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Dear Engaged Travelers,

This is a magazine of celebrations. We're celebrating your engagement and the love you share with your partner. We're celebrating the special experiences — your destination wedding and honeymoon — we hope to inspire in the following pages. And we're celebrating our 10th edition of Destination Bliss.

We're calling it a Decade of Bliss, and oh what a decade it has been. During the past 10 years, we have spotlighted nearly 100 newlyweds, closely followed the ever-changing world of romance trends and highlighted hundreds of destinations and resorts — all so that couples like you can stay informed and create the ideal wedding or honeymoon.

This Decade of Bliss has also confirmed the effectiveness of our travel advisors. Their knowledge of all things destination wedding and honeymoon has significantly increased year after year. The same can be said for the ever-growing strength of their relationships with our travel partners, empowering them to offer you the benefits and guidance you need to make your special event truly blissful.

So please read on — and dream on — and then turn to our advisors to make those dreams come true.

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Travel Advisors Just Want You to Be Happy

For the last 10 years, Destination Bliss has provided thousands of couples with timely and trustworthy information. But the experience of our travel advisors goes well beyond 10 years for most. They use that experience to enhance every facet of your destination wedding or honeymoon, going above and beyond to make you happy: happy with your choices, happy with the ease of your travels and happy with your big day. Here's how we help you make the most of your special event.

We Are Destination Wedding Specialists

We've spent years cultivating productive relationships with resort and cruise partners and learning about all the options you have. Thanks to this expertise, we can plan a wedding or honeymoon that will exceed your expectations.

We Are Travel Experts

We've been to many of these destinations and can share our first-hand knowledge, best advice and trusted information to make your vacation truly extraordinary.

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 Time

You have a lot of details to think about for your wedding or honeymoon. Our firsthand experience and expert insights can save you time when planning your special event.

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

Interested in island-hopping in Hawaii? Scuba diving the Seychelles? Thanks to our expertise and contacts, we can customize any adventure for an unforgettable travel experience.



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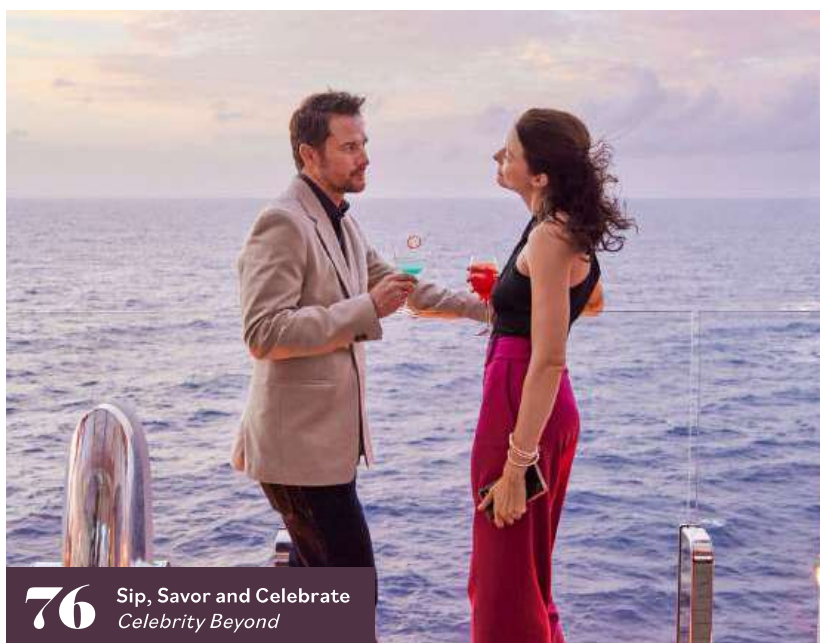
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15 Fresh Ideas for 2025

By Amy Mutscher

Daydreaming about your wedding? Trends change every year, and there's always something new to consider as you bring the day you envision to life. Take a look at our top 15 ideas to incorporate into your planning.

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Themed Weekends

Multi-day destination weddings become an epic party when everyone's in on the theme. Whether it's Modern Black Tie, Alfresco Formal, California Cocktail or Casual Cowboy BBQ, reflect the theme in food, fashion and fun with a supporting cast of signature snacks, coordinated attire and approachable entertainment for all ages.

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Enriching Experiences

Mālama is Hawaiian for "care for and protect," a deeply important Hawaiian tradition that honors ancestral land as a source of knowledge, nourishment and inspiration. Participate in a virtuous cycle that will connect you more deeply and leave a piece of yourself in the Hawaiian Islands: Plant a tree, clean a beach or dine in restaurants that support small family farms.

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Customized Toile

Collect the images that illustrate your shared history and unite them in a decorative toile pattern for printed napkins, paper menus, a scheduled itinerary or event signage. Put your artistic skills to use or hire a line-drawing artist who can creatively tell your personal story using meaningful symbols of your current city, where you met, pets or important trips.

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Distinctive Jewelry

According to Michelle Judice Robertson of Embark Fine Jewelry, "The cigar band, in all thicknesses, is a big trend right now with brides. Try mixing metal colors and add a diamond band in a different stone shape from your center stone to add to the texture and uniqueness of your stack."

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Fashion Stylist

Consider adding a stylist to your wedding dream team. From advice on wardrobe selections to day-of portrait services, a stylist can ensure a wedding couple and their attendants are chic, comfortable and confident. A stylist's advice on the fabric, cut and design of some of the most expensive clothing you may ever purchase could prove very valuable.

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Welcome Beach Bags

Fill a straw beach tote with all the things guests may need for a wedding in a tropical location. Start with a keepsake beach towel and personalized ball cap, then put in practical necessities like sunscreen, bug repellent, hand sanitizer, mints and bottled water. Don't forget the schedule of events, a local guidebook and a taste of the destination like a microbrew or nearby vintage.

Wedding Inspo

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Sustainable Celebration

Start your matrimonial journey with a vintage or heirloom engagement ring and carry the idea forward to the reception by selecting an outdoor space, perhaps taking advantage of natural light with an afternoon ceremony. Select a catering menu with sustainable, seasonal cuisine that can be sourced locally, and keep an eye out for other ways to minimize waste and save money.

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Zero-Proof Cocktails

High-quality, alcohol-free mocktails are a staple on current bar menus. Craft blends of low or no-alcohol vodka, gin and beer allow sober guests to abstain without giving up the fun of a festive beverage. Complement the setting with seasonal ingredients like berries, herbs or spices.

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Resort Buyout

Waterfront resorts like Colombia's Sofitel Barú will transform the entire property into a private gathering space with a customized program of sun-soaked activities and gourmet dining tailored to your preferences. Try Colombian coffee tastings, guided mountain bike tours or braiding and turban workshops in the Afro-Caribbean tradition.

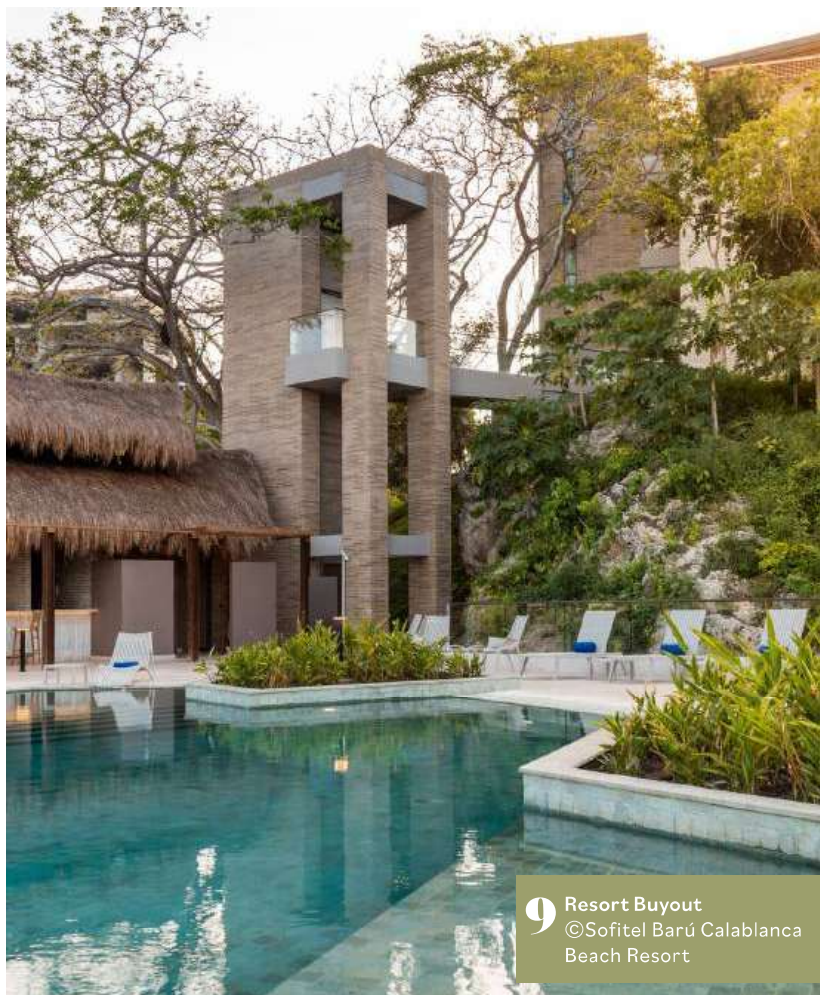
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Enchanted Garden Attire

Beautiful blooms aren't just for vases, they're also making a statement on bridal party dresses as well as bridal gowns. Floral prints, embroidered motifs and patterned fabrics are hallmarks of a trend called "Enchanted Garden" that embraces a joyful, botanical approach to fashion.



8 Zero-Proof Cocktails



9 Resort Buyout
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Beach Resort

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Maritime Marriage

On a cruise, the ceremony may last only an hour, but the festivities continue for days. Combine the wedding and honeymoon and maximize your time spent with cherished loved ones. The ship's captain can officiate your nuptials on deck, taking advantage of panoramic ocean views before guests dine and dance in jaw-dropping venues designed to wow.

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Barefoot Buffet

Seat your rehearsal dinner or reception under the stars. Your guests will never forget your romantic alfresco setting with swaying lanterns and twinkling white lights draped from the treetops above as they gaze out over the shimmering sea.

13

Late-Night Snacks

Cap off your reception with a post-dinner refreshment table featuring crowd-pleasing carbs like burger sliders, pizza slices, mini churros or fudgy brownies. Set up your late-night bites near the dance floor and keep partygoers fueled and firing into the early morning hours.



12 Barefoot Buffet
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15 Vivid Flowers
©jonathanyonkers
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Hangout Suite

Welcome guests to your resort or ship in a designated hangout spot stocked with refreshments. The suite acts as a command post where people can get answers to their questions, confirm the schedule and reconnect with relatives they haven't seen in a while.

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Vivid Flowers

Bright pops of color like marigold, tangerine and terracotta in bouquets, arrangements and flower walls make an eye-catching impact. Complement this floral palette with ribbon fasteners in contrasting hues of green and blue to heighten the bold aesthetic. Tell your story and reflect your personal taste with focal point displays like hanging installations, altar archways and large-scale backdrops. ♦





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Romantic ceremony at sea



Renew the love

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Contact our cruise specialists to plan your wedding vacation.



Wedding ceremony in The Piazza



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Bachelorette Weekend

Exotic, Luxurious and Affordable Panama City

By Amy Mutscher

Boyfriends, husbands, kids, jobs and dogs were all left behind so that the bridal party could converge in Panama City for a hotly anticipated bachelorette party weekend. We parted ways with routine and responsibilities and met up for a long weekend of fun and sun, culture and cuisine. Panama — exotic enough to require passports and high-value SPF, but familiar because English is widely spoken and American dollars are accepted everywhere — is a destination that matched our wish list. Plus, far-flung friends could get there on a nonstop flight from our hometowns across the U.S. Here's my bachelorette weekend recap.

First, We Eat

We gathered on a tiled terrace overlooking the Pacific, cupping chilled coconut beverages spiked with rum and swaying to Latin jazz and salsa music. Conversation buzzed about our friend's upcoming wedding and move to a new city. Our home base for the weekend was the Sofitel Legend in the heart of Casco Viejo. Rebuilt from the ruins of the storied Club Unión of Panama, this resort was where Daniel Craig filmed a scene from *Quantum of Solace*. The intoxicating scent of roasted pork beckoned us to our table at Caleta, where we feasted on garlic jumbo prawns, fresh kampachi ceviche and cochinitillo asado while toasting our togetherness with a hand-crafted Pink & Roses cocktail, a mixture of tequila and lychee liquor.

Panama City, Panama



Local handicrafts

Historic Charm

To me, Casco Viejo feels like a mashup of New Orleans and Miami with its captivating blend of French and Spanish influences evidenced in its wrought-iron balconies and cobblestone streets. An early morning tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site took us into timeworn churches built by Dominican friars, shaded plazas surrounded by stately colonial architecture and the crumbling stone archway at Arco Chato. According to legend, Iglesia San Jose's breathtaking golden altar was painted black by a quick-witted priest to save it from a band of pirates. Along the sidewalks, shops display handicrafts from practiced artisans. Typical souvenirs such as tote bags, table coverings and blankets showcase indigenous needlework and traditional patterns. In an attempt to blend in with locals, we picked up Panama hats and Guayabera shirt dresses from an Alberto Pons boutique.



