

10 Of The Best Adventure Honeymoons

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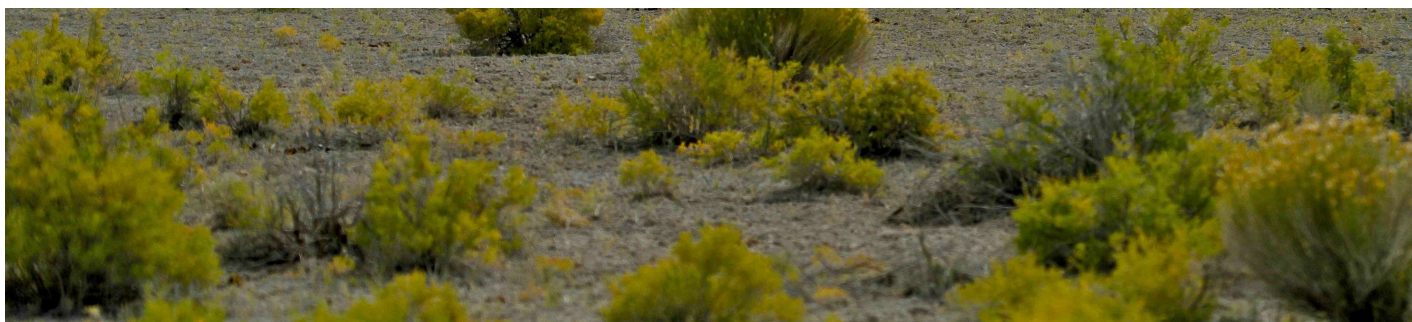
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You and your groom are adrenaline junkies. You can't abide the idea of a honeymoon sat relaxing on a beach. Nor do you relish the prospect of a city honeymoon. Both of you are looking for something a little bit different. A holiday you will never forget for all the right adventures. If you love the idea of having an adventure honeymoon of a lifetime, discover what we think the 10 best adventure honeymoons are. If you have been doing your research on adventure honeymoons to suit you, but have been unable to find one so far, this article on the best adventure honeymoons will hopefully do the job!

1. **MUSTANG MONUMENT, NEVADA, USA**

Saddle up and experience the wild, wild West first hand at eco-ranch Mustang Monument. Situated in the Nevadan desert, the picturesque ranch doubles as a rescue centre for wild mustangs, and guests are able to take horseback safaris to track the herd, learning to lasso like a genuine John Wayne along the way.





You will certainly experience the wild, wild west at this most incredible eco-ranch in Nevada, USA.

2. HAPUKU LODGE, SOUTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

As adventure capital for the world, New Zealand is the obvious destination for thrill-seeking brides and grooms. For green adventures try Hapuku Lodge, a luxurious eco-hotel where tree house suites perch in the canopy of the native Manuka grove against a mountain backdrop. It's also a great base for neighbouring Kaikoura, where you can swim with the dusky dolphins and watch the visiting whales.

3. SINGITA FARU FARU, TANZANIA

Perched on a hillside overlooking a watering hole in the Tanzanian Serengeti, Singita Faru Faru offers wildlife galore thanks to its on and off road game drives. Meanwhile, back at the luxurious lodge the spectacle continues as the pool overlooks the migration path of over a million wildebeest, letting you see the 'Big 5' all from the comfort of your sun-lounger.



Watch the wildlife in the distance as you relax around the pool. Photograph by Mark Williams.

4. LE CHALET ZANNIER, MEGEVE, FRANCE

The best honeymoon to complement your winter wedding? A romantic stay in the French Alps. The

