

Great ESCAPES



Travel on your own terms with these honeymoon ideas, whether you're after rainforest, reef or a romantic wine region...

Cuddle up in the Caribbean

Half Moon, Jamaica

Half Moon, a luxury resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, is set on two miles of private beach, wrapped around a half moon-shaped bay that was once home to the loading dock for the historic Rose Hall sugar plantation. Over the years, a number of influential guests have left footprints in the pristine white sand, including Jackie Kennedy and the British Royal family. From galloping through the warm Caribbean ocean on the resort's horses, to indulging in a marine-inspired massage in the overwater spa pavilions, Half Moon fully embraces the barefoot beach lifestyle. Stepping out of their oceanfront villa and straight onto the sand, newlyweds can enjoy a variety of beach sports, from snorkelling to windsurfing.

halfmoon.com

Follow the wine, from grape to glass

The Yeatman and The Vintage House Hotel

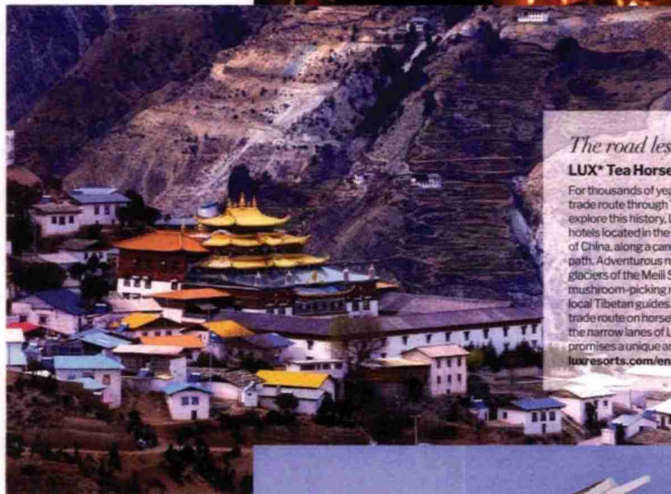
The Yeatman, Europe's leading luxury wine hotel, offers honeymooners the ideal European minimoons spot. With spectacular views over the twinkling lights of Porto, indulgent Vinotherapy spa treatments inspired by the vine, Michelin star haute cuisine and an award-winning wine cellar, couples can enjoy a break filled with indulgence.

For those interested in wine, the Douro Valley, Portugal's most famous region is just a short drive away. The Yeatman is also set to launch a new Wine School in January 2016, where guests can learn from the hotel's Wine Director, Beatriz Machado.

Honeymooners can stay in the romantic Bacchus Suite, boasting approximately 150m² of space, with a round copper jacuzzi and a large rotating bed. This luxurious suite extends into a furnished conservatory with a fireplace and private exterior terrace, from which newlyweds can marvel at the splendid panoramic views of Porto and the river Douro.

Opening last month after an extensive renovation, the Vintage House Hotel offers complete immersion in the heart of the romantic Douro Valley. Along with its sister property, The Yeatman, it is the only hotel in the region to offer minimoons a twin stay itinerary, allowing couples to follow the journey of the Port, from grape to glass.

vintagehousehotel.com



The road less taken...

LUX* Tea Horse Road Benzilan and Lijiang, China

For thousands of years the ancient Tea Horse Road has been a vital trade route through Yunnan and Tibet. Allowing intrepid travellers to explore this history, LUX* Resorts & Hotels has launched a series of hotels located in the majestic Benzilan Valley in the Yunnan province of China, along a carefully defined route that follows the original path. Adventurous newlyweds can explore the surrounding sacred glaciers of the Meili Snow Mountains on tailor-made hikes, head out on mushroom-picking missions or discover hidden mountain trails with local Tibetan guides. Whether couples wish to dare the challenging trade route on horseback or discover their message in a bottle around the narrow lanes of Lijiang ancient town, LUX* Tea Horse Road promises a unique and authentic experience.

luxresorts.com/en/china/teahorseroad

Swimming with whale sharks

LUX* South Ari Atoll, Maldives

Set on the romantic island of Dhidhoofinolhu, the reopening of the LUX* South Ari Atoll has inspired a new colourful programme of water sport activities for 2017. Taking full advantage of the island's beautiful surroundings, honeymooners are encouraged to get active, with activities including deep sea fishing, free diving lessons, and swimming with whale sharks, as LUX* South Ari Atoll is one of the only places in the world where this is possible all year round. The resort also has its own Marine Biology Centre where guests can share their underwater photographs of the whale sharks, identify them with the resident expert Marine Biologists by their spots. Here, if guests discover a new whale shark, they are awarded the privilege of naming it!

