

Hopelessly Romantic Honeymoon Ideas

Start the next chapter of your love story by being whisked away on the honeymoon of your dreams. Leave footprints in the sand on a deserted beach in Australia, glam it up on safari in the Serengeti or gaze at the Northern Lights from your own private Jacuzzi. Whatever your dream destination may be, the world is your oyster. Bespoke travel experts Sally & Alice share their wealth of knowledge on where's hot for honeymooners in 2012.

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AUSTRALIA

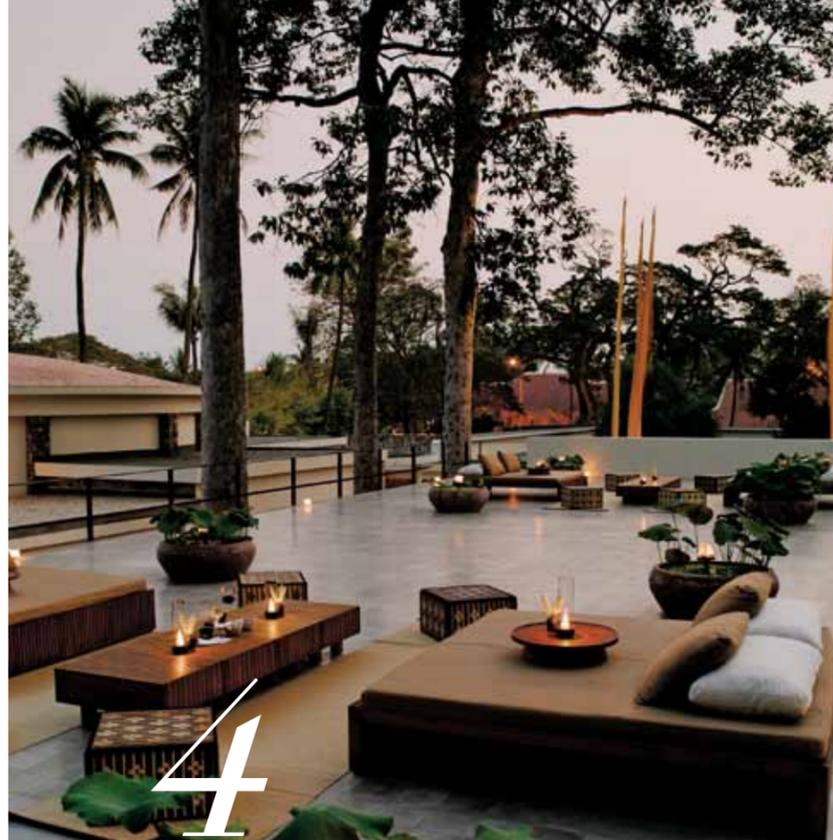
It may seem a long way, but it is so worth the time it takes to get there. The largest of the Australian states, Western Australia offers amazing variety for adventurous newlyweds - stunning coastlines, delicious food and wine, rugged desert scenery and a laid-back surfy vibe. The remote rugged ranges and splendid coastline of the Kimberley has fewer people per square kilometer than almost any other place on Earth, which makes it the ideal destination for those looking to get away from it all. For luxe safari-style, head to Sal Salis and enjoy the Cape Range National Park and the Ningaloo Reef to swim with Whale Sharks and eat out under a spectacular night sky. www.salsalis.com.au



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TANZANIA

The vast natural wonder that is the Ngorongoro Crater and the breathtaking open plains of the Serengeti offer some of the most awesome scenery Africa has to offer. One of the most incredible experiences you can have is to see the great wildebeest migration in its full glory by mobile safari. At the Serengeti Safari Camp, honeymooners are allocated their own private vehicles and guides to help them get up close and personal with nature's greatest creations. www.nomad-tanzania.com



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CAMBODIA

Cambodia is the place to be right now. To avoid cultural overload, particularly in Siem Reap, ensure you are in the right places for the right amount of time so that you don't get "temped out". Highlights like helicopter tours of remote regions are things that few people know about but offer a great chance to play Lara Croft. Adventure aside, it is possible to do Cambodia in supreme style by staying at the likes of Amansara, the former guesthouse of King Sihanouk and only 10 minutes from the Angkor UNESCO World Heritage Site. Though not new, it still holds the number 1 spot in Cambodia. www.amanresorts.com/amansara

