



january

february

march

april

may

june

july

august

september

october

november

december

AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER: SHUTTERSTOCK; MAY: CORBIS; JUNE: COURTESY OF BANVAN TREE SEYCHELLES; ALL OTHER IMAGES: GETTY IMAGES

the best honeymoons by month

No matter when you plan to take off, our month-by-month destination guide will show you that paradise has no season.

Weather, crowds, activity availability and rates will all factor into your postwedding escape plans. To help you decide where to go (or when to go), we've compiled a list of the top honeymoon spots for every month. >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

january: st. barts

You'll get stunning weather and maybe a few star sightings too—celebs flock to this Caribbean haven at the beginning of the year.

where to stay

Start the new year—and married life—off right, getting pampered at Hotel Saint-Barth Isle de France. All 39 of the elegant, whitewashed rooms at this French-chic resort come with amazing views of either lush, tropical gardens or the island's best beach, Baie des Flamands. If it's available, reserve the Hillside Bungalow for the private pool and never-ending seascapes (from \$470, [Isle-de-France.com](#)).

what to do

Take a boat or hike over to Anse à Colombier Beach. It's the hardest to get to of the island's 14 beaches, so it's far more intimate.

if the date's not doable

Play it safe and plan your escape for anytime between December and July—hurricane season runs through the rest of the months.

february: argentina

If you don't mind the heat (think: mid-80s), visiting the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, in the middle of the country's summer can mean incredible deals on top-notch hotels.

where to stay

Just blocks from the city's hottest restaurants and shops, the location of the Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires can't be beat. Book one of the seven suites at the hotel's adjacent Belle Epoque mansion for extra privacy (from \$550, [FourSeasons.com/buenosaires](#)).

what to do

Step back in time to the 1940s for a romantic dinner and an authentic tango show at Esquina Carlos Gardel ([EsquinaCarlosGardel.com.ar](#)).

if the date's not doable

The best weather is during fall (March to May) and spring (September to November). >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

march: jamaica

The weather is calm, and the water temperature is ideal for swimming and snorkeling.

where to stay

Steer clear of spring breakers by staying at Half Moon, A RockResort, in Rose Hall. Set on a 400-acre estate, this lavish paradise offers a variety of unique accommodations, from villas staffed with your own butler, chef and housekeeper to a beachfront suite with a private patio. Either way, you're steps from sand and surf (from \$419, [HalfMoon.RockResorts.com](#)).

what to do

Relax on the pristine beaches of nearby Montego Bay, snorkel at the underwater marine park at Cornwall Beach and sample exotic Jamaican fare at popular Pier One Restaurant & Bar.

if the date's not doable

Go anytime between December and April.

april: belize

Time your trip for the tail end of the high season to avoid the crowds. Plus, April falls in the middle of the annual whale shark migration, making it one of the best times for an exciting dive. Don't let the name scare you—whale sharks may be the world's largest fish (up to 60 feet long), but these gentle guys eat plankton, not people.

where to stay

Leave civilization behind and book one of only three stilt-raised cabanas on the private island of Ranguana Caye. The all-inclusive is near one of the world's top snorkeling and diving spots (from \$190, [RobertsGrove.com](#)).

what to do

Tour a jaguar reserve, or explore Mayan ruins. You can also fish, kayak or just lounge all day long in beachside hammocks.

if the date's not doable

Visit between November and March to avoid hurricanes and high humidity. >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

may: the greek islands

It's just before their high season, so you'll get perfect weather and fewer tourists.

where to stay

Hidden on the northern end of Santorini, the tiny Katikies The Hotel hangs cliffside more than 300 feet above a brilliant blue water basin. With its winding stairways, terraced verandas and infinity pools, the whitewashed retreat exudes a romantic glow that may rival your own (from \$508, [Katikies.com](#)).

what to do

Don't miss the Pompeii-like ruins of Akrotiri or Thira, or sampling the local wine at nearby Boutari Winery. Another must: dinner at the hotel's one-of-a-kind eatery. Tucked on a secret rooftop veranda overlooking the sea, the scenic restaurant has just four tables.

if the date's not doable

Aim for the off-season, which lasts from mid-September to October—the weather is just as perfect, but the rates are often much lower.

june: seychelles

It's less crowded than in July and August, yet the weather is still sunny and dry.

where to stay

With sweeping views of the Indian Ocean, the Banyan Tree Seychelles is the ultimate tropical hideaway. This 60-villa oasis set in Intendance Bay fuses plantation-style simplicity with colonial luxury (from \$943, [BanyanTree.com](#)).

