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Change of SCENERY

Why limit yourselves to one honeymoon when you could have two? Here's how to pair destinations for a match made in heaven on your dual-centre honeymoon...



India and the Maldives

Located in the centre of Bengaluru, The Taj West End, Bangalore is the perfect place for honeymooners to discover the local culture of India. Surrounded by 150-year-old raintrees, this leafy 20-acre property is a honeymooner's heaven in the heart of the city. With Bengaluru International Airport just a 20-minute drive away, it couldn't be easier to hop onto a direct flight (1h 55m) straight to Male, where Baros Maldives awaits. Baros Maldives is surrounded by tropical greenery and an exquisite house reef, just 15 metres from the shore, making it the perfect second stop. Thanks to Destination Dining at Baros, guests can enjoy a fine dining experience anywhere on the island, while diving enthusiasts can explore the stunning house-reef (one of the best in the Indian Ocean) in style, thanks to 'Diving by Design' programmes. tajhotels.com / baros.com



Paris and the French Riviera

For the ultimate romantic 'room with a view', look no further than the Honeymoon Suite at Le Bristol Paris, which offers panoramic views of some of Paris' finest monuments, including the Eiffel Tower. The suite includes its own kitchen, where five Michelin-starred chef extraordinaire Eric Frechon can prepare intimate candlelit dinners. After an unforgettable foodie experience, couples can escape the hustle and bustle of the city for something a little more secluded. Perched high on the hills, overlooking the picturesque medieval town of St Paul de Vence lies the stunning Château Saint Martin & Spa. Deep in the beautiful French Riviera, hidden in the hills between Nice and Cannes, Château Saint-Martin & Spa offers stunning views over olive groves, lavender gardens and the Mediterranean coast. Couples will love the Honeymoon Duplex Suite, located in the Château's turret. oetkercollection.com



Two sides of Portugal

With Porto serving as the 'gateway to the Douro', honeymooners can stop off in a city rich in heritage, architecture and culture with a stay at The Yeatman – a classic hotel blending the finest Portuguese traditions of hospitality with British flair – before escaping to the stunningly scenic landscape of the Douro Valley. Six Senses Douro Valley is set in a beautiful Portuguese UNESCO World Heritage wine region. The property is touched with the romance of 19th-century architecture married to contemporary interiors, reflecting the inimitable Six Senses' style. Perched at the foot of the valley, Six Senses Douro Valley offers spectacular views of the Douro River and surrounding vineyard. Honeymooners looking for something extra special can feel like they have their own private vineyard in one of the resort's new Vineyard Villas. scottdunn.com





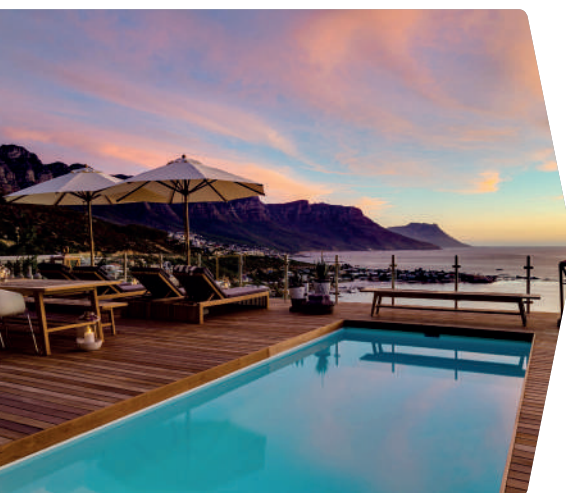
Miami and Mexico

Miami is one of our favourite honeymoon hotspots. The FAENA HOTEL MIAMI BEACH comprises sumptuous rooms and penthouses designed in collaboration with film director Baz Luhrmann and his wife Catherine Martin. The hotel is a living art installation, where newlyweds can soak up the sun casually surrounded by pieces by Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons, Alberto Garutti and more. Art meets the beach at your second destination – Hotel Esencia, a romantic aristocratic bolthole on the Riviera Maya. First built as the private hideaway of an Italian duchess on what is considered the most beautiful beach on Mexico's Caribbean coast, Hotel Esencia resides on a private 50-acre estate, surrounded by Mayan jungle. Located just 50 minutes from Cancun and 30 from Tulum, the hotel is full of character and heritage, providing a beautiful backdrop for honeymooners. scottdunn.com



Oman and the Seychelles

To recharge in style, honeymooners can book an epic wellness escape to two of Six Senses' most spectacular resorts, pairing Oman and the Seychelles to make the most of two programmes, Sleep with Six Senses and Integrated Wellness. First stop is the legendary Six Senses Zighy Bay, located on the northern Musandam Peninsula in the Sultanate of Oman (easily reachable from Dubai), guarded by the dramatic Hajar Mountains and fringed by a private sandy beach. Connecting via Dubai, guests then fly to Mahé with a nine-night stay at the private island resort of Six Senses Zil Pasyon. One of the Seychelles' most dramatically beautiful and unspoiled islands, the shoreline is punctuated with spectacular granite boulders and picture-perfect beaches, making it the ideal place to energise with Six Senses' Integrated Wellness Programme. inspiringtravelcompany.co.uk



Cape Town and safari

Cape View Clifton is Cape Town's most enchanting guesthouse, providing the perfect honeymoon destination with Clifton 7, a deluxe private apartment ideal for honeymooners. The spectacular views looking over the Atlantic Ocean, Twelve Apostles, and Camps Bay are enough to make any stay unforgettable. A short domestic flight away, in the Singita Kruger National Park, is Singita Sweni Lodge. This sanctuary offers seven suites, hidden in the trees, plus a new two-suite villa with a private pool. With its close proximity to water, honeymooners at Singita Sweni Lodge will be treated to exceptional up-close sightings of the varied wildlife that wanders down to drink or wallow in the river. Singita offers walking safaris, game drives, stargazing safaris and more, plus the Singita Bush Spa, a tranquil haven of quiet space with extraordinary views. ampersandtravel.com



New York, Nantucket, Massachusetts and Rhode Island

New York is just three hours from New England, so why not explore it all? Kick start your honeymoon in New York at The Lowell, located on a tree-lined street off Madison Avenue. From here, hop on board the Tailwind seaplane straight to Nantucket. The exclusive island is home to white picket fences and quaint boutique-lined high streets. Honeymooners will love The Wauwinet, a luxury historic inn known for its outstanding service, mouth-watering cuisine and breathtaking views. The trip can be completed by heading back across the water to Rhode Island, the USA's 'smallest state', renowned for its sandy shores and colonial towns and home to Ocean House. This seaside resort has the only private hotel beach in all of New England! lowellhotel.com, wauwinet.com, oceanhouseri.com

