



Follow Your Bliss

Every couple has their own vision of honeymoon heaven. Maybe it's finding the whitest sand ... or the finest wine ... or the steepest ski run. The point is doing what you love—and doing it together—on your first trip as a Mr. and Mrs. We've rounded up 40 great vacation ideas, whether you're a beach lover, gastronome, adrenaline junkie, or culture buff. Bon voyage!

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Hike to the Shore → Tucked away on a private peninsula in southern Brazil is the serene, romantic **Ponta dos Ganchos** resort. Even more special than the compound's secluded beaches are the guided treks through its surrounding lush, wild rain forest (from \$470, pontadosganchos.com.br).

Grab Your Snorkel → With calm waves, soft sand, and bathtub-warm water, Arashi Beach, on Aruba, is the ultimate place for a dip—but it's even better for spotting sea life. (And it's just a five-minute taxi ride from **The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba**; from \$399, ritzcarlton.com.) Come prepared: There are no facilities, just a few huts, so pack your snorkel, towels, water, and snacks.

Join the (Beach) Party → If your idea of a good time is staying up until sunrise, look no further than the new **Gansevoort Dominican Republic**, in the DR's thriving Puerto Plata region. At the super-social resort on Playa Imbert, you can bring your evening cocktails to the beach or the adults-only pool. After-hours action can be found at La Cantina Wine + Cigar Cellar and the Baia Lounge + Restaurant (from \$485, gansevoorthotelgroup.com).

Kayak Into the Wild → Just over an hour by van and speedboat from Thailand's Krabi International Airport lies laid-back Koh Lanta, part of a 52-island archipelago protected by the Mu Koh Lanta National Park. Here, you can paddle through limestone caves, go hiking, and sunbathe on Ba Kantiang Beach (which is backed by a tropical forest). As for where to stay: **Pimalai Resort & Spa** is one of the area's few high-end resorts (from \$187, www.pimalai.com).



Koh Lanta, Thailand



Monteverdi Tuscany, Italy

Tasty Delights

Foodies take all forms, from simple gourmands to Anthony Bourdain-style culinary anthropologists. If the two of you live to eat (or drink, or cook, or crush grapes), one of these trips will be a recipe for delight.

Eat Your Way Through Tuscany →

To sample the bounty that is Tuscan cuisine, stay at the 12-room hilltop hotel **Monteverdi Tuscany** and do just about anything. (Options include truffle hunting and wine tasting.) Don't worry about over-indulging: The new spa offers ways to detox (from \$425, monteverdituscany.com).

Shuck It All! → Your shellfish, that is. At the 140-year-old **Wauwinet**, on Nantucket, Massachusetts, guests can experience ocean-to-table firsthand. You'll watch as the captain of the *Wauwinet Lady* pulls bivalves from a nearby oyster bed, and learn how to chuck the bad and shuck the good—then pair them with wine (from \$225, wauwinet.com).

Dine à Deux → The City of Light is in the midst of a bistro renaissance, and at our current faves, French classics are getting a 21st-century twist. Try **Septime** (septime-charonne.fr), **Clown Bar** (clown-bar-paris.fr), **Le Dauphin** (restaurantledauphin.net), or **L'Ami Jean** (lamijean.fr). The best part: They all take reservations.

Barbecue Blow-Out → Everything's bigger in Texas—and that includes Austin's

'cue scene. The waits are worth it at **Franklin Barbecue** (franklinbarbecue.com) and **La Barbecue** (labarbecue.com). Give in to the inevitable food coma at the new **South Congress Hotel**, home to a restaurant by beloved local chef Paul Qui (from \$289, southcongresshotel.com).

Bottle It! → **The Vines Resort & Spa**, at the foot of the Argentinian Andes in Mendoza's malbec country, offers the ultimate souvenir: At the property's vineyard, you can learn how to blend wine with master vintners and create your own barrel to toast future anniversaries. After you've worked up an appetite, hit the on-site restaurant run by famed chef Francis Mallmann (from \$550, vinesresortandspa.com).



Mendoza, Argentina

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: COURTESY MONTEVERDI TUSCANY; ISTOCK (2). OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: COURTESY TSCHUGEN GRAND HOTEL; ISTOCK; COURTESY SIX SENSES HOTELS RESORTS