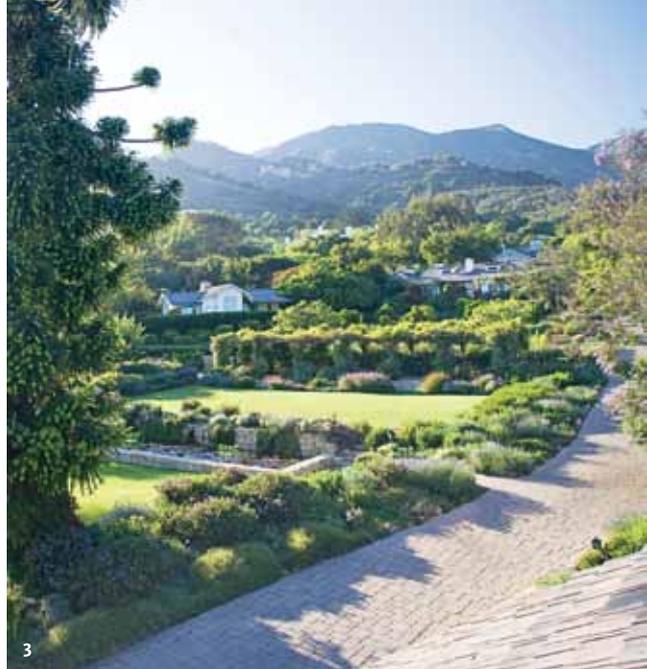


# mini moons

Can't swing two weeks off postwedding? These five short escapes offer everything newlyweds could want. BY KRISTIN KOCH

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**1 walland, tennessee**  
 Don't let the name fool you: Blackberry Farm is one of the world's top hotels, so you won't be spending your mini moon milking cows or anything. More like you'll be tended to 24/7 by the bend-over-backward-for-you staff at this 4,200-acre rustic retreat. You'll enjoy all the comforts of home (like cookies and milk delivered to your private cottage) with all the luxuries of a five-star hotel, including a top spa and the region's renowned Foothills cuisine: traditional southern fare with a haute twist (from \$345, [BlackberryFarm.com](#)).

**2 cumberland island, georgia**  
 If you really want to get away from it all and unplug, head to Georgia's southernmost barrier island. There won't be other tourists cramping your newlywed style—just nature, the beach and you two. You have only two options here for accommodations: one of the National Park Service-regulated campsites or the 16-room Greyfield Inn, a secluded (there's no Internet service) four-story converted Carnegie mansion set on 18 miles of white sand (from \$495, including all meals, [GreyfieldInn.com](#)).

**3 montecito, california**  
 Head to Southern California's tranquil wine country for romance, scenery and plenty of vino for toasting your newlywed status. Visit local wineries, day-trip to Santa Barbara's beautiful beaches, play golf or hike through the picturesque Santa Ynez Mountains before retiring to San Ysidro Ranch—the same resort where Jackie Kennedy and John F. Kennedy stayed during their honeymoon. Enjoy in-room spa treatments, or share a romantic dinner at one of the ranch's two restaurants or in front of your private cottage's fireplace (from \$650, [SanYsidroRanch.com](#)).

**4 kohler, wisconsin**  
 Within driving distance of both Chicago and Milwaukee, this village offers a variety of outdoor activities year-round, including fishing, horseback riding and cross-country skiing. But hitting the links at one of the four world-class golf courses—two at Blackwolf Run and two at Whistling Straits—is a must. Then treat yourselves to a couple's massage at the award-winning Kohler Waters Spa before retiring to your room at the über-swank American Club, the Midwest's only AAA Five-Diamond resort (from \$202, [AmericanClubResort.com](#)).