Cocktails by the pool

Wellness & Bonding

Nothing like your besties to set you straight on any issues you've been wrestling with. We hashed out work problems, in-law entanglements and other ethical dilemmas over tapas plates at the rooftop restaurant and around the infinity pool over afternoon cocktails. The pool bar kept us nourished with everything from yogurt-based fruit bowls and green smoothies to double cheeseburgers and ice-cold Atlas beer — to each her own. Each of us booked time in the spa for a luxurious massage or facial. My therapist took me into a profound state of relaxation with her Deep Recovery massage treatment.

Choose Your Stay:

- Hotel Riu Playa Blanca
- Dreams Playa Bonita Panama
- Sofitel Legend Casco Viejo



French pastries

Farewell Brunch

Brunch on the terrace, shaded by a canopy of pink and purple bougainvillea, was a fusion of French and Panamanian flavors. With a peppy "Bonjour" from a server, a basket of warm French pastries was dropped off and quickly plundered. The accompanying latte was rich and flavorful thanks to the hotel's custom coffee blend made by family-owned producer, Santos Café. My final culinary indulgence in Central America was a plate of cilantro-laced scrambled eggs, beef carimañola, chicken tamales and tropical fruits. As we traded hugs and headed for the airport, the difficulty of saying adieu was softened by the realization that we'll be gathering again soon for the big event. ♦

Do This, Not That

Your Dreamy Destination Wedding, Done Right

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It's true, travel advisors have planned a lot of destination weddings and honeymoons. With that experience comes a wealth of knowledge they've gained over time. Keep reading to get their best advice on the essential do's and don'ts of destination wedding planning.

DO: Embrace Local Flair

One of the best parts of a destination wedding is tapping into the local culture to make the experience extra special. Incorporate the flavors, traditions and even music of the locale into your big day. Think fresh ceviche on the beach in Mexico, Champagne and macarons at a château in Provence or wearing a locally made traditional lei po'o flower crown in Hawaii.

DON'T: DIY Everything

It's easy to get sucked into the idea of making your own wedding favors and table settings, but a destination wedding will just make transporting these projects more stressful. Save yourself the headache and trust your on-site wedding planner to handle the details. Some resorts have entire collections of trendy and timeless décor pieces to choose from — and it's usually already included in the price.

DO: Avoid Analysis Paralysis

As you begin the research process, you'll find that there are seemingly endless destination wedding and honeymoon options. Don't stress yourself out comparing them all. Instead, talk to our agency. We can save you a ton of time by providing a customized list of filtered options based on factors such as your preferences, timeline and budget.

DON'T: Assume Everyone Will Attend

As magical as it sounds, not everyone can swing a destination wedding. Some may have budget constraints or schedule conflicts. Don't be discouraged if your entire guest list can't make it. Some destination wedding couples plan a post-wedding celebration when they're back home for anyone who missed out.

DO: Keep the Weather in Mind

Nobody wants rain on their wedding day, but tropical locales are known for surprise downpours. All-inclusive resorts know this and almost always have backup indoor options — like a garden pavilion, ballroom or wine cellar. Work with our agency to avoid rainy season and ask your day-of coordinator about backup venues, just in case Mother Nature throws a curveball.

DON'T: Sweat the Details

When it comes to wedding planning, it doesn't get much easier than a destination wedding booked through a travel specialist. Not only will all your travel details be taken care of for you, but you'll also have just one vendor for the wedding day. The resort provides an event planner to keep everything organized and they can help you make your selections for flowers, photography, hair and makeup, food, music and more. Easy!

DO: Use a Professional

There are many moving parts that go along with planning a destination wedding that you could only know through experience. When in doubt, turn to those who do this for a living. Travel advisors are essential for negotiating the best rates, organizing all the booking details and protecting your trip with travel insurance.

DON'T: Forget to Visit Ahead of Time

Planning a trip to your wedding location before the big day gives you a chance to meet with vendors, check out the venue and get a better overall sense of the destination. It's an investment in peace of mind — and a great excuse for a mini getaway! Plus, many resorts offer discounted rates for wedding previews. Ask our agency about current offers. ♦





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Repurpose Attire

A wedding — just like marriage itself — is filled with compromises. We all have big wedding dreams of limousines and walls of flowers, but we must temper those dreams with the reality of the wedding budget. Establishing clear priorities is crucial to ensure that your special day is memorable without overspending. Here are some key areas to consider when determining your wedding budget.

Repurpose Attire

Consider a pre-owned dress or suit to save big without compromising your look. Beautiful gowns and stylish suits are available at a fraction of the retail price at online marketplaces like Poshmark or on Facebook. Lately, brides have been searching consignment stores as well as their relatives' closets for heirloom dresses that can be updated and customized.

Choose Family-Style Catering

Food and beverage costs are integral to wedding events but can quickly eat up a large portion of your budget. Contemplate a buffet or family-style meal instead of a plated dinner, which can be more cost-effective. Opt for a limited bar instead of an open bar, offering a selection of wine, beer and one or two signature cocktails. This approach allows you to provide a top-quality feast while keeping costs in check.

Book Half-Day Photography

Wedding photos will be cherished for a lifetime, so this is an area where quality should not be compromised. However, there are ways to save without sacrificing the final product. Hire a photographer whose style you love but who is newer to the business and may charge less. Ask about a smaller package with fewer hours, covering only the most important parts of the day.

Skip Wedding Favors

Eliminating party favors for wedding guests can be a smart way to stay within your wedding budget without sacrificing the overall experience. While small tokens of appreciation are thoughtful, they can quickly add up, especially for large guest lists. By skipping favors, you'll free up funds that can be redirected toward more meaningful elements, such as enhancing the guest experience with better food, entertainment or even upgrading your honeymoon.



Book Half-Day Photography
©Nick Patton Photography



Choose Family-Style Catering



Get a Travel Advisor
©Cosmos Wedding

Get a Travel Advisor

If your destination wedding includes a big smiling group of family and friends, engage the services of an experienced 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 they'll also take a load of stress off your shoulders. And thanks to group discounts, they can save you a lot of money in the process.

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 setup and more, you save both cash and stress. ♦



Dream Celebrations in Paradise

A gorgeous backdrop is just one reason so many couples are hosting their wedding at an all-inclusive resort. Additional reasons: There's no worrying about going over budget; it's all one set price. There's no post-nuptial travel stress — you're already on your honeymoon! And there are no regrets about missing quality time with loved ones because the night went by too fast; almost everyone stays a few days pre- or post-wedding.

For many couples, deciding on a destination wedding is the easy part; the real challenge comes when choosing the hotel. That's when smart travelers turn to professional travel advisors. Chances are good that our advisor will have Dreams® Resorts & Spas on their shortlist, whether for a special romantic escape or fun-filled vacation with family or friends.





Dreams Come True

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Dreams® Playa Mujeres Golf & Spa Resort

Dream Weddings

If you're planning to tie the knot, consider the Wedding in Paradise package for up to 10 guests. Ideal for intimate events or couples on a tight budget, it includes all you need from the ceremony to the cake. Better yet, it's complimentary when booking seven nights in select room categories or five rooms for a minimum of three nights. If you want a more lavish affair with a private dinner reception and much more, ask about the Dreams of Love, Dreams Ultimate and Beyond Memorable packages. They're all customizable, so your wedding is truly your own.

Dedicated on-site wedding coordinators ensure not a petal is out of place on your special day, helping you every step of the way. Elegant full-service spas offer bridal suites for getting ready. From a barefoot beachfront ceremony under a gazebo adorned with fresh tropical flowers to an elegant poolside, rooftop or ballroom reception, a choice of amazing venues sets the stage for unparalleled celebrations of love.

A full-page photograph of a bride and groom walking barefoot on a sandy beach. The groom is on the left, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and light-colored trousers, smiling and holding the bride's hand. The bride is on the right, wearing a white strapless wedding dress with a large yellow sash, also smiling and holding the groom's hand. They are walking towards the camera, with the ocean and a clear blue sky in the background.

Dream Destinations

Now back to the biggest challenge — will you choose the romance of Dreams® Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino featuring Il Mare, the new adults-only Preferred Club beachfront bungalows? The iconic beaches of Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria or Greece? Or a perennial favorite Dreams resort in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Panama or Costa Rica? Wherever you land, Funjet Vacations will get you there on your choice of flights, including convenient and affordable Exclusive Nonstop Vacation Flights.

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Destination Wedding Checklist

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Months Out

☐ GET IT TOGETHER

This is it; the point where you can't procrastinate anymore. You don't have to solve it all right now, but you have to start getting organized. Start a folder to keep all your paperwork, contacts and inspiration in one place.

☐ ESTABLISH A BUDGET

Be sure to build some flex spending into it for travel costs (especially if you're thinking of bundling the honeymoon and destination wedding into one trip).

☐ CHOOSE A DESTINATION

A travel advisor is a godsend when it comes to discovering, narrowing down and selecting locales that you'll love

☐ CREATE A GUEST LIST

You'll want to send the save-the-dates as soon as possible to give your guests enough time to plan accordingly.

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Months Out

☐ VISIT YOUR SITE

There are some questions that can only be answered by visiting the resort yourself (and you deserve a mini-vacation!)

☐ CHOOSE YOUR VENDORS

Depending on your venue, your resort might offer photographers, florists, hair stylists and makeup artists as well as caterers.

☐ MAKE YOUR WEBSITE

We live in a digital world — a website is a must for communicating important details related to your wedding weekend (plus link to your registry).

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Months Out

☐ PICK A THEME

A lot of later decisions hinge on your event's colors, tone and mood.

☐ BUY YOUR SUIT/GOWN

Whether it's a designer boutique or a name-brand find, it can take months to get your formalwear just right. Remember: No aspirational sizing!

☐ DECIDE ON THE WEDDING PARTY ATTIRE

Same reason as the one above: It can take time to get formalwear just right. You need to give your wedding party a long enough runway.



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Months Out

☐ RESEARCH EXCURSIONS

Work with your travel advisor to plan some fun and festive activities for you and the wedding party.

☐ PASSPORT CHECK

If your passport is expiring soon (or if you don't have one yet), you need to get that sorted out six months ahead of time.

☐ DANCE CLASS?

It's not everyone's cup of tea, but dance classes are a fun way to gain confidence about hitting the dance floor and bonding with your partner.

☐ SET THE MENU

Choose between buffet or plated service and make your culinary choices, including a specialty cocktail.

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Months Out

☐ SEND INVITATIONS

Be sure to include your travel advisor's contact information in case your guests need help getting from point A to point B.

☐ PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Plan a rehearsal dinner or welcome cocktail reception to serve as the dry run for the big day.

☐ CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS

Double-check times for all your hair and makeup appointments to ensure there's no confusion.

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Month Out

☐ FINALIZE CEREMONY DETAILS

Time to solidify the main event. Write your vows, select the music, choose readings or plan any personal rituals you'd like to include.

☐ FINISHING TOUCHES

Little details like a signature drink, custom event signage or welcome bags add a lot of personality.

☐ GET THE MARRIAGE LICENSE

Some destinations do not provide legal licenses, so the ceremony will only be for show. Destinations differ, so consult with your advisor on the local requirements to make sure everything is in order! ♦



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Aisle-Worthy Attire

By Dayna Engberg

In the world of destination weddings, the locale almost always influences the look. Whether it's a Los Cabos love story in lace or a Tuscan tale told in tulle, the details make the day. From beachy to boho, discover style inspiration and trending pieces that pair perfectly with some of our favorite wedding destinations.

Domestic destinations are big this year. Think Palm Springs and Joshua Tree in California, Sedona in Arizona or one of Utah's stunning national parks.

Amanda & Jesse in Sedona, AZ ©Emily Sims

Desert Diva



Bridal Boots

Merging contemporary design with casual style, western-inspired bridal boots complete this look.



Top It Off

Pair with a wide-brimmed hat inspired by the vintage men's styles of days gone by.

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CARIBBEAN Queen

Embrace the tropical weather with a style to help you stay cool, like a strapless silhouette or airy fabrics — such as chiffon or organza — that flow beautifully in the breeze.



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Sandy Sandals

Avoid stilettos that will sink into the sand. Instead, go for a wedge or a block heel.



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Tropical Flowers

Select a bouquet of heliconia and hibiscus that will stand up to the heat and humidity.



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Custom Headpiece

Ask your florist to construct a delicate crown of blossoms to complete your beach bride look.

Mediterranean Muse

Italy, France, Spain, Monaco. In these sun-soaked fashion capitals, romance fills the air and haute couture beckons.



Local Couture

Give a quiet nod to ancient Rome with Italian heels.



Sunglasses

Complete the silhouette with stylish shades.



Shimmering Silk

Sleek and classic, double-layered silk is a favorite in bridal fashion.

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Eco-Exotic

Instead of walking down the aisle, stroll down the jetty to an overwater bungalow in the Maldives, Bali or Tahiti.



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Sustainable Pearls

Pearls fit the locale perfectly. Choose an organic shape in a lustrous shade.



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Pantones That Pop

Add a flash of color to your look with a statement piece like these iconic bold shoes.

Best budget-friendly gowns



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Lulus, \$20-\$500: Stunning dresses that are nearly indiscernible from couture. Choose from a wide range of styles at price points for even the tightest budgets.

ASOS, \$80-\$400: Inclusive sizing for petite, plus and tall with options for both brides and bridesmaids. Priced to make you consider a second reception dress specifically for dancing.