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KENYA

Privacy is key at the luxurious hideaway Alfajiri, on the coast of Kenya. With only three private villas that sit on coral cliffs above Diani Beach overlooking the panorama of the Indian Ocean, it is no wonder that A-list celebrities, including Brad and Angelina have holed themselves away from the prying eyes of the world at this super-exclusive retreat. The entire experience is bespoke, even allowing you to choose your cuisine and where to dine each night. A butler is on hand to attend to your every need and a masseuse or yoga teacher will visit your villa daily on request. www.alfajirivillas.com



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ICELAND

Head to the wild south coast of Iceland for a honeymoon experience like no other. One of the 'Special Hotels of the World', Hotel Rangais considered to be one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights (Nov-April). Stay in one of the seven uniquely themed World Pavilion Suites, which combine African and American aesthetics. Watch the lights from your private Jacuzzi on your balcony. The lodge itself is done in a cozy log cabin style with lots of floor-to-ceiling glass to better take advantage of the views over the River Ranga - one of the best for salmon fishing, if that floats his boat (June-Sept). www.hotelranga.is



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MOZAMBIQUE

A hidden jewel for those 'in the know,' Vamizi Island in northern Mozambique is a castaway paradise. Offering only 13 exclusive villas, all nestled on a private island at the top of Mozambique's magnificent coastline, Vamizi is an idyllic spot that inspires guests to switch off their phones, throw off their shoes and spend lazy days in total intimacy. The actor Daniel Craig fell head over heels for the retreat, signing the guestbook: "a piece of my heart will stay on Vamizi." Undoubtedly, a piece of yours will too. www.vamizi.com





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SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka's latest luxury resort, Ulagalla, is very high-end, but with eco-initiatives, for those honeymooners with a conscience. Surrounded by paddy fields and a jungle, the 20 exclusive villas are incredibly private and of the highest standard. Complete with living rooms, spacious bathrooms and a private plunge pool, there is very little reason to leave your life of luxury, unless you want to take up one of the many eco-friendly activities, such as cycling, kayaking, archery or horse riding. Should you feel the need to be sociable, there is a drop-dead beautiful lounge bar with a glass-floored wine cellar and pool table; a gourmet restaurant; a library, and a gigantic swimming pool. In their own words: 'hide yourself away from the cares of the world and be treated like royalty.' www.ulagallaresorts.com



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SEYCHELLES

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate, chose the North Island on the Seychelles for their honeymoon, and no wonder: the stunning beauty of the surrounding environment is further enhanced by hotel's impeccable service. From the helicopter transfer in, to the one on one dive instruction and private butler service, this is the honeymoon destination of truly regal standards. Villa number 11 is considered to be one of the best, if not the best, honeymoon suites in the world. www.north-island.com



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CANADA

For a walk on the wild side take a seaplane to Vancouver Island for a stay at Clayoquot Wilderness Retreat. An incredibly remote property surrounded by stunning wilderness where activities like hiking, kayaking, canoeing, horse riding, mountain biking, salt & fresh water guided fishing, skeet shooting and rock climbing are readily available, as well as spectacular wildlife viewing - whales, sea lions, sea otters, eagles, puffins and bears are all on the cards and provide fantastic photo opportunities. The Outpost Spa offers cedar hot tubs and a sauna, plus a great selection of relaxation massages including hot rock and paraffin treatments. The food is amazing and includes 5 course taster menus to ensure you remain fully indulged throughout your stay. www.wildretreat.com



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THE VICEROY MALDIVES RESORT

Officially opening on April 2nd this year on the archipelago's Vagaru Island, the 61-villas on the island resort are all situated hovering above the crystal water or on the powder white sand beach. Boasting some of the most spacious accommodation in the Maldives, Viceroy villas are complete with private plunge pools, ensuite baths and large outdoor areas that ensure complete privacy. There is a first-class spa for hours of holistic pampering, 5 dining destinations and yoga classes to relax you into marital bliss.

The Viceroy has an opening deal of a 7-night package for two in a Beach Villa starting at \$7245 / Dhs26,600 excluding tax. For further information visit www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/maldives.



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