**5 martha's vineyard, massachusetts**  
 Between the quaint towns (think: white picket fences and cute ice cream shops), beautiful beaches and dining options that range from fish shacks to haute cuisine, this New England fishing spot turned upper-crust beach destination is ideal for duos looking for a luxe yet laid-back escape. For easy access to the water (and tons of water toys), stay at the Harbor View Hotel & Resort, which has its own marina with a full staff waiting to take you out for a romantic sail or give you lessons (from \$99, [Harbor-View.com](#)). >>

# the sexiest suites in the world

Where to stay for a honeymoon that's guaranteed to be hot, hot, hot.



## galaxy infinity pool sanctuary at jade mountain

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Get unobstructed panoramic views from your bed—the room's fourth wall is open (as in, no windows or doors). The view from the private, cliff-top infinity pool is pretty hot too. Inside, you can watch the sun set over the Piton Mountains from the huge soaking tub before rinsing off in the souped-up rain shower. With all that, how could you *not* spend a lot of time behind the mosquito nets (from \$2,050, **Jade Mountain.com**)?

## the orchid suite at halekulani

OAHU, HAWAII

The epitome of luxury and privacy, this oceanfront 2,365-square-foot oasis sits on its own strip of sand. Floor-to-ceiling glass doors provide unbeatable views of Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach, which you can also enjoy over breakfast in your private, open-air trellised lounge. The en suite master bath, with its steam shower, therapy pool and cold plunge tub, must've been made with honeymooners in mind—not that the plush beds weren't (from \$7,000, **Halekulani.com**).

## ojetti suite at il salviatino

FLORENCE, ITALY

The mahogany and leather accents, rustic ceilings and rain shower with LED lights exude the sophisticated sensuality Italians are known for. You'll be feeling the *amore* while sipping bubbly and taking in the jaw-dropping views of the Florence and Tuscan countryside from your balcony. That same scenery provides an equally romantic backdrop for canoodling in the private rooftop Jacuzzi or over breakfast in the glass-ceiling sunroom (from \$3,104, **Salviatino.com**).

## royal suite at burj al arab

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

We don't know what kind of royals this suite was named for (we can't imagine it was Queen Elizabeth II), but it should've been called sex on a stick, because it's sizzling. Think: a marble and gold staircase, leopard-print carpeting, dark mahogany furniture and a four-poster rotating bed (no joke). And you'll certainly be treated like royalty—the suite comes with its own private elevator and movie theater (from around \$19,058, **Jumeirah.com**). —KK



FROM TOP  
A rotating bed fit for a king and queen in Burj Al Arab's Royal Suite; views from the open-air Galaxy Sanctuary at Jade Mountain; Italian luxury at Il Salviatino's Ojetti Suite; newlywed bliss in Halekulani's Orchid Suite

2 the knot

## 3 places no cruise ship has ever gone before

Make waves on your honeymoon and sail to these virgin ports for pics (and stories!) none of your other newlywed friends will have.

### SPITSBERGEN

Hurtigruten has a rep for sailing to remote ports around the world, so it's no surprise the Norwegian line made the cut with its eight-day Explorer Voyage, stopping in Spitsbergen. On this island in the Svalbard archipelago right between Norway and the North Pole, you won't even see roads—just polar bears, glaciers and gorgeous vistas (from \$3,575 per person, **Hurtigruten.us**).

### MENYAWAKAN, KARIMUNJAWA ISLANDS, INDONESIA

Chances are you've never heard of Menyawakan Island (and may not be able to pronounce it, either), but we guarantee you won't forget it. Seabourn's 10-day Gems of the Java Sea cruise now takes you to its unspoiled, off-the-cruise-ship-track beaches (from \$5,299 per person, **Seabourn.com**).

### ISLAND OF WHALES

Calling all nature lovers: Paul Gauguin Cruises' new Australs & Society Islands cruise now sails to Rurutu. (No, we're not talking about that Pixar movie *Ratatouille*, though it sure sounds like it.) Rurutu, aka the "Island of Whales," is known as a prime whale-watching spot, and now you'll have front-row seats. Don't forget your cameras (from \$5,297 per person, **PGCruises.com**). —KK

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