luxresorts.com/en/hotel-maldives/luxsouthariatoll





Be seduced by southern Spain

Finca Cortesin

Perfectly positioned among the rolling hills of southern Spain and surrounded by the natural beauty of the Mediterranean, Finca Cortesin is the ultimate honeymoon destination for newlyweds seeking a luxurious escape to one of Spain's most exclusive hotels. The hotel's extensive spa facilities, including Spain's only Snow Cave, elegant architecture, spacious suites and refined cuisine combine with a personal and unique service that make a visit to Finca Cortesin unforgettable. Guests can enjoy spectacular views of the Mediterranean at sunset and the chance to see dolphins as they set sail on a romantic 'Sunset Experience'. The two-night 'Mini Moon' package also includes an 80-minute couples massage in the spa's double treatment room and the chance to dine in style at Finca Cortesin's restaurants, including the Michelin-starred sushi restaurant, Kabuki Raw.

fincacortesin.com

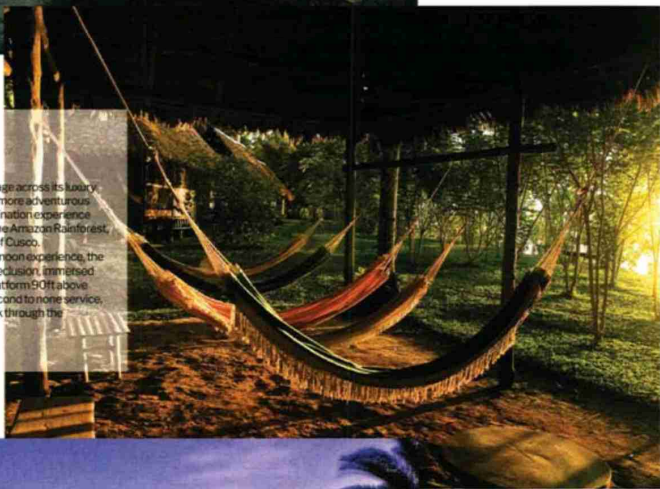
Journey through the jungle

Inkaterra

Inkaterra offers an adventure honeymoon package across its luxury lodges in Peru for couples who want something more adventurous than the generic candlelit dinner. The multi-destination experience promises exclusive access to unspoiled areas of the Amazon Rainforest, the majestic Machu Picchu and the vibrant city of Cusco.

For the most unique and memorable honeymoon experience, the Inkaterra Canopy Tree House offers complete seclusion, immersed in the lush forest floor. Situated on a private platform 50ft above the lush forest floor, the Tree House provides second to none service, dinner beneath the stars and a canopy night walk through the Amazonian tree-top world.

inkaterra.com



From snow to sea, have the best of both

The Chedi Andermatt and The Chedi Muscat

World leading tailor-made luxury travel specialist, Abercrombie & Kent have partnered with GHM Hotels' The Chedi Andermatt and The Chedi Muscat to offer an exclusive 'Ski & Beach Retreat' package. Perfect for couples seeking a one-of-a-kind getaway, guests can enjoy two contrasting destinations with an enchanting alpine adventure followed by a relaxing sun-drenched break by an Arabian shoreline. Travellers will begin their stay at The Chedi Andermatt, taking advantage of the hotel's unique Ski Butler service, where professionals disclose insider secrets for finding the perfect powder. To wind down after an active day, guests can relax in the spa's Finnish saunas, head to the Wine & Cigar Library or, with more fireplaces than rooms, simply snuggle up and enjoy the unique ambience of The Chedi Andermatt. Exquisite cuisine can also be enjoyed in one of the four dining options, with the hotel's impressive five-metre high cheese cellar the ultimate indulgence. From the snow-capped peaks of the Swiss Alps, guests will be transported across the globe to the calm waters of the Arabian Sea. Oman's most exclusive hotel, The Chedi Muscat is a modern oasis that is perfectly positioned along Oman's captivating coastline and set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Al Hajar Mountains. Boasting three outdoor temperature-controlled pools, including the longest pool in Arabia and an award-winning, 13-suite spa, offering Indian Ayurveda, Balinese therapies and indigenous rituals, The Chedi Muscat provides the ultimate luxury escape.

thechedi-anderematt.com