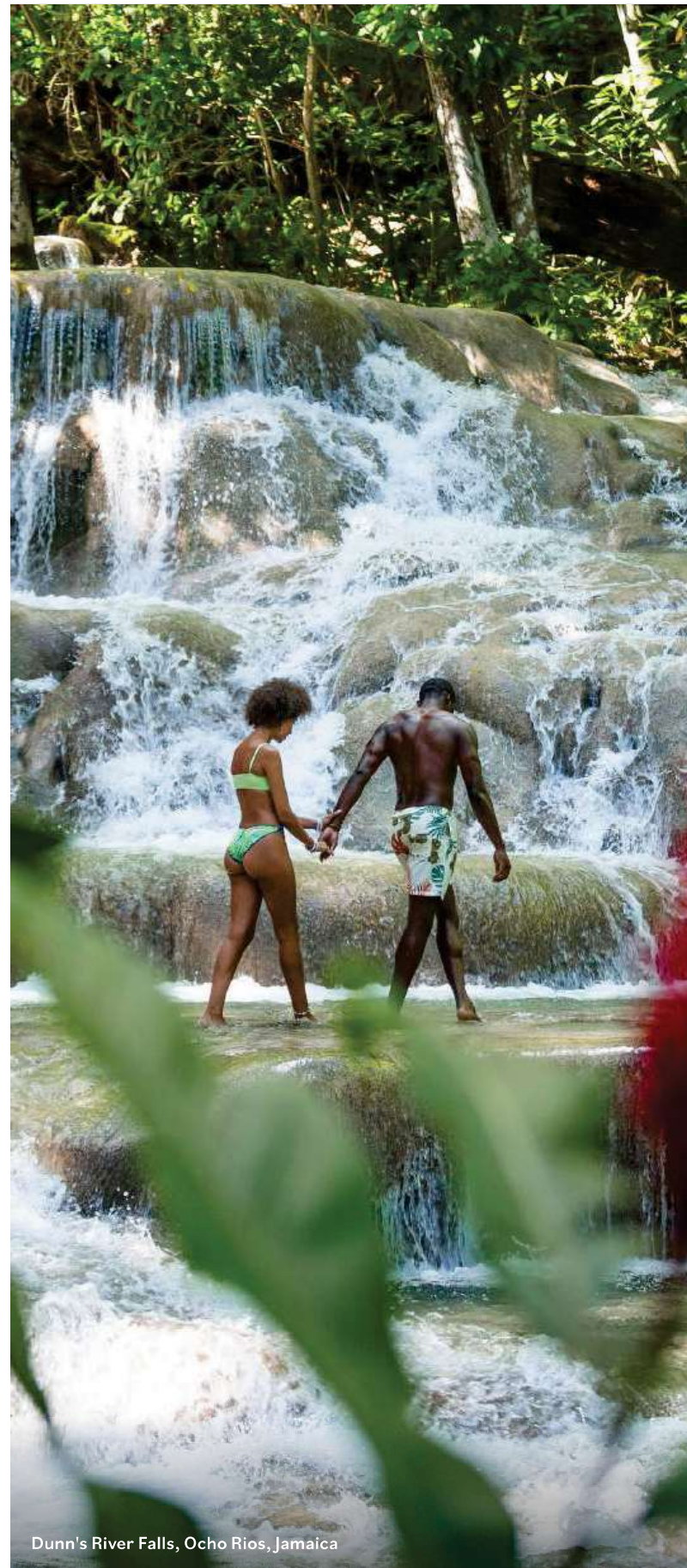
Stillwhite, \$20-\$20,000: Dreaming of a specific dress? Find it for less by buying secondhand. Some dresses are still brand new and discounted as much as 95%.

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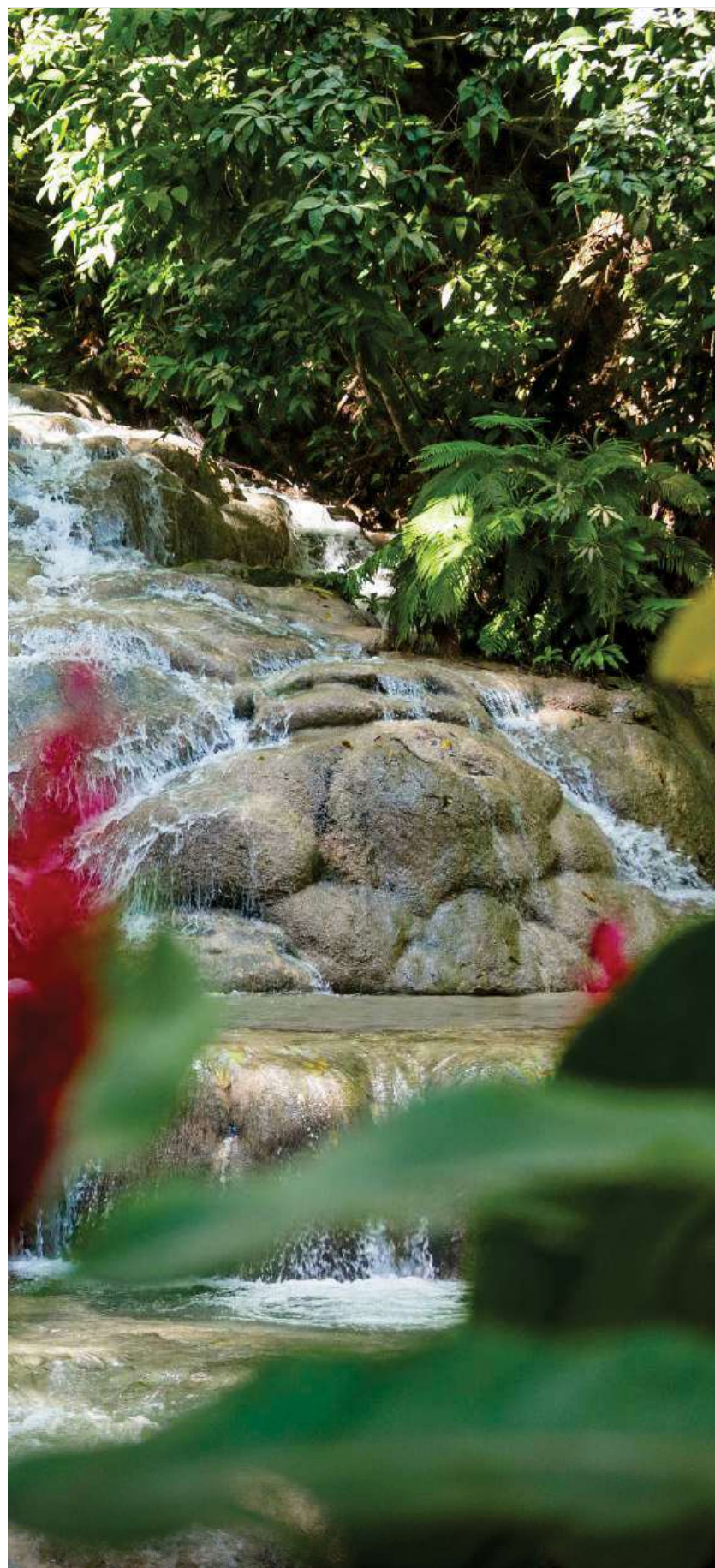
GET CLOSER IN THE CARIBBEAN

Discover your Perfect Jamaican Honeymoon

Jamaica, with its vibrant culture, stunning landscapes and world-renowned hospitality, is an idyllic destination for a honeymoon. The island's diverse regions each offer unique experiences, making it a paradise for people in love. When it comes to all-inclusive escapes, Sandals Resorts stands out as the ultimate choice. Let's explore how Sandals Resorts in Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Negril and Whitehouse provide the perfect setting for your honeymoon.



Dunn's River Falls, Ocho Rios, Jamaica



Crystal Lagoon Swim-Up Room, Sandals Montego Bay

Montego Bay: Vibrant Elegance and Tropical Allure

Sandals Montego Bay

- **Prime Location:** Located on a beautiful beach just minutes from the airport, offering stunning sea views and easy access to local attractions
- **Elegant Accommodations:** Beachfront Swim-up Suites and Oceanfront Suites with private balconies
- **Specialty Dining:** Eight world-class restaurants, including Japanese and Caribbean cuisine
- **Exciting Activities:** Water sports, nightly entertainment and sunset cruises

Insider Tip: Opt for Sandals' top-tier suites for personalized butler service.

Ocho Rios:
Enchanting Romance and Iconic Beauty
Sandals Dunn's River

- **Spectacular Location:** Neighboring the famous Dunn's River Falls with exclusive views of this iconic attraction
- **Unique Suites:** Secluded Rondoal Butler Sanctuary and Skypool Suites with stunning ocean views
- **Dining:** A variety of dining options, including seafood and Italian cuisine
- **Adventure and Relaxation:** Access to Dunn's River Falls, water sports and spa

Insider Tip: Enjoy a private tour of Dunn's River Falls with exclusive access.



Coyaba Sky Swim-Up Rondoal Suite, Sandals Dunn's River

Negril:
Laid-Back Bliss and Natural Beauty
Sandals Negril

- **Beachfront Perfection:** Located on Seven Mile Beach with pristine white sand and turquoise waters
- **Chic Accommodations:** Swim-Up Suites and Beachfront Suites with direct beach access
- **Diverse Dining:** Seven gourmet restaurants, from seafood to Italian cuisine
- **Recreation:** Water sports, beach bonfires and sunset catamaran cruises

Insider Tip: Book a sunset catamaran cruise for a stunning view from the water.



Longshore Beachfront Two-Story Villa Suite, Sandals Negril



Whitehouse:
Secluded Serenity and Natural Splendor
Sandals South Coast

- **Secluded Paradise:** Situated on a 500-acre nature reserve with pristine beaches and lush gardens
- **Over-the-Water Bungalows:** Direct ocean access with private decks and glass floors
- **Gourmet Delights:** Various dining options, including Italian cuisine and seafood
- **Unique Activities:** Snorkeling, kayaking and indulgent spa treatments

Insider Tip: Arrange a private beach dinner or in-bungalow dining for a romantic evening.

Jamaica's diverse regions, each featuring a Sandals Resort, offer the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable honeymoon. Whether you choose the vibrant elegance of Montego Bay, the enchanting beauty of Ocho Rios, the laid-back bliss of Negril or the secluded serenity of Whitehouse, Sandals Resorts provides accommodations, specialty dining and exceptional service tailored to create lasting memories. Start your journey of love in paradise with Sandals, and let your honeymoon be as magical as the island itself.

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Blue Mahoe Overwater Butler Villa, Sandals South Coast

Rehearsal Dinner 101

So you're getting married in an exciting, faraway destination: Great! No doubt you've ironed out (or at least started to consider) all that will entail regarding the Big Day itself. But what about the smaller events orbiting the big day? Distinctly — the rehearsal dinner? Here, we'll break down the essentials — the what, where, how and why — so that you'll be ready to host a memorable dinner for your crew.

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Why Have a Rehearsal Dinner?

Typically, the members of your wedding party assemble the evening before the wedding to rehearse the big event. The rehearsal dinner is your way of saying thanks afterward, to bring these important people together and introduce those who are meeting for the first time to celebrate the union of your families. It's a smaller, cozier atmosphere than the day-of wedding feast, which makes it easier for friends and family to offer personal toasts and share memories.

How to Host a Rehearsal Dinner

Historically, a rehearsal dinner involved one of the families paying for this extra event. But the good news is with a destination wedding, you can simply have it on site. Your resort has a plethora of venues to choose from, from fine dining and stylish bars to discos. Have your wedding planner reserve a space big enough in one of these resort venues. Once you've narrowed down the guest list, make sure they're aware a rehearsal dinner will be held the night before the wedding. Ask them to confirm their attendance ahead so you know how big the space needs to be. On the wedding itinerary, make sure to include any pertinent information (pack a swimsuit, please tell us of any dietary restrictions, etc.).

As for an agenda, try to make it informal. Many of your guests will be arriving the day of the rehearsal dinner, so make it casual and relaxing. Allow plenty of time for heartfelt speeches, fun and games, even a dance party if you know they'll enjoy it.

Call in the Professionals

You don't have to go it alone: All the nitty gritty specifics of the above (the researching, the booking, the scheduling) can be outsourced since you have bigger fish to fry. It's in these moments that the benefits to working with a travel advisor truly shine through — having a pro on call, well-versed in both the art of travel booking and the offerings of established resorts, is truly priceless.



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Resort Wedding Venues

Not only will your resort have multiple locations to choose from for your rehearsal dinner, they'll also have numerous places for the actual ceremony. Here's a quick overview of some of your options:

Beach

This is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear “destination wedding,” and for good reason. It's gorgeous, right? You traveled all the way here, of course you'd want your ceremony to showcase the best part.

Ballroom

Whether you're worried about the weather or just a fan of air-conditioned spaces, your resort likely has a beautiful ballroom, perfect for hosting you and your guests.

Gazebo

The gazebo is the “Goldilocks” option between the first two. You want the view, but not the sand in your shoes. You like the breeze, but want a roof in case of a tropical rainshower.

Chapel

Depending on your resort, you might have the option for a chapel, chock full of the traditional features (wooden pews, elevated altar) plus a few extras specific to the locale (framed by rainforest greenery or sporting 360-degree ocean views).

Garden

No doubt your resort has immaculately manicured grounds — where better to let your love bloom than a quiet slice of paradise?

Golf Course

Depending on your resort, there may be an adjoining golf course; think of this as the sweet spot between “Garden” and “Beach:” lush green grass, commanding views of the ocean.

Offshore Island

It's not always possible, but when it is ... this is the ultimate fairytale setting. There is nothing more romantic than saying “I do” seemingly a world away from the everyday. ♦



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Are You Kidding Me?

