



The Brando, on a private island, offers vast thatched villas, each with a slice of private beach and its own pool.

This is one of the most anticipated and indulgent holidays you'll ever take, so naturally expectations are high. Once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as champagne picnics on uninhabited islands, diving with whale sharks and staying in over-water villas with their own chef tend have long lured happy couples. But now action and adventure are a top priority for newlyweds who have already taken sun, sea and sand holidays together numerous times – anything from gorilla encounters in Uganda to tandem skydiving in New Zealand. And twin-centre honeymoons – city and spa, safari and sand – are also very popular. Some things never go out of honeymoon style, though: a big bed, amazing views, fantastic food and top-notch service.

Over-water villas

Baros, Maldives

30 wooden water villas line a crescent boardwalk in the lagoon, and these are furnished with large four-poster beds and private sunbathing decks with daybed and loungers. It's also home to Lighthouse, one of the loveliest Indian Ocean restaurants; open-sided, set over water and circular with tables dotted around the edge, you really feel like you're dining alone together in the middle of the ocean.

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Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, Tahiti

Each over-water villa is a pocket oasis, complete with broad bed, private deck with steps to the sea and a freestanding bathtub beside sliding doors which, when opened, reveal views of Bora Bora's Mount Otemanu across the lagoon. It's the sexiest tub in the world. The private beach, cathedral-like spa with couples' massage room and poolside cabanas are also fabulous. Over-water suite from £625.

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Huka Lodge, New Zealand

Horse riding, kayaking, white water rafting, bungee jumping, skydiving, quad biking; however you want to get your honeymoon kicks, it can be arranged at this elegant hunting lodge on Lake Taupo and the Waikato River. Lodge rooms are elegant, but for total privacy book the Owner's Cottage, which has a view of the mighty Huka Falls with outdoor dining table, fireplace, private chef and butler.

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Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Peru

Colourful Peruvian alpaca blankets, local artwork and views of the Vilcanota River fill the 85 rustic casitas of this whitewashed, red-roofed Andean village-style property. It's not five-star, but its location set amid 12 acres of cloud forest at the foot of Machu Picchu, is unbeatable. On site, there's a library, 'Andean eucalyptus sauna', spa treatments and a small pool.

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