

HONEYMOONS

Right Time, Right Place: The Best Honeymoon Destinations by Month

Planning your post-wedding getaway? Find out the best time of year to travel to the most popular honeymoon spots.

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You probably have a long list of must-haves for your first vacation as husband and wife—epic locale, amazing scenery, bucket-list excursions, and super romantic digs. But when it comes to picking the right **honeymoon destination** for you, there's more that goes into the decision than whether or not the resort has a swim-up bar. (Though that is surely an added bonus.)

Price, seasonal discounts, and weather are some of the main factors to consider when narrowing the field. For example, you may dream of sinking your toes in the sand on **Jamaica's northeastern shores**, but if you're planning a **summer wedding**, the Caribbean island won't be your best bet, since hurricane season extends from June to November. Instead, consider Sardinia, Italy, when the Mediterranean sea is warm and the wine flows at buzzy cliffside cafes. Always saw yourselves enjoying an adventurous **safari honeymoon**? Try an off-the-beaten-path trip to Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park in December, after rainy season has ended and viewing of the region's famed mountain gorillas is prime. Or, snag off-season discounts by booking Mexico's Riviera Maya in April or Hawaii during September—both destinations see fewer travelers during this time but still offer great weather.

No matter what time of year you wed, there's an incredible experience to be had in every corner of the globe. From classic getaway spots like **St. Barth**, Greece, and Italy to far-flung locales like Vietnam, **Iceland**, and Bhutan, we break down the best times to travel to the hottest destinations around the world. Happy honeymooning!



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November: New Zealand

This adventure capital has sprung to the forefront of popularity of late, thanks, in large part, to still-buzzy resorts ([the Farm at Cape Kidnappers](#), [the Lodge at Kauri Cliffs](#), [Matakauri Lodge](#)) and noteworthy new openings like [Helena Bay](#), an 800-acre lodge on the country's idyllic North Island, which hosts no more than five couples at a time in its oceanfront villas. (And has a private two-mile beach and Michelin-quality restaurant for which the chef sources ingredients from an extensive on-property garden and farm.) Plan to visit before peak summer season, when daytime temperatures are comfortably warm and cooler nights mean fireside cuddles.

Or go to...

Riviera Maya and Mérida, Mexico: The Caribbean-fronting Riviera Maya coastline is chock-full of wallet-friendly all-inclusive beach resorts. Couples looking for a boutique hideout, however, need look no further than the insanely chic [Hotel Esencia](#), which has hosted everyone from Lupita Nyong'o to Emily Ratajkowski in its 29 whitewashed rooms. If you're down for a road trip, make the four-hour drive to Mérida, the colorful inland capital of the Yucatán Peninsula, and check into the hacienda-chic [Chablé Resort & Spa](#), where the spa is set *inside* a cenote.