5 Ways to Entertain the Littles

By Amy Mutscher

Whether your own or someone else's, children can bring a sense of joy to weddings. If little ones are invited to your event, make it clear on the save-the-date card or invitation with a simple "children welcome" message. Then move on to planning entertainment so parents can eat a meal in peace and take a turn on the dance floor. Here are our top five suggestions for accommodating children at your event.

1

Engaging Entertainment

To really keep kids' attention, select a resort that can offer after-dinner entertainment like a comedy act, magic show or an animated movie in a kid-sized cinema. Work with your on-site wedding planner to arrange a group outing to catch an amazing live performance that could become a lifetime memory for a lucky group of kids.

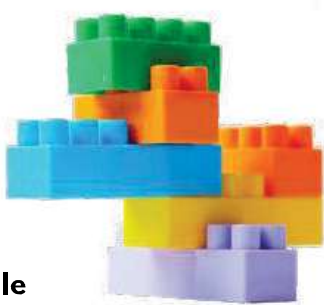


Sofitel Barú Calablanca Beach Resort

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Kids Villa

Book your event at a resort that caters to kids. Many beach resorts offer quality childcare in clean, fun facilities that will feel familiar and comfortable for kids used to a day care or aftercare environment. Times will vary, but customarily, children ages 3-12 can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm daily, and in-room babysitting is available in the evening.



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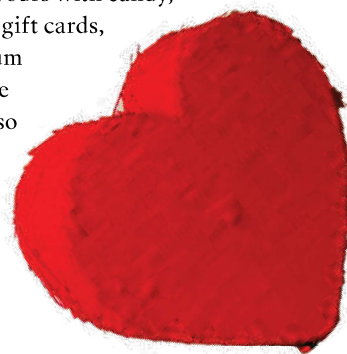
Lego Table

Set up a child-sized table with building blocks and task kids with constructing their dream house. Vendors who specialize in Lego rentals are usually booked for daytime birthday parties, so they're likely to be free for an evening reception. You may be surprised to see adults find their way over to the construction zone to relive their building days.

4

Piñata

Find a piñata shaped like a giant wedding cake or heart and let the kids whack away at it after the wedding cake is served. Something about squarely hitting a piñata is quite satisfying for kids — and kids at heart. Fill yours with candy, small toys, gift cards, bubbles, gum or keepsake keychains so everyone gets a treat.



5

Photo Booth

Guests of all ages love a photo booth! Suppliers usually provide a box of props, hats and accessories so everyone can ham it up for the camera. Children love playing dress-up and making silly faces and will probably make multiple trips to the booth. Send a copy of their photos to their parents along with your thank-you notes for a fun surprise. ♦



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Family-Focused Resorts

Beaches Turks & Caicos

Situated on Grace Bay, voted the World's Best Beach in TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards, this magnificent all-inclusive has two Kids Camps, each with a packed schedule. The brand's exclusive partnership with Sesame Street means lively stage shows, cheerful parades and a few cherished moments with beloved characters. Beaches provides children with autism and other special needs custom dining options, specific services and suitable activities.

Iberostar Waves Paraíso del Mar, Mexico

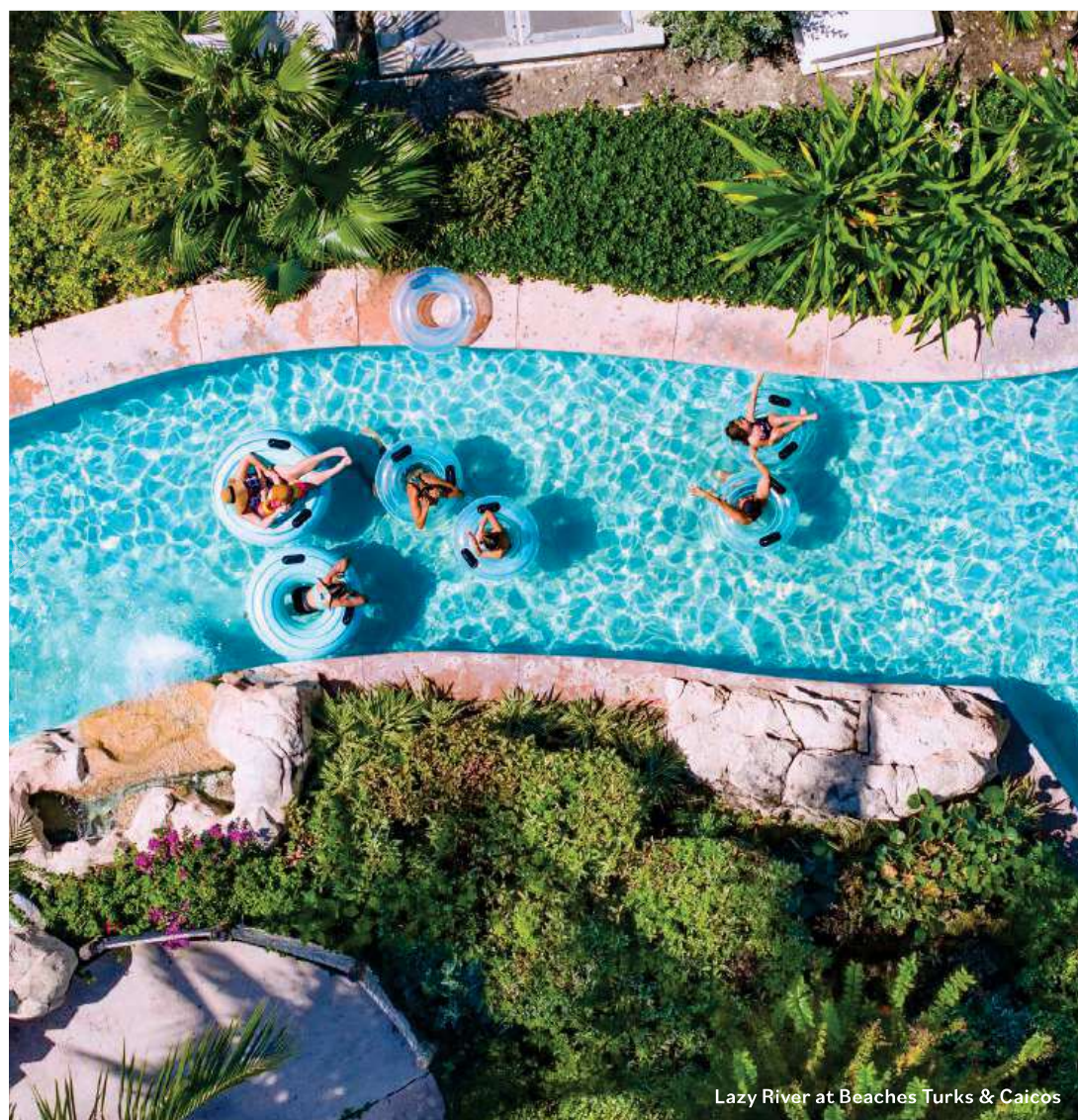
Get ready for Star Camp! The resort's children's program offers a wealth of activities in age-bracketed groups that include a mini-chef's kitchen to learn cooking skills, fun games that encourage teamwork and plenty of splashy pool time. Search for native wildlife that make the property's gardens their habitat: coatis, turtles, peacocks, swans, flamingos and other animals.

Moon Palace The Grand - Cancun, Mexico

Tots to teens have something amazing waiting for them at Moon Palace The Grand-Cancun. Make a splash at the on-site waterpark with elaborate waterslides, a lazy river and the Triple ProFlow Wave Simulator. The Playroom is a supervised world of wonder for ages 4+ with neon mini golf, a three-story labyrinth, an elevated ropes course and bumper cars. Check out their swim-up family suites!

Sandos Caracol Eco Resort, Mexico

Connect with the heart of nature and fascinating Maya legends in a land of pristine beauty. Thanks to its unique site in the jungle, guides take groups swimming in crystal-clear cenotes, on a photo safari, across a swinging rope bridge and zip lining across the tree canopy. Create a lasting memory of your stay by planting a native tree on their grounds. ♦



Lazy River at Beaches Turks & Caicos



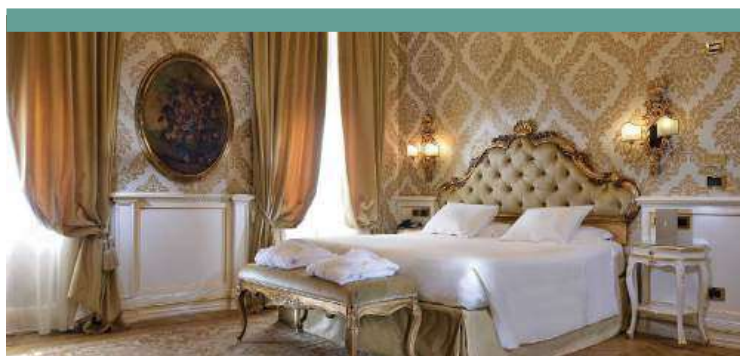
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AI REALI *Venice, Italy*

Standing apart with refined elegance, this Venetian gem is the perfect setting for romance right in the historical heart of the city. Upon arrival, pop a bottle of complementary Prosecco and relish a specialty spa credit with access to the sauna and Turkish bath.



BOSCOLO HOTEL & SPA *Nice, France*

Saunter up to this property's impressive facade and become enveloped by the opulent ambience. After an exclusive meet and greet, sip on bubbles and nibble on macaroons, watch the sky change color from the rooftop terrace, or stroll down to the private beach.

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Greg Ellis

Insider Perspectives from Wedding Pros

By Amy Mutscher

We asked a handful of seasoned experts to answer our questions in their areas of expertise: entertainment, cuisine and florals. With decades of experience and dozens of satisfied clients, observations from these professionals may inspire your approach. Find out what they're doing for weddings right now.

ENTERTAINMENT

Greg Ellis is an award-winning DJ and owner of Neckwerk Entertainment, a full-service wedding entertainment company in St. Paul, MN.

Q: What are your most-requested first dance songs?

GE: "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran is a classic. In Minnesota, country love songs are popular. I play a lot of Luke Combs songs like "Beautiful Crazy" and "I Got Away with You" along with George Strait's "I Cross My Heart" and Morgan Wallen's "You Make it Easy."

Q: Do you act as the MC in addition to playing music?

GE: I do MC the event and keep up the pace. I think it's important to let guests know where they should be and what's about to happen. For example, as the bride makes her appearance, I build excitement, advise guests to take their seats, introduce the bridal party and get everybody standing and clapping. That way, energy is high when the first dance starts and everyone feels involved.

Q: Do you work with the wedding coordinator?

GE: We work closely to set the mood and make sure we have the timing and music right. A wedding is like a play, there's the first act, second act and finale. I work with coordinators to confirm the order of events and ensure we're ready at each step from ceremony to cocktail hour to dinner to dancing.



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CUISINE

Lorenzo Di Gravio is the Michelin-starred executive chef at Sofitel Legend Casco Viejo in Panama City, Panama.

Q: Do you recommend a sit-down dinner or buffet for wedding receptions?

LD: A sit-down dinner is the epitome of elegance and always allows us to create beautiful and intricate menu options that are both delightful and beautiful bites; however, buffet stations allow for a wider variety of cuisines and presentations.

Q: What is the most popular passed appetizer?

LD: Tuna tartare will always be the queen of passed hors d'oeuvres, either in small plates or in clever presentations such as with fried plantains or crispy rice. During the cocktail hour, we serve a variety of hors d'oeuvres that represent the happy couple and their favorite cuisines.

Q: What are some suggestions for showcasing food beautifully?

LD: We love vertical gardens with big monster leaves and orchids. They create a rainforest-like experience and work in perfect harmony with our food and beverage displays. An interactive station like a chocolate fountain is always fun! We like to pair chocolate with passion fruit in our tropical climate.



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Lorenzo Di Gravio



Madeleine Landry



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FLORALS

Based in Austin, Texas, **Madeleine Landry** specializes in large-scale floral installations for clients like jeweler Kendra Scott.

Q: How do you create a romantic vibe?

ML: For a romantic ambiance, I'll fill a tent with soft lighting, abundant florals and smilax vines draped from the ceiling. I'll blend lots of texture, volume and dimension into the arrangements using loose, organic designs in colors that reflect the season: citrus and corals for spring and summer, and in the fall, burnt oranges, copper, gold and burgundy. Winter weddings tend toward white and cream stems with greenery in hues of emerald, moss, jade and chartreuse.

Q: What floral trends are you seeing?

ML: Social media has changed how florals are deployed in weddings. "More is more," and clients like big volume at their events. We're seeing more flower walls and photo backdrops intended for social feeds. Style trends include Boho romantic and an English garden look that combines large blooms like peonies, ranunculus, tulips and garden roses.

Q: What's the secret to a striking bouquet?

ML: Have a few large, focal-point flowers rather than a bunch of smaller blooms that compete for attention. Go for a natural shape that shows off the flowers and has room to breathe rather than something tight. For a beach wedding, tropical flowers like orchids and birds of paradise can withstand the heat.



Who's Running the Show?

The Difference Between Wedding Planners and Travel Advisors



Planning a wedding involves a whirlwind of decisions, and enlisting professional help can make all the difference. But who should you call — a wedding planner or a travel advisor? These two key players are both dedicated to making sure your big day goes exactly as planned, but their roles are very different.