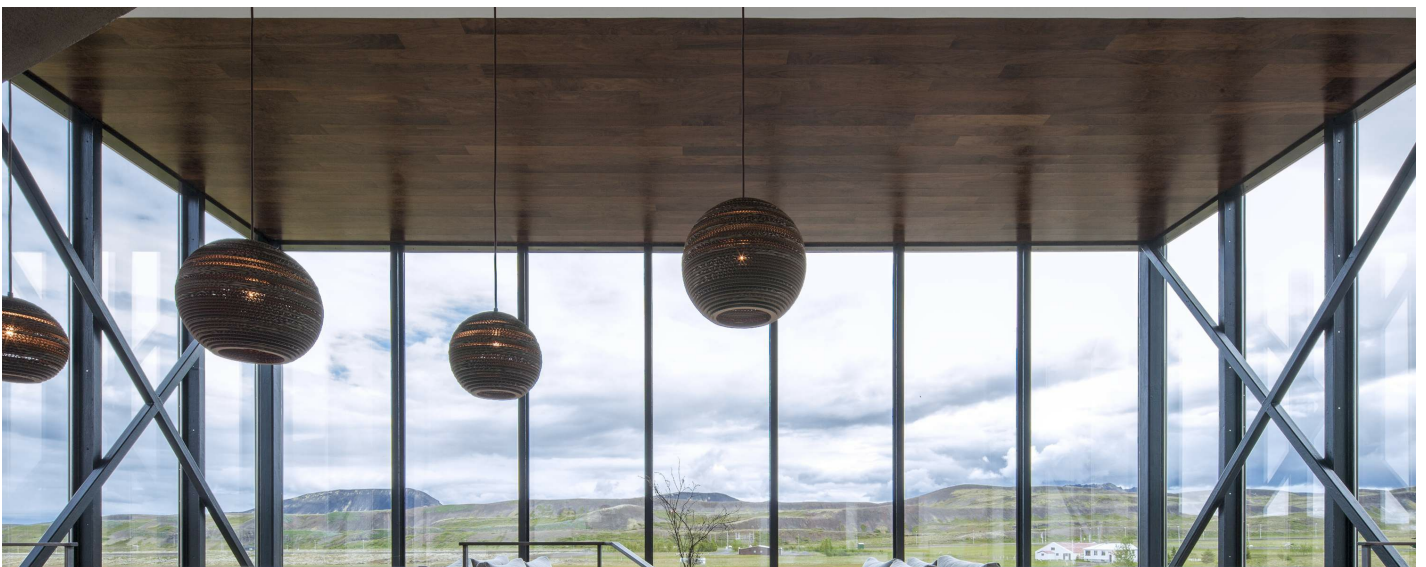
The honeymoon, meant to complement your winter wedding, transforms stay in the French Alps. The beautifully intimate Chalet Zannier will organise heli-skiing to Italy and Switzerland for powder-bunny brides, as well as husky trails, paragliding and bespoke mountain guides if you'd prefer to escape the pistes.

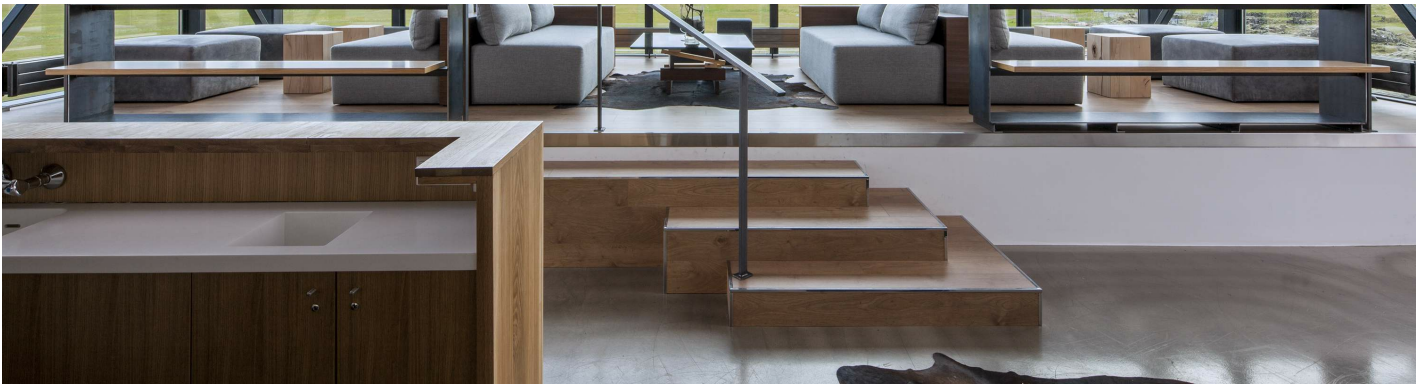


Each room has views out over the surrounding winter wonderland.

5. ION, ICELAND

What could possibly be more romantic than a stargazing honeymoon? Throw in a little adventure with a stay at ION, a contemporary eco-conscious boutique hotel set against a backdrop of mountainous lava fields, steaming hot springs and Thingvellir National Park. With amazing views of the Northern Lights, it also offers plenty to keep your pulse racing, from snorkelling in the Silfra fissure to glacier hiking tours through the 'land of fire and ice'.





ION's eye-catching, eco-conscious design is inspired by Icelandic heritage.

6. INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZONICA, PERU

For your own Amazonian adventure, try a stay at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica – a paired-back lodge situated in the heart of the Peruvian rainforest. Spend the night in one of their rustic cabanas and you'll wake up to the sound of tropical birdsong and the flowing waters of the Madre de Dios River. From here, you can explore the rainforest by kayak or rope bridges set along the canopy. There's also the chance to go piranha fishing too...



Explore the jungle from these rainforest canopy bridges. Adventure honeymoons are perfect for couples who don't like to sit still!

7. MIRIHI ISLAND RESORT, MALDIVES

Adventure doesn't mean you have to totally forgo beachside romance. Mirihi Island Resort is a luxury boutique hotel on one of the Maldives' smallest islands, yet it still has its own spectacularly vibrant house reef that's perfect for diving. The Ocean Pro Dive centre's speciality shark dives are great for up-close encounters or for a little magic: try a night dive when the deep-sea creatures of the dark

up-close encounters or for a little magic, try a night dive, when the deep-sea creatures of the dark come out to play.

8. **TIGER BLUE, INDONESIA**

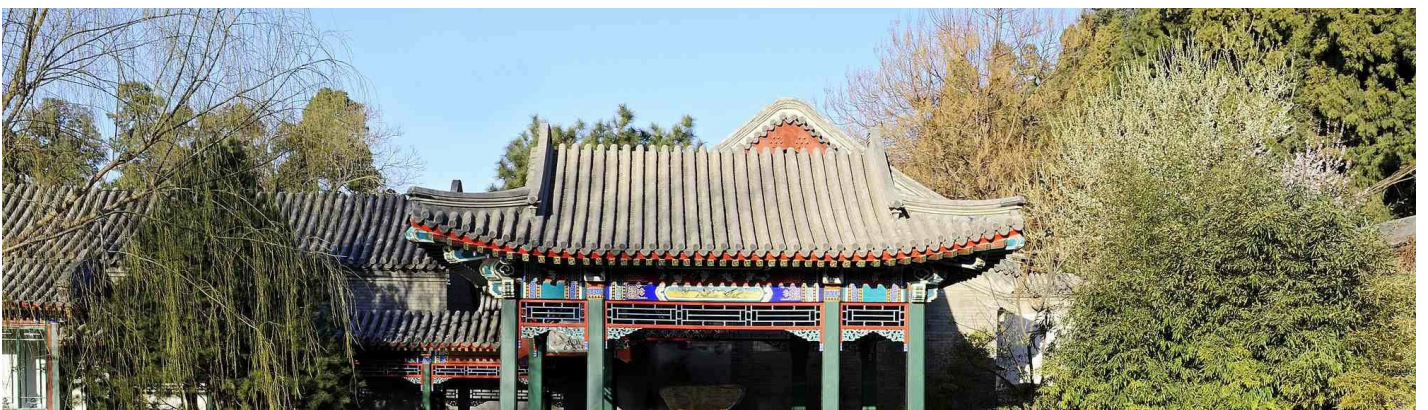
Why just go to one island when you can see them all? Sail around the stunning islands of Eastern Indonesia on Tiger Blue, a traditional 34m-timber phinisi yacht, for a real voyage of discovery. Days are spent drifting around the crystal clear waters of the Raja Ampat archipelago, stopping off to swim and snorkel along the way, before watching the sunset as you dine on deck. Totally idyllic.



Sail around the stunning archipelago of Raja Ampat on Tiger Blue.

9. **AMAN SUMMER PALACE, BEIJING, CHINA**

Adrenaline not your thing? Try a little cultural adventure with a trip to the majestic city of Beijing. With all the tranquillity of the regal residence it neighbours, the Aman at Summer Palace is the perfect base to explore the wonders of Imperial China, from the Forbidden City to the Terracotta Army and the iconic Great Wall. It's also great for escaping the hoards of tourists that go there, too.





The Great Wall, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square are just minutes away.

10. VIRUNGA LODGE, RWANDA

A different kind of jungle, a different kind of safari. Stays at Rwanda's Virunga Lodge focus on one thing: trips to see the gorillas. But the relaxed 'bush-chic' lodge itself also happens to be absurdly romantic, overlooking the twin lakes of Bulera and Ruhondo, as well as the majestic Virunga volcanoes, which treks to see the gorillas take you through.



Get up close with the gorillas in the foothills of the Virunga volcanoes.