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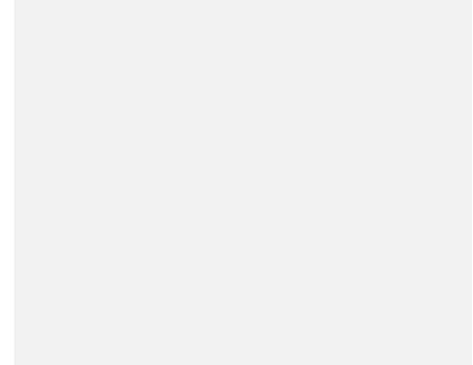
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Now that you've snagged a soulmate, it's time to head off on some whirlwind romantic trip before you're forced to face reality as a married couple.

Chances are you'll only get one honeymoon, so you want to make it special – the last thing you want is to get back home feeling like it could have been better.

Here are some incredible honeymoon destinations for all tastes.

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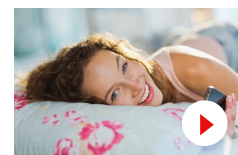
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## Italy