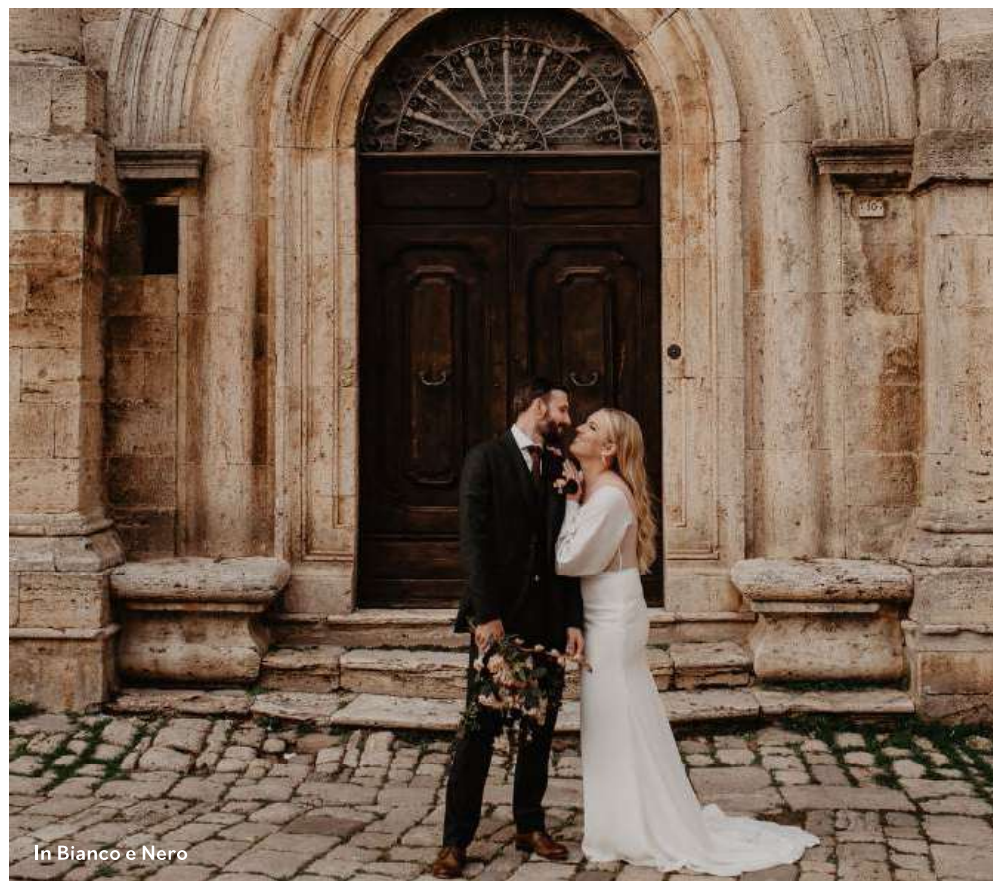
Wedding Planners: The Big-Day Bosses

WHO THEY ARE: Wedding planners help you organize and plan all your wedding events. With a destination wedding, your package will likely include an on-site wedding planner. These specialists will not only coordinate with you in advance of your arrival, but they also will meet with you in person once you arrive to finalize any details before the wedding.

WHAT THEY DO: A wedding planner specializes in orchestrating the details of the big day itself. From the floral arrangements and venue decor to managing timelines and coordinating vendors, a wedding planner ensures that the big day unfolds seamlessly. They focus on creating an aesthetic, handling logistics and keeping everything on schedule.

WHAT THEY DON'T DO: Wedding planners can't help you arrange excursions, make itinerary upgrades or compare wedding packages for other resorts. They also won't field questions from your guests or make bookings for friends and family. They are strictly there to plan wedding events.

“Travel advisors are experts in finding the best locations, resorts and travel deals, all tailored to your needs”



Travel Advisors: The Itinerary Architects

WHO THEY ARE: Travel advisors are specialists in specific areas, such as destination weddings and honeymoons. They can contribute their expertise and since they aren't affiliated with any specific destinations, hotels, cruise lines or travel companies, they can help you weigh the pros and cons of different locations without bias. Travel advisors are experts in finding the best locations, resorts and travel deals, all tailored to your needs. They manage flights, accommodations and even suggest activities for you and your guests.

WHAT THEY DO: Travel advisors are experts at organizing groups. From coordinating travel arrangements to handling special needs, documentation and payments, they take care of all the details so that everyone arrives on time and ready to celebrate!

WHAT THEY DON'T DO: Although travel advisors won't be able to book your vendors or monitor your day-of timeline, they will help field all travel questions from your guests to free you up to focus on other things. ♦

Relax, Unwind and Restore

Best Spa Treatments for Your Big Day

By Hannah Bertram

When it's time to truly unwind, there's nothing like a spa experience to melt away stress and leave you feeling completely renewed. Whether you're seeking a deep-tissue massage to ease those knots or a rejuvenating wrap that will leave your skin glowing, these spa treatments at some of the world's most luxurious resorts are sure to deliver an unforgettable experience.



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Facials: Illuminate Your Skin

Why It's Essential: A glowing complexion is a must for your wedding day, and a professional facial can be the key to achieving radiant skin. Facials deeply cleanse, exfoliate and hydrate your skin, leaving it smooth as glass and ready for makeup. Treatments can help reduce any pre-wedding breakouts or skin irritations, helping to ensure you look flawless in your photos.

Top Picks:

- **HydraFacial:** This treatment uses a combination of exfoliation and serums to cleanse and hydrate the skin, delivering instant results. It's gentle enough to be done a day or two before the wedding.
- **Oxygen Facial:** This facial infuses oxygen, along with vitamins and minerals, into the skin, promoting collagen production and leaving your skin plump and luminous.

We Recommend: 50-Minute Instant Glow Facial at Le Blanc Los Cabos

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Massage Therapy: Melt Away Stress

Why It's Essential: Wedding planning can be stressful, and a therapeutic massage is an ideal way to relieve tension and anxiety. Not only does it relax your muscles, but it also promotes mental clarity and emotional well-being. A massage can help you feel centered, calm and ready to embrace the big day with a clear mind and a relaxed body.

Top Picks:

- **Swedish Massage:** This classic massage technique uses long, gliding strokes to increase circulation and promote relaxation. It's perfect for releasing general tension and preparing you for the day ahead.
- **Couples Massage:** Take the time to connect with your partner and share a relaxing moment together as you commence the wedded bliss.

We Recommend: 180-minute couples reflexology massage at the Mélange World Spa at the Marival Armony in Punta Mita, Mexico



Spa Manicure

Manicure: Polished to Perfection

Why It's Essential: Your hands will be in the spotlight on your wedding day — from holding your bouquet to slipping on your wedding ring. A professional manicure ensures that your nails are beautifully shaped and polished, complementing your overall bridal look. Choose a long-lasting polish to ensure your nails stay perfect through the honeymoon.

Top Picks:

- **French Manicure:** This classic look is timeless and elegant, with a subtle pink base and white tips. It pairs beautifully with any bridal ensemble.
- **Gel Manicure:** High-shine and chip-resistant color can last for weeks. You won't have to deal with it again until after you return from the honeymoon.

We Recommend: Manicure at SPA Sensations at the Iberostar Grand Mencey in Tenerife, Spain



Body Treatments: Smooth and Soothe

Why It's Essential: Body treatments are designed to exfoliate, hydrate and nourish the skin, leaving it soft, smooth and glowing. They're especially beneficial if you'll be wearing a sleeveless or backless gown, as they help ensure your skin looks flawless from head to toe. These treatments also promote lymphatic drainage, reducing any puffiness or water retention before the big day.

Top Picks:

- **Body Scrub:** A full-body exfoliation using natural scrubs like sugar or salt will remove dead cells, leaving your skin silky smooth. Follow it up with a moisturizing treatment to lock in hydration.
- **Body Wrap:** This treatment involves being wrapped in a detoxifying mask, such as seaweed or clay, to draw out impurities and firm the skin. It's an excellent way to tone your body before the wedding.

We Recommend: 90-minute Caribbean Glow treatment at The Red Lane Spa at Sandals Halcyon Beach Resort in Saint Lucia



Hair and Scalp Treatments: Luxurious Locks

Why It's Essential: Your hair is your crowning glory on your wedding day, so it's important to ensure it's healthy, shiny and perfectly styled. Book a smoothing hair and scalp treatment to address any issues like dryness or frizz.

Top Picks:

- **Keratin Treatment:** This conditioning treatment is ideal for brides who want a sleek, shiny look.
- **Blowout:** Glam up with a professional blow dry and styling from a practiced hairdresser. Pros know all the tricks to create the hairstyle you want to cap off your wedding day look. ♦

We Recommend: DryDock blowout bar at The Redemption Spa on board Virgin Voyages' *Scarlet Lady*

Real Couples

Blissful Couples *Revisited*

We reached out to a few of our favorite couples who once graced the pages of Destination Bliss to see if they're still living life with wanderlust in their hearts.



Amanda & Jake

Class of 2023

Sandals Ochi

Ocho Rios, Jamaica



Kelsey & Stephen

Class of 2022

Secrets Papagayo Costa Rica

Guanacaste, Costa Rica



Ali & Jake

Class of 2022

Dreams Playa Mujeres

Golf & Spa Resort

Cancun, Mexico



Lisa & Jordan

Class of 2019

Moon Palace The Grand

Cancun, Mexico

Amanda & Jake

Class of 2023

Q: Have you traveled since your honeymoon or destination wedding, and if so, where?

A&J: We went to the Riviera Maya in Mexico with friends and took a road trip in New England this year.

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A&J: My personal favorite destination is Ireland, mostly for its culture, people and beautiful landscapes! We would love to go as a couple — hopefully for our 5th anniversary trip.

Q: Where are you going next?

A&J: We're starting to brainstorm about our next vacation. Some of the destinations on our list are Italy, Germany and somewhere neither of us has been before like Scotland.

Q: What have you learned about traveling as a couple?

A&J: We've learned how to manage our stress and balance each other out. When one of us is frustrated or stressed while traveling, the other tends to chill out more to maintain the balance. It usually helps calm the other one down. We also learned that we both like a balance of activity and downtime when we're on vacation. We like to have a loose plan for what we're going to do each day, but also with time built in to just relax and unwind.

Q: How has using a travel advisor helped you travel better?

A&J: Using a travel advisor enhanced our travel experience by recommending can't-miss restaurants and activities and for the peace of mind of knowing someone is there to help with any issues that may come up.



Kelsey & Stephen

Class of 2022

Q: Where was your honeymoon or destination wedding location?

K&S: Our honeymoon began along the Pacific Coast at the beautiful, all-inclusive, adults-only Secrets Papagayo Costa Rica in Guanacaste. From there, we continued our adventure in the lush and stunning region of Arenal, making our trip a perfect blend of beachside relaxation and rainforest exploration.

Q: Have you traveled since your honeymoon or destination wedding, and if so, where?

K&S: We seek private mountainside retreats for our travel destinations. After enjoying Alaska's Inside Passage for our first anniversary, we're excited to explore Bar Harbor, Maine, which offers a similar mix of mountains and scenic coastline.

Q: What's your favorite destination?

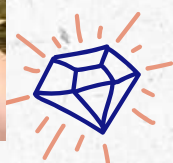
K&S: Our two-week honeymoon exploring Costa Rica has been our favorite trip thus far. The incredible hospitality of the local culture, combined with the captivating wildlife and lush plants throughout the country enriched our adventure beyond measure.

Q: What have you learned about traveling as a couple?

K&S: We've accepted that while we'd love to experience everything a destination has to offer, it's not feasible, and it's not worth the stress of rushing around. For us, a perfect vacation means days filled with equal parts relaxation and adventure.

Q: How has using a travel advisor helped you travel better?

K&S: Travel advisors have extensive knowledge of the best resorts and can tailor their recommendations to suit your unique style. When it's your honeymoon, travel advisors proactively coordinate with resorts to ensure you have an unforgettable experience with upgraded amenities.



Real Couples

Ali & Jake

Class of 2022

Q: Have you traveled since your honeymoon or destination wedding, and if so, where?

A&J: Yes! We've been to Cancun, Mexico; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Winter Park, Colorado; Las Vegas, Nevada and Galena, Illinois.

Q: What's your favorite destination and why?

A&J: Maui, Hawaii. It offered such an incredible mix of relaxation and adventure, plus the rainbows and sunsets were hard to beat every day.

Q: What have you learned about traveling as a couple?

A&J: We've definitely learned how to set expectations for what each person wants out of a trip ahead of time. It's also a big bonus when your partner is on the same page about when it's time to call it a night.

Q: How has using a travel advisor helped you travel better?

A&J: Our travel advisor was incredible with helping us narrow our location options for our wedding venue, organizing flight and transfer information for our guests and answering questions about other countries' travel expectations.



Ali & Jake
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Lisa & Jordan

Class of 2019

Q: Have you traveled since your honeymoon or destination wedding, and if so, where?

L&J: Yes! We followed our wedding with a honeymoon in St. Lucia at Sandals Regency La Toc and Stonefield Villa Resort to explore both sides of the island. Additionally, we have done multiple trips to southwest Florida, including Naples, Marco Island, Cape Coral and Sarasota.

Q: What's your favorite destination and why?

L&J: With my husband, either Mexico or the Caribbean, because we both love sun and ocean. He loves the worry-free feeling of an all-inclusive resort.

Q: What have you learned about traveling as a couple?

L&J: I have learned to combine our travel styles. I like to plan everything out and have a packed agenda, so we make sure to do and see everything, where he loves to relax and lie by the pool or ocean on vacation.

Q: How has using a travel advisor helped you travel better?

L&J: Using an advisor has helped us find different resorts we might have overlooked. It has also helped us have a good experience on property by finding resorts with good food, rooms and amenities. These details can make or break a vacation, especially at an all-inclusive resort.