what to do

Stroll through Mahé Island's more-than-a-century-old botanic gardens filled with exotic trees, flowers and plants. Or leave the island altogether on a chartered yacht to visit Aldabra—an atoll ring of four coral islands that are home to over 150,000 giant tortoises.

if the date's not doable

To skip the rainy season (and high humidity), go between May and October. >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

july: tahiti

It's a pretty consistent 79 degrees year-round, but the Heiva I Tahiti festival (a monthlong celebration of Tahitian culture) is in July.

where to stay

Bask in cosmopolitan luxury at Le Méridien Tahiti, located along the Punaauia region and surrounded by water. Snag one of the 12 overwater bungalows. The views of neighboring island Moorea alone are worth the splurge (from \$377, [StarwoodHotels.com](#)).

what to do

See reef sharks, sea turtles and tropical fish at the Lagoonarium viewing room, or be adventurous and take a safari trip through hidden forests, waterfalls and lakes.

if the date's not doable

You'll get less humidity from May to October, but really, it's perfect to visit anytime.

august: mauritius

It's wintertime there, so the area is drier, and you can find amazing deals on lodging.

where to stay

At the One&Only Le Saint Géran, Mauritius resort, tucked away on the private peninsula of Belle Mare, you'll get panoramic ocean views and personal butler service no matter which suite you book (from \$588, [OneandOnlyLeSaintGeran.com](#)).

what to do

If you're a water lover, rent a pair of skis—the resort has a complimentary water ski slalom course. Or grab your clubs and play its one-of-a-kind, nine-hole golf course designed by legendary golfer Gary Player. Afterward, swing past the spa and splurge for a Four Hands Synchronized Massage—two therapists work both sides of your body simultaneously.

if the date's not doable

July and September also fall within the winter season and offer the same perks. >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

september: spain

With the summer crowds gone and the weather a bit cooler, you can soak up Spanish culture and countryside in blissful silence.

where to stay

Treat yourselves to Rafaelhoteles by La Pleta in Baqueira, a five-star resort located over 1,700 feet up in the Pyrenees. During the wintertime, the luxe property is packed with skiers, but in the fall, the gorgeous mountain views from the rustic yet elegant guest rooms are all yours (from \$611, [LaPleta.com](#)).

what to do

Enjoy the outdoor adventures the resort offers in the Aran Valley, including guided tours, mountain climbing, quad racing and archery. Afterward, indulge in a Val d'Arán honey massage at the resort's Occitania Spa.

if the date's not doable

October and November are also perfect times to escape to this picturesque spot.

october: venice

Venice's old-world allure may be timeless, but October falls within Northern Italy's wine harvest season.

where to stay

A blend of 18th-century regal romance and contemporary hospitality, the Boscolo Venezia is full of Venetian charm. The front of this historic hotel sits on a lagoon, but in the back, you'll find a quaint secret garden (from \$286, [BoscoloHotels.com](#)).

what to do

No honeymoon is complete without a gondola ride through Venice's enchanting canals. But be sure to break away from the city for a day to taste the latest vintages to be unveiled at Livio Felluga winery ([LivioFelluga.it](#)).

if the date's not doable

Go anytime except August, when the country goes on holiday and many businesses close. >>

THE BEST HONEYMOONS BY MONTH CONT.

november: mexico

Sunny skies, average temperatures in the middle to upper 70s and a dearth of other vacationers make for prime beach conditions.

where to stay

For the ultimate in luxury, stay at Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort, in San José del Cabo. It's the tiny amenities—poolside Evian spritzes, aromatherapy turndown service and an in-room tequila welcome—that put this hotel at the top of the area's resort pack (from \$528, [LasVentanas.com](#)).

what to do

Take a private yacht over to, *ahem*, Lover's Beach for a picnic lunch. At night, enjoy a private dinner and a movie on the beach.

if the date's not doable

You'll miss the vacation crowds and tropical storms during the winter and springtime.

december: las vegas

The weeks before Christmas—the only real off-season for Vegas—offer a more intimate retreat and less competition at the craps table.

where to stay

Escape the slots at the Platinum Hotel and Spa. Situated off the Strip, the non-gaming hotel offers all the amenities (think: concierge service and side-by-side massages at the spa), minus the noise (from \$129, [ThePlatinumHotel.com](#)).

what to do

Recapture those wedding day butterflies with a tandem skydive and three- to five-minute descent over Sin City (book through [VegasExtremeSkydiving.com](#)). For something a bit tamer, take in a show or hit the slots.

if the date's not doable

It's more about which day of the week: Sunday through Thursday tends to be more quiet.

click>> For more honeymoon hot spots go to [TheKnot.com/honeymoons](#)