



Unique HONEYMOONS

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Two weeks at the beach is okay for some couples, but why not celebrate the start of married life with a more memorable trip? Here are our specialists' ideas for adventurous honeymoons with a difference.

Indochina

Relax after your wedding day at Thailand's Anantara Spa and visit an elephant training camp, then cross into Laos for a romantic adventure floating down the Mekong into charming Luang Prabang. Fly on to Angkor Wat in Cambodia, then to Saigon for some exciting Vietnamese city life. Hoi An is a gorgeous old merchant town perfect for strolling and relaxing by the sea, and a couple of nights in graceful Hanoi at the colonial Sofitel Metropole would make a lovely end to your honeymoon.

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Guyana

For an adventurous honeymoon, spend a night in Georgetown before travelling overland to the Iwokrama Field Station where you can take a wildlife tour on the Essequibo river. Spend a night in an Amerindian village and visit Dadanawa's giant river otters before a spot of relaxation at the Baganara Island Resort and a flight over the stunning Kaieteur Falls.

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Africa

The romance of Africa makes it a perfect honeymoon destination, but you are spoiled for choice with the types of trip on offer.

You could combine Tanzania's Selous reserve, an exciting and little visited alternative to the northern parks, with bush breakfasts by Lake Tagalala and gameviewing on the plains, with the Mafia Islands where you can enjoy private picnics by turquoise seas, dive, take a dhow trip and enjoy a secluded seafood dinner on the beach.

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Or why not sample South Africa's diversity? Start near stylish Camps Bay at the isolated Twelve Apostles hotel and take a helicopter to La Colombe, one of Africa's finest restaurants. Watch whales at Grootbos and take a light aircraft to Tswalu, a remote private reserve in the Kalahari with a friendly mob of

meerkats. Fly on to Johannesburg for a night at the Michelangelo on trendy Sandton Square and then take a leisurely two-night journey by steam train down to Cape Town on the sumptuous Rovos Rail. And what better way to end a unique honeymoon than a night beneath Table Mountain at the stylish Cape Grace hotel?

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Australia

Something of four trips in one. Combine the luxury of Sydney's harbourside Park Hyatt hotel with a stay in the cottages of a converted outback gold mine at Tyrconnell, Dimbulah. Then swap the desert skies for a canopy of tropical foliage at the Cockatoo Hill Retreat in Queensland's stunning Daintree rainforest before ending your honeymoon with sea, sand and relaxation at the Poruma Lodge on the idyllic Torres Strait Islands.

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Japan

The neon lights of Tokyo are a mesmerising sight, perhaps bettered only by the view of Mount Fuji from the Hakone National Park where you can enjoy hot spring bathing

and copy John Lennon and Yoko Ono by staying in the Fujiya Hotel. The ancient capital of Kyoto has many parks and temples for romantic strolls, and you can stay in one of Japan's traditional ryokans for a taste of traditional hospitality.

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Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's size and diversity make for an exciting honeymoon with plenty of leisure time. Start in the Cultural Triangle, scaling the Sigirya Rock Fortress and visiting the elephants in Minneriya National Park between spa treatments at The Deer Park hotel. In Kandy, the air throbs to the rhythm of drumbeats at the Temple of the Tooth's evening ceremony, while tea plantations dotted with romantic colonial bungalows are just a short train ride away. End your honeymoon relaxing on the beach at Bentota's luxurious Saman Villas or bargain hunting in Colombo.

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