Q: Any other updates you would like to share?

L&J: We loved having a destination wedding in Cancun. We actually just welcomed our 3rd and 4th children (second set of twins) recently. ♦

Real Couples

Kayla & Ryan

Class 2024

**Married at Dreams Macao Beach in
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**

Q: How did you decide on a destination wedding versus a local wedding?

K&R: We love the ocean, so it had always been a dream of ours to get married in a beautiful destination with the ocean as our backdrop. Plus, we've had friends and family over the years who have had destination weddings, and we loved the idea of celebrating our wedding for an extended period of time, not just one day!

Q: Did you enlist the help of a travel advisor?

K&R: Yes, we knew we needed someone who could recommend a destination and resort that had the amenities we were looking for. Also having a travel advisor who could handle all the details for our guests traveling from all over was great, so we could concentrate on the wedding planning.

Q: What destinations and resorts did you consider?

K&R: We knew we wanted an oceanfront, all-inclusive resort and a beautiful beach. Our travel advisor recommended Riviera Maya, Mexico; Montego Bay, Jamaica; and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. We also needed a family-friendly resort, as we had a teenager attending, but wanted to have amenities for our adult guests as well as an upscale feel.





Q: What factors made you decide on the resort and destination you chose?

K&R: We decided on Dreams Macao Beach in Punta Cana; we have been to a destination wedding at a Dreams Resort before and loved the experience. We also loved that Dreams Resorts offers Preferred Club rooms, which all our guests upgraded to, so we could eat at the Preferred Club restaurants, lounges and spend time together at the designated pool areas, too.

The resort location was also a selling point, since it wasn't too far from the airport, and the beach and surrounding landscape was stunning for a wedding backdrop. We loved that there were a lot of activities nearby, so our guests could take advantage of tours and excursions offered at the resort. One afternoon, we took the entire group on a power boat cruise, where we were able to swim, snorkel and hang out by ourselves in the amazing clear water.

Q: What amenities did the resort offer that you felt your guests would love?

K&R: Many of our guests booked the swim-out suites, allowing everyone to come together to hang out for some late-night room service, drinks and celebrating. We also loved the variety of restaurants, bars and entertainment. Our morning latte and donuts at the Coco Café was a great way to start our day. The taco truck in the water park area was great for a quick lunch or afternoon snack, and it was fun to have our group reserve a hibachi table at Himitsu.

Q: What was the wedding-planning process like? How was your team at the resort?

K&R: Once we reserved the date, we had a several months before we needed to connect with our wedding planner at the resort. We were a bit nervous. When you are planning a wedding in your hometown, you are constantly planning and reaching out to vendors for availability, versus a destination wedding at an all-inclusive resort where the vendors are already lined up and ready to go. When we got within three months of our wedding date, we were assigned a wedding planner at the resort who walked us through the options we had for the package we booked plus any extras we wanted to consider. We continued to reach out to her up until we arrived at the resort. Upon our arrival, she set up time to meet with us so we could make any last-minute changes as well as finalize the locations for the welcome party, wedding and reception.

Q: Can you tell me about your wedding décor and flowers?

K&R: We worked with the florist recommended by the resort and had a call about a month prior to the wedding to talk through our ideas. We loved the natural bohemian look which used pampas grass, as we knew with a beachfront wedding, they would be beautiful blowing in the ocean breeze. To save a little bit of money, we did have the staff take the aisle flowers and the wedding arch to the reception, so we didn't have to purchase additional décor items. We also added a few extras for the reception including string lights, a light-up "I Do" sign, a lighted dance floor, photo booth and a late-night dessert and snack bar.

“Our travel advisor had visited so many places that she could provide first-hand knowledge of what they were like and could narrow down the best options based on what we were looking for.”

Real Couples

Q: How much time in advance did you notify your guests about your destination wedding plans?

K&R: We sent out invites 10 months in advance of the wedding. We knew not everyone we invited would be able to attend, so we created an “A” and “B” list so as people declined, we could invite additional people. Overall, people were excited to get to travel to a destination many had not been to, and most people stayed a week, which gave us more time to celebrate!

Q: What were the highlights of your destination wedding?

K&R: One of the things we loved about Dreams Macao Beach for a destination wedding is the suite they have for the bride and bridal party. First of all, the suite is so pretty and has plenty of room for everyone. It's connected to the spa/salon, so when it was time to have our hair done, the hairstylists had easy access to our whole group. There was a seating area with a couch and chairs that we used for some pictures with our photographer, as well as a podium for the bride to get dressed on and do the big reveal to her bridesmaids. We also ordered some light snacks and Champagne, spending the day relaxing, eating and getting ready. It was the perfect setup!

We also loved how a destination wedding gives you the opportunity to really connect with each person at your wedding. When you have a traditional wedding, you are rushing around trying to thank everyone for coming. With a destination wedding, you have days to relax, eat, drink and be together. It truly is the most special thing about a destination wedding, making memories together with the people you love the most.



Q: What was the biggest surprise you weren't expecting at your wedding?

K&R: All the additional amenities we received because of the number of room nights that our guests booked! We got a beautiful upgrade to a swim-out suite, music and additional food at our welcome party, plus some upgraded wedding and reception décor. There were just so many extras that put it over the top.

Q: Any advice for couples thinking about having a destination wedding?

K&R: Be sure to work with a travel advisor. There are a lot of details, and they can leverage their expertise about destinations and resorts. As an example, our travel advisor had visited so many places that she could provide first-hand knowledge of what they were like and could narrow down the best options based on what we were looking for. Also, don't hesitate to book a destination wedding. You will be surprised how excited people are to support you on your big day. Who doesn't want an excuse to celebrate a wedding in a beautiful location! ♦



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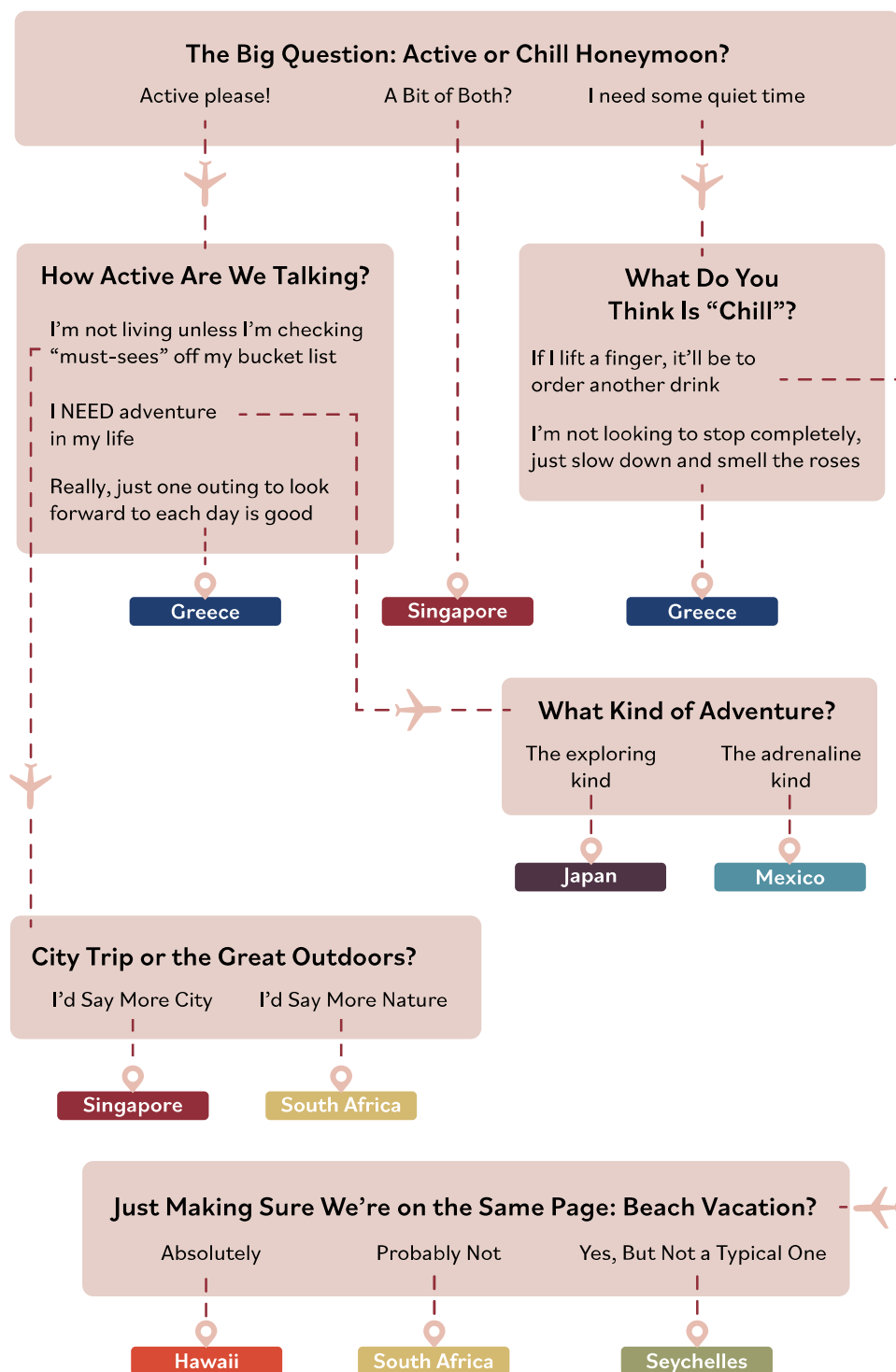
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HAWAII

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SOUTH AFRICA

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SEYCHELLES

As a sprinkling of islands off the east coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean, the Seychelles are only on the radar for the most discerning of travelers. Where better to get lost in each other's company than a 5-star resort seemingly at the end of a treasure map?

JAPAN

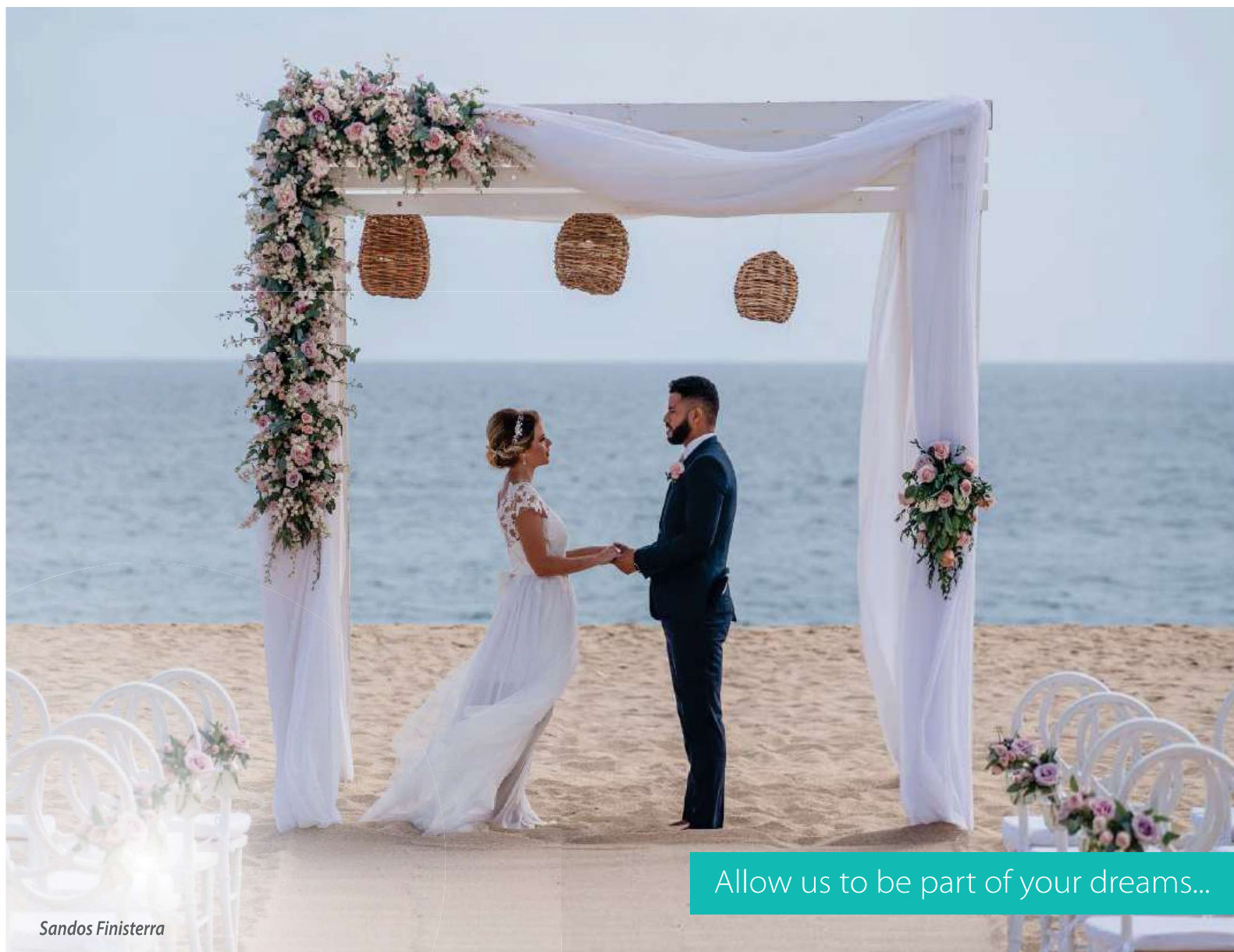
You could easily spend months exploring all that mega-metropolis Tokyo has to offer ... and that's just one city in the country. From the quiet shrines and towns in the south to the onsen-enjoying monkeys to the north, Japan has a lot to offer newlyweds with wanderlust in their hearts.

GREECE

Greece has it all: day trips, beach days, bustling dance floors at all-night-long nightclubs and serene strolls through cozy whitewashed villages for all the hours in between. Mediterranean bliss has never looked better.

MEXICO

Cabo isn't the first to some people's minds when they hear "adventure" ... that's their loss. This beach town houses plenty of sport fishing, whale watching, scuba diving, kayaking and surfing — not to mention the world-class, cliff-lined golf courses certain to spike your adrenaline.



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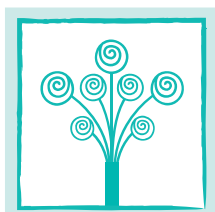
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Honeymoon Inspo

A Year of Destinations:

12 Months of Possibilities

By Justin Gibson

In a world full of local gems, some destinations are diamonds. It depends just as much on the “when” as the “where” — a specific window when the weather turns an already choice spot into utter paradise, full of romantic potential. Finding a perfect getaway locale for your honeymoon is easier than you might think; for one thing, we’ve compiled a list of some favorites below. Here are our top choices of where to head for the most romantic honeymoon — one for each month of the year.

January ♦ Patagonia

Stretched across the countries of Chile and Argentina, Patagonia is a whole new world in the best way possible. You and your partner will be starting your life together bathing in vistas without equal — snowcapped mountains, sprawling glaciers and mythical forests. Start your lifelong adventure together with an adventure for the ages.

Start your lifelong journey with an adventure for the ages. Finding a perfect getaway locale for your honeymoon is easier than you might think.



Cancun, Mexico

February + Mexico

Mexico is a dreamy respite for any honeymooning couple. Cancun is as cool as it gets come February with lows in the 70s, highs hovering around 90 and low humidity all in between. It's a moot point anyway, as you'll likely be keeping cool with the gorgeous beaches, stunning cenotes and the luxe pools of your all-inclusive resort.



Osaka, Japan

March + Japan

From the balmy beaches of Okinawa to the hot springs of Hokkaido, Japan erupts in a cascade of cherry blossoms as soon as spring arrives. All Japan's iconic landscapes (think: imperial palaces, serene mountainsides, quaint beach towns and thriving metropolises with idyllic city parks) are a fair amount more wonderful when accented with brilliant blooms of pink and white. Hanami is the Japanese term for picnicking among the cherry blossoms — there are few picnics on Earth that are more romantic and serene.



El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico

April + Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico is an enchanting isle — with its beaches, mountains, rainforests and waterfalls — that's a welcome getaway any time of year. But if you go in April, you'll be threading the needle between the end of dry season (winter) and the start of shoulder season (historically smaller crowds). The result? The best of both worlds as you hike through El Yunque National Forest.

May ♦ Fiji

Fiji is a castaway fantasy made manifest: The beaches are awash in flawless surf, and swimmable blue lagoons dot the jungles like seashells on the beach. No matter which tiny island you stay on, you'll have it nearly all to yourselves. The weather is warm and wet year-round, but May is the start of the window for lower temperatures and less rain.

June ♦ Greece

June in Greece is hot — and we don't just mean temperature-wise. The beach days? Unblemished by storms. The sea? Seemingly deeper and cooler, thanks to the contrast with the sultry summer air. But the true charm is actually in the crowds — the nightlife here gives off an electricity that can give you goosebumps. Between midday dips in the Aegean, sunset aperitifs in a photogenic whitewashed village and a night out on legendary dance floors, you and your partner can lose yourselves in moments of absolute bliss.

July ♦ Croatia

Croatia is steeped in old-world charm, but that's simply half the draw. This is a summer getaway spot: In July, the sunlight is abundant and the air is temperate, proving to be just as perfect for splashing about at any of the island's beaches or strolling Dubrovnik's Old Town.

August ♦ Hawaii

Hawaii is first to mind for most beach vacation bucket lists — it comes with the territory of having absolutely perfect beaches, rainforests and waterfalls. The tail end of August proves to be the best time of year: The islands will have less rain and smaller crowds, meaning better conditions for exploring more of the island.



**“Hawaii
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September ♦ Germany

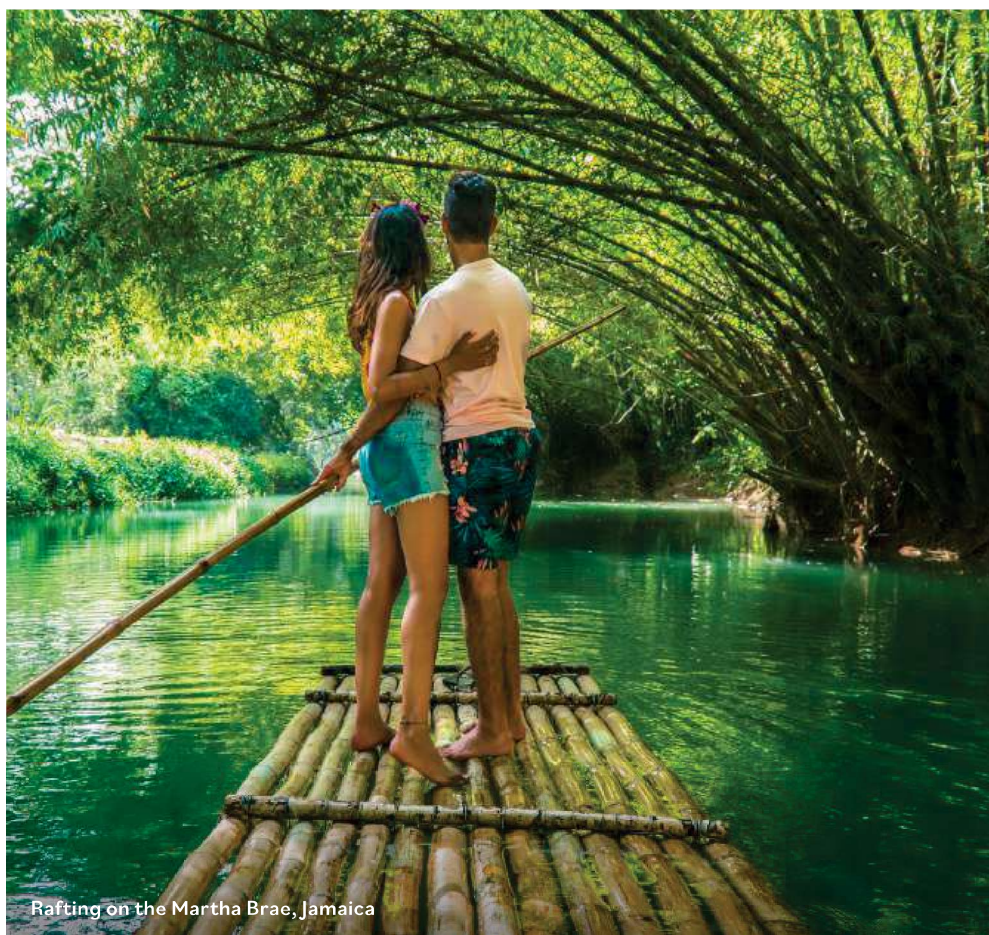
The rolling hills, meandering rivers and sprawling forests of Germany are the stuff of fairytales — making it a prime honeymoon choice for starting your happily ever after. Introverts will find plenty to love with locales like Lake Constance, Füssen or the Black Forest. Extroverts will likely want to beeline it to Munich to celebrate their love with the throngs of Oktoberfest revelers.

October ♦ Australia

By October, spring is in full bloom in Australia. Mirroring the flora, towns and cities across the continent bloom with celebrations and festivals. One prime example is Floriade — the largest flower festival in the southern hemisphere — which takes place in Canberra.



Munich, Germany



Rafting on the Martha Brae, Jamaica

November ♦ Florida

Sometimes you don't even need to leave the country to find paradise. Florida has the most coastline of the lower 48; it's only natural that sandwiched between the Gulf and the Atlantic would be a peninsula of tropical bliss. November is the jackpot for visiting — pleasant weather, smaller crowds and lower rates.

December ♦ Jamaica

While the weather outside at home might be frightful, Jamaica is just starting its dry season in December — meaning while everyone else is scraping ice off their windshields, you'll be living the island life in absolute bliss. A cold rum cocktail in one hand, and your partner's hand in the other; that's a honeymoon done right. ♦



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5 Most Luxurious Honeymoon Suites

By Hannah Bertram

Dreaming of a getaway where luxury knows no bounds? Whether you're seeking the serenity of a secluded island, the charm of a beachfront villa or the excitement of a modern resort, these accommodations promise an all-inclusive experience like no other. Here are our selections of the five most luxurious honeymoon suites from around the world.

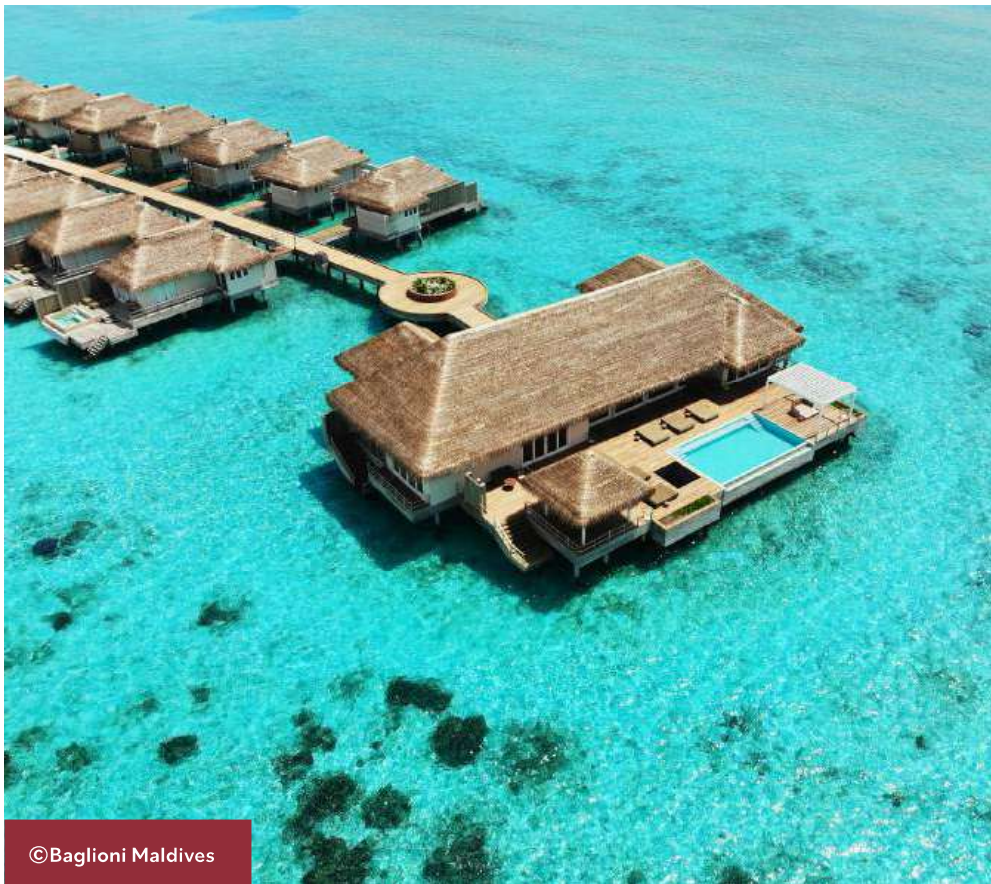
1 Two-Story Penthouse Suite Impression Moxché by Secrets

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Bring on the opulence. This lavish corner suite boasts impeccable furnishings in the spacious living and dining area with floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase the infinite horizon. Spend your days on the sun loungers of your glass-enclosed balcony pausing only to summon the butler for more Champagne. For an evening of indulgence, dine at Teodoro's for their exquisite seven-course tasting menu. Inclusions with this suite are a complimentary spa treatment, maid service three times daily, limitless gourmet dining, premium spirits and so much more.

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2 Water Villa Baglioni Maldives

Maagau Island, Maldives

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OUR FAVORITE LUXURIOUS TOUCH: direct access to the ocean for a quick midnight swim.

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3 Ocean Front Royal Suite JOIA Aruba by Iberostar

Eagle Beach, Aruba

Fit for royalty as the name implies, this suite is furnished in blond woods and sea green hues. With spectacular oceanfront views, restful surroundings and an indulgent whirlpool bath, the suite allows you to recharge your batteries and celebrate your married life in total serenity. JOIA Aruba by Iberostar is a U-shaped architectural gem designed to highlight the crystal-clear waters and sun-drenched sands of Eagle Beach, just steps away from your home for a week (or two?) Play a round of golf at Tierra del Sol, Aruba's only 18-hole course or board a catamaran for a snorkeling cruise with free-flowing mimosas.

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4 Elegance Club Plunge Pool Suite | Majestic Elegance Costa Mujeres Quintana Roo, Mexico

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OUR FAVORITE LUXURIOUS TOUCH: the outdoor Jacuzzi for relaxing under the stars.



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5 Vincy Overwater Two- Story Villa | Sandals Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Buccament Bay, Saint Vincent

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Honeymoon Planning

Honeymoon Checklist

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Months Out

GET INSPIRED

- ☐ **Brainstorm ideas.** Start thinking 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 wishes and inspiration. Maybe even create a Pinterest board together!
- ☐ **Understand amenities.** Travel agents have deep relationships with popular resorts and cruise lines where you can get complimentary amenities and VIP upgrades.
- ☐ **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 agency can take your inspiration, help narrow down your choices and build a honeymoon specifically catered to your personality and interests.
- ☐ **Compare options.** Call on us as your personal travel guru who has traveled extensively throughout Mexico, the Caribbean and beyond to inspect resort properties.
- ☐ **Get informed.** From travel documents to immunizations, we can help you understand all the moving pieces needed to turn your travel dreams into reality.

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Months Out

PICK YOUR PARADISE

- ☐ **Make it official.** Confirm your travel plans and secure your reservation with a deposit.
- ☐ **Create a honeymoon registry.** List your wishes: Couples' massages, ziplining or a photography package.
- ☐ **Protect your investment.** Select the best travel insurance policy to safeguard your honeymoon.
- ☐ **Explore Upgrades.** Travel advisors have access to industry deals and valuable extras that will elevate your experience.



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Months Out

MAKE IT SPECIAL

- ☐ **Cash out.** Withdraw your registry funds to book excursions, schedule spa appointments or make travel purchases like a camera, luggage or personal electronics.
- ☐ **Become an expert.** Whether it's salsa classes, scuba certification or language lessons, sign up for fun new activities to bond and prepare for your trip.
- ☐ **Go for the extras.** Consider booking a surprise for your spouse like a sunset catamaran cruise or Michelin-rated restaurant reservations.
- ☐ **Gather travel documents.** Pull out passports and print vouchers or tickets. Bring paper copies of your itinerary, health insurance, travel insurance and prescriptions.

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Weeks Out

GET EXCITED

- ☐ **Plan your attire.** Think about whether you've made plans that require specific clothing. Check the weather forecast in your destination.
- ☐ **Make a packing list.** Tear out this page to make your list so you don't forget anything.
- ☐ **Stay connected.** Contact your mobile provider to add an international package to your phone plan and contact your credit card provider to alert them of your upcoming travel.

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Weeks Out

ENJOY YOUR HONEYMOON!

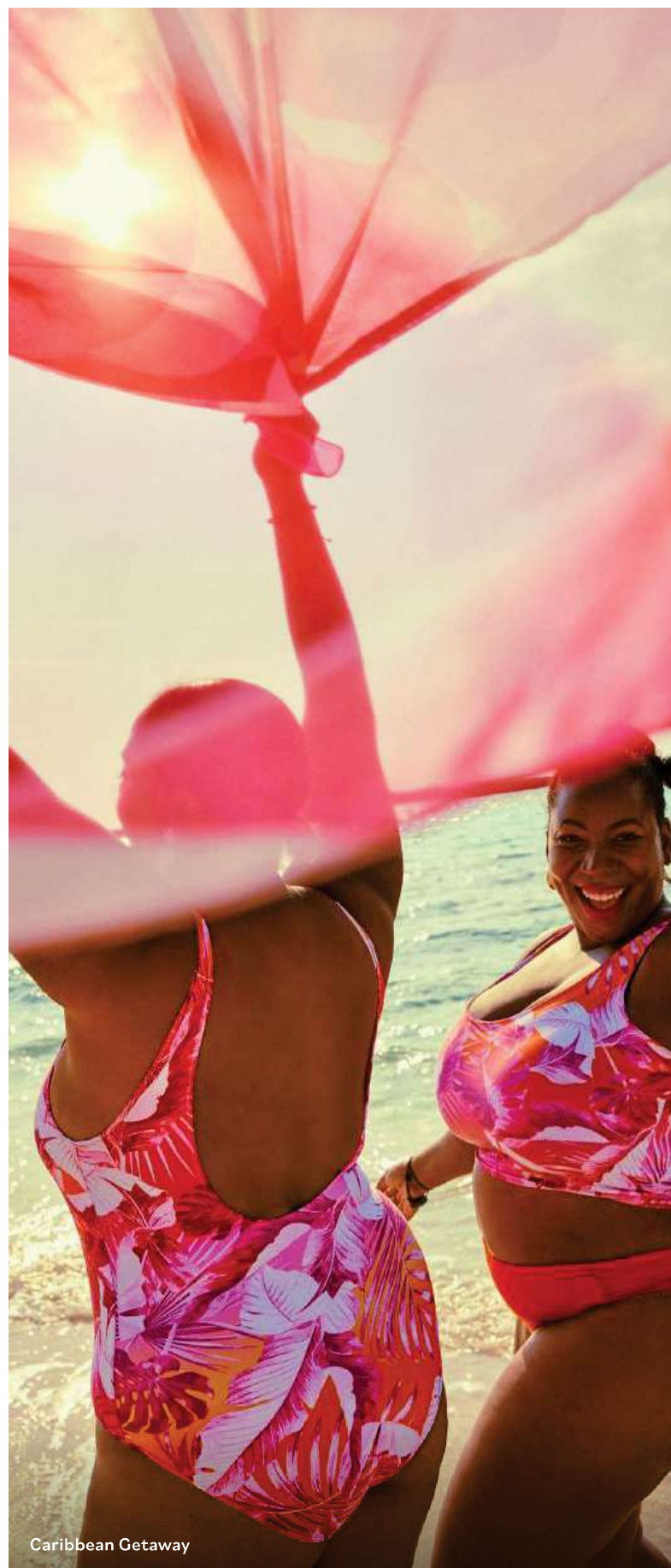
- ☐ **Be present.** Our agency has done this many times. We can help you plan ahead so you can leave your worries behind and enjoy your honeymoon.
- ☐ **Airplane Essentials.** Stock up on your favorite snacks, keep your toiletries on hand instead of in your checked luggage and bring a fun card game in your carry-on to pass the time in the air.
- ☐ **Make memories.** ♦



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Honeymoon Planning

Sip, Savor & Celebrate

Our Favorite Cruise Bars for Honeymooners

By Sofia Lust

When it comes to honeymooning, the perfect cruise isn't just about the destinations or the luxurious staterooms; it's also about finding those special spots on board where you and your partner can toast to your new life together. A well-chosen bar can set the tone for an unforgettable evening, whether you are looking for a cozy corner to share an intimate conversation, a lively atmosphere to dance the night away or a unique experience that leaves a lasting impression. That is why we've picked five of the top cruise bars that are perfect for honeymooners, offering everything from sophisticated sips to magical escapes and exhilarating ice bars. Here is where your love story continues to unfold, one romantic toast at a time. These are places where moments are made, stories are shared and memories are crafted, all while surrounded by the vast beauty of the ocean. So, let's dive in and explore these romantic havens at sea.



Sunset Bar, *Celebrity Beyond*

SIP

A Toast to Romance

Found aboard Virgin Voyages, Sip is the epitome of sophistication, offering a glamorous Champagne bar experience perfect for celebrating love. Imagine toasting to your honeymoon with a glass of bubbly, amid an ambiance that blends modern chic with classic elegance. Sip is the place where the night begins with a curated selection of Champagne and refreshing cocktails. What's even better? The intimate setting makes it feel like your own little secret.

Where to Find It: Virgin Voyages

Our Recommendation: At Sip, the Espresso Martini is a standout. Its rich flavor and energizing kick make it a favorite among guests. For a special treat, consider visiting during the afternoon tea service on sea days, where you can pair either tea or Champagne with delightful scones and sandwiches.



SPELLBOUND

Enchanting Evenings

Princess Cruises has conjured up a truly enchanting space with Spellbound, a bar that feels like a page torn out of a fairytale. With its mystical atmosphere and expertly crafted cocktails, this is where honeymooners can get lost in the magic of the moment. Whether it's the twilight hues of the bar or the carefully selected drink menu that casts the spell, you're sure to find yourself under its charm.

Where to Find It: Princess Cruises

Our Recommendation: Ask the bartender for a Magical Moment, a cocktail that plays with your senses, combining Hendrick's gin, St. Germain liqueur, Monin Passion Fruit and Chandon Brut Rosé sparkling wine. For a more immersive experience, enjoy a close-up magic show right at your table, which adds an extra layer of enchantment to your evening.

Honeymoon Planning

SUNSET BAR

Where Love Meets the Horizon

Located at the back of most Celebrity Cruises' ships, the Sunset Bar offers a panoramic view that is breathtaking. The open-air spot is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the beautiful scenery as the sun sets, filling the sky with vibrant colors. The bar has a relaxed yet stylish vibe, making it a top choice for those who want to enjoy the sea's beauty with a drink in hand. As the name suggests, this bar is all about celebrating the magical sunset, one of the most romantic experiences you can have on a cruise.

Where to Find It: Celebrity Cruises

Our Recommendation: Try the 75 in the Sun, a cocktail that perfectly encapsulates the laid-back atmosphere of the Sunset Bar. It's a refreshing choice that pairs beautifully with the evening's fading light. To fully enjoy the experience, arrive early, secure a prime viewing spot and enjoy live music as the sun dips below the horizon.



Sunset Bar, *Celebrity Beyond*



BOLEROS

Latin Beats and Exotic Treats

Royal Caribbean's Boleros is the heartbeat of the ship, pulsing with vibrant energy and Latin flair. This bar is where couples can dance the night away and indulge in mojitos, caipirinhas and other Latin-inspired cocktails. With live music and a festive atmosphere, it's a place where memories are made and every night feels like a celebration. Whether you are showing off your salsa moves or simply soaking in the festive vibe, Boleros offers an unforgettable experience.

Where to Find It: Royal Caribbean

Our Recommendation: The Classic Mojito is the drink of choice here, a refreshing mix of fresh mint, lime, sugar and rum that complements the lively Latin music perfectly. After enjoying your drink, hit the dance floor. Whether you are a seasoned salsa dancer or just looking to have fun, the atmosphere is contagious.





Skyy Vodka Ice Bar, Norwegian Cruise Line

SKYY VODKA ICE BAR

Chill in Love

For a truly unique experience, honeymooners should chill out at Norwegian Cruise Line's Skyy Vodka Ice Bar. Step inside this frozen wonderland, where the temperature is always below freezing and everything is made of ice. At this bar, guests enjoy a unique and frosty experience while wrapped in cozy coats provided by the staff. Here, you and your loved one can sip on expertly mixed Skyy Vodka cocktails while surrounded by ice sculptures and cool blue lighting.

Where to Find It: Norwegian Cruise Line

Our Recommendation: Sip on the Skyy Vodka Ice Cold, a refreshing cocktail that blends orange-infused vodka with Grand Marnier and lemon juice. Served in a glass made of ice, this drink perfectly matches the bar's ambiance. Visit during off-peak hours to enjoy a quieter, more intimate atmosphere where you can fully appreciate the ice sculptures and the cool, crisp flavor of your drink. ♦



Boleros, Utopia of the Seas



Mojito, Utopia of the Seas

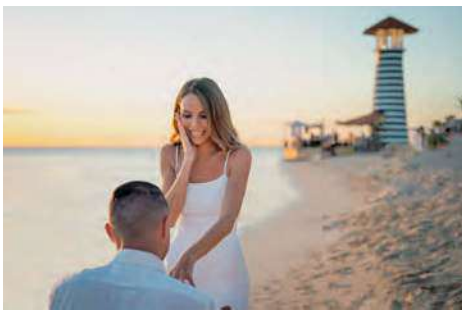
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BUDGET vs LUXE

When it comes to planning a honeymoon, you'll often find yourselves choosing between budget-friendly and luxurious options. Both offer unique experiences but cater to different priorities, from cost to ambiance, which play a big role in your overall happiness. Thankfully, our advisors are here to guide you toward the best option for you and your budget. Here's a comparison of some popular budget and luxe honeymoon options to help you envision the ideal destination.



BUDGET



Riviera Maya, Mexico

- **Explore Cenotes:** Swim in natural sinkholes with crystal-clear water.
- **Visit Maya Ruins:** Discover ancient history at Tulum or Chichén Itzá.
- **Snorkeling & Diving:** Experience vibrant coral reefs and marine life.

BUDGET



Prague, Czech Republic

- **Castle Tour:** Explore the grandeur of Prague Castle and its stunning grounds.
- **River Cruise:** Enjoy a romantic cruise along the Vltava River, taking in city views.
- **Old Town Exploration:** Wander through medieval streets, visiting landmarks like the Astronomical Clock.

BUDGET



Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

- **Caribbean's Finest Beaches:** Stroll or swim this coastline, home to picture-perfect beaches.
- **Hike to El Limón:** Lace your hiking boots for the 1.5-mile trek to a spectacular waterfall.
- **Reach New Heights:** Enjoy a bird's eye view of the Malaga coastline on the Teleférico cable car.

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LUXE



The Maldives

- **Private Island-Hopping:** Visit secluded islands for a day of luxury and relaxation.
- **Underwater Dining:** Enjoy a meal surrounded by marine life in an underwater restaurant.
- **Sunset Cruises:** Sail into the sunset on a private yacht or traditional dhoni.

LUXE



Kauai, Hawaii

- **Helicopter Ride:** Take a thrilling helicopter tour over the jagged cliffs of the Na Pali Coast.
- **Swim with Dolphins:** Feed, train and create close bonds with dolphins with an actual trainer.
- **Whale-Watching:** Search for orcas on a private catamaran.

LUXE



Santorini, Greece

- **Caldera Hike:** Trek from Fira to Oia along the caldera's edge for breathtaking views.
- **Wine Tasting:** Sample local wines at one of Santorini's renowned wineries.
- **Sunset in Oia:** Watch one of the world's most famous sunsets from the hilltop village of Oia. ♦



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