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The 9 Most Romantic Honeymoon Destinations on Earth

Much like beauty, romance is in the eyes of the beholder. Whether it's a chilly winter evening spent snuggling under blankets or dipping into an infinity pool in a sultry tropical paradise, there are myriad honeymoon experiences that can quicken a couple's pulses. But when it comes to finding these spots, the expert is Abbie Kozolchyk, who literally wrote the book on the most romantic places in the world. (It's actually called *The World's Most Romantic Destinations*, published by National Geographic.) Expect waterfalls, enchanted forests, and remote islands, yes—but beauty in and of itself is not why Kozolchyk chose these destinations. “In the book, I tried to give each place a historical context, literary context, art context—something that could take it beyond just romantic fluff,” she says. That's the kind of romance we can get behind. Click on for nine of her favorite romantic places for a honeymoon.

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Peru

"Peru is another special romantic place. I specifically love it in the Sacred Valley, right between Machu Picchu and [Cusco](#). Again, it's one of those places where you can experience dreamy, romantic landscapes, but everything is so impregnated with history. Even as you're roaming these ancient misty green Andean paths, you realize you're taking the same routes that the local Quechua under the Inca rulers did for hundreds of years. You still find such a strong living Quechua culture. A couple of my favorite hotels in the world are in this area as well. The [Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#), which is an [Inkaterra](#) property, just feels like this secret garden escape right near Machu Picchu. In Cusco, there are two Belmont hotels—[Hotel Monasterio](#) and [Palacio Nazarenas](#)—that are sister properties and are right next to each other. They're both in converted old religious institutions, a monastery and a convent respectively. I recommend that couples go into both of them; at the very least, have a drink at Hotel Monasterio, and have a look around the grounds and the art collection and the cloistered gardens and fountains. At the sister property next door, Palacio Nazarenas, you can go get couples' treatments there. There's a treatment where when you're face-down and looking through a glass cutout in the floor onto an Inca channel that still functions, there's still water running through it. I think it's certainly one of the most remarkable spa treatments."

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