd's pie or curling up by a crackling fireplace in your romantic mountain lodge.

SPRING HONEYMOON

ZION NATIONAL PARK

FRAMED BY ZION CANYON'S STEEP RED CLIFFS and the aquamarine waters of the Virgin River, Zion National Park is a wonderland of challenging hikes, scenic drives and breathtaking photo ops. Spring is a great time to visit, before Utah's desert temperatures reach their scorching peak and while the plants are at their greenest. For an extra romantic

experience, check out the glamping tents like those at Under Canvas® Zion. The safari-inspired accommodations include full private bathrooms, wood-burning stoves, stargazing windows and private decks surrounded by Utah's spectacular desert terrain.



TOP EXPERIENCES



ANGEL'S LANDING

Hike Angel's Landing, the strenuous trail that ascends a 5,700' peak overlooking the canyon



EMERALD POOLS TRAILS

See the waterfalls, hanging gardens and tiered natural ponds at the Emerald Pools trails



VEHICLE TOUR

Get a different view of the landscape with a tour by helicopter, e-bike or ATV

TOP EXPERIENCES



OLD FAITHFUL

Witness the spouting waters of Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that erupts every 90 minutes



GEOHERMAL AREAS

Visit geothermal areas like Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris Geyser Basin and Yellowstone Caldera



JACKSON HOLE

Explore the charming resort town of Jackson, with its many shops and restaurants

EARLY SUMMER HONEYMOON

GRAND TETON & YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

TECHNICALLY TWO SEPARATE DESTINATIONS, Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park are close enough to visit in the same trip. First, there's Yellowstone, with its gushing geysers, prismatic springs and roaming bison. Then, there's Grand Teton, with its signature craggy mountain peaks, serene lakes and

famous pink-washed sunsets. Together, the area boasts enough activities to fill a honeymoon trip of a week or longer, with countless hiking trails, abundant wildlife sightings and excellent opportunities for activities like kayaking, rafting, fishing, climbing and mountain biking.



TOP EXPERIENCES



WILDLIFE TOURS

Book a whale-watching excursion or wilderness tour for a closer view of Alaska's native animals



CALVING GLACIER

Witness the thunderous boom of a calving glacier or book a glacier trek to explore one up-close



ALASKAN CULTURE

Visit nearby Alaskan breweries, devour fresh Alaskan salmon and learn about indigenous culture

LATE SUMMER HONEYMOON

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

COVERING OVER THREE MILLION ACRES of sweeping fjords, ice-blue glaciers and rugged wilderness, Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park is a spellbinding bucket-list destination that's perfect for a honeymoon cruise. Departing from cities like Seattle, Vancouver or Juneau, an Alaskan cruise allows you to set up a moving home base while exploring multiple destinations

of the Inside Passage, the maritime route weaving through the colorful fishing villages, scenic fjords and lush islands of the Pacific Northwest coast. Upgrade your stateroom and watch the breathtaking landscapes glide by from your private balcony.

TOP EXPERIENCES



CADILLAC MOUNTAIN

Get up early to catch the sunrise from the top of Cadillac Mountain



THUNDER HOLE

Visit Thunder Hole, where the waves crash into the rocky inlet with a thunderous boom



BASS HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE

Get a photo of the iconic Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse with its famous rocky shoreline



FALL HONEYMOON

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

PERCHED ATOP THE HIGHEST POINTS of the rocky Atlantic coastline, Acadia National Park is beautiful in any season, but especially in the fall when maple, poplar and birch trees explode in vibrant hues of red, orange and yellow. Soak up the scenery on land from its many hiking trails or by sea with a whale-watching excursion and boat tour. Stay in nearby Bar Harbor at

the West Street Hotel, where you can lounge in an adults-only rooftop infinity pool overlooking the bobbing yachts in Frenchman's Bay and the park's rugged outer islands.

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