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Get ready, because our comprehensive list is going to kick your wanderlust into high gear. And if you and your fiancé can’t narrow it down to just one destination, no worries—that’s what anniversary trips are for! by maridel reyes and nancy rones
little palm island, florida keys

**WHY GO** Once you step foot on this serene, palm-fringed island, you’ll be shocked that you’re still in The States—perfect for passportless couples or those who aren’t up for a long plane ride after their wedding.

**WHERE TO STAY** The island’s only lodging, exclusive Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, promises privacy by the boatload. Surprise your groom by preordering off their amazing menu of arrival amenities—from a pitcher of the hotel’s famous Gumbo Slumber to a fancy caviar and champagne spread (from $690, LittlePalmIsland.com).

**WHAT TO DO** Indulge in a Madrugada water massage (the therapist stands in the ocean while you lie supported above the crystal-blue waters), and then dine in private by the glow of tiki torches, with your toes in the sand, at Harbor Point.

aruba

**WHY GO** This southern Caribbean favorite isn’t called “one happy island” for nothing: Besides wide expanses of sand, you’ll soak in seemingly endless sunny days (it rarely rains), a hopping nightlife, and a variety of activities on land and at sea. You’ll be one happy couple, that’s for sure.

**WHERE TO STAY** Fronting gorgeous Palm Beach, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba opened last year and is pretty much the definition of posh. Have breakfast alfresco every morning—all 320 rooms come with balconies with partial or full ocean views (from $449, RitzCarlton.com/aruba).

**WHAT TO DO** During the day traverse rugged terrain via Land Rover before refreshing together in the Natural Pool (DePalmTours.com). Before sunset, head downtown to Oranjestad’s Pinchos Grill & Bar (PinchosAruba.com), a casual but über-romantic, above-water eatery that’s located along a picturesque pier.

barbados

**WHY GO** Rihanna’s beautiful birthplace offers more than 70 miles of sun-drenched beaches and a warm blend of English, African and West Indian influences that separates it from more vanilla seaside spots.

**WHERE TO STAY** At Little Good Harbour, one of the last family-run oceanfront hotels on the west coast of Barbados, you’ll find casually luxurious cottages and warm and attentive staff who will make you feel right at home (from $310, LittleGoodHarbourBarbados.com).

**WHAT TO DO** A must-hit on Fridays? Oistins Fish Fry, where you’ll hang with locals and chow down on tuna, marlin and mahi-mahi. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., but go early (grab a cab—it’s about a 45-minute drive) for a chance to feed the turtles.

riviera maya, mexico

**WHY GO** From many US cities, a quick flight lands you on the powder-soft beaches of this lush stretch outside Cancun. Amenity-packed lodgings provide creature comforts while eco-parks, historic ruins and water sports keep you as busy as you want to be.

**WHERE TO STAY** An antidote for post-wedding stress, the chic adults-only Iberostar Grand Hotel Paraíso sits on a large strip of sand and exudes tranquility. For a little variety, stroll over to four neighboring Iberostar hotels, where Grand Hotel Paraíso guests have full access (all-inclusive from $247 per person, Iberostar.com).

**WHAT TO DO** Visit Tulum, and go way (way) back in time as you marvel at ancient Mayan ruins—not to mention one of the area’s most breathtaking beaches.

yasawa island, fiji

**WHY GO** Plenty of places call themselves “paradise,” but this far-flung South Pacific island that’s home to epic white-sand beaches is the real deal.

**WHERE TO STAY** Yasawa Island Resort and Spa is this destination’s sole sanctuary for visitors. We’re obsessed with their exotic beachfront bure (thatched-roof bungalows); book the secluded honeymoon bure that they call Lomalagi. The translation? “Heaven” (from $1,800 including food and most activities, Yasawas.com).

**WHAT TO DO** Pack a lunch, snorkel gear and a walkie-talkie and have the staff leave you on a deserted island for the afternoon. For more aquatic sightseeing, visit the Blue Lagoon caves.
crete, greece
WHY GO The largest of the Greek islands has major eye candy: picturesque fishing villages, mountains and beaches. Be sure to bring an extra memory card for your camera.
WHERE TO STAY Carved into a hillside over the Aegean Sea, Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas is a chic escape where you can laze along a crescent-shaped beach. Water skis, speedboats and luxury yachts (with a skipper!) are all available (from $365, DaiosCoveCrete.com).
WHAT TO DO Visit The Palace of Knossos, first excavated in the early 1900s. Sip ouzo at a taverna in the port city of Agios Nikolaos.

kauai, hawaii
WHY GO This tropical locale makes our list every year—and for good reason. Dramatic cliffs, insane sunsets, beaches that suit every mood and activity, and a friendly aloha spirit keep honeymooners coming back to get lei’d!
WHERE TO STAY Expect postcard views and excellent snorkeling at the sophisticated St. Regis Princeville on the North Shore. Leave room in your budget for a meal at Kauai Grill, a to-die-for restaurant created by celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten (from $450, StRegisPrinceville.com).
WHAT TO DO Skim across Hanalei Bay in a stand-up paddleboard lesson, or get eye-popping views of the island via helicopter.

cayo espanto, belize
WHY GO This teeny, super-chic one-resort private island, located off the coast of mainland Belize, lets you focus solely on your newly minted spouse and completely escape from reality.
WHERE TO STAY Separated by dense mangroves, each of the seven island-style beach villas on Cayo Espanto has a dock over the turquoise waters, a plunge pool (except the over-water villa), and a house attendant. Meals are tailored to your specific tastes (all-inclusive from $1,495, APivatelsIsland.com).
WHAT TO DO At your villa, indulge in a side-by-side coffee scrub spa treatment. Afterwards venture out to scuba dive along the world’s second-largest barrier reef (and unlike the one in Australia, this one is just two hours by plane from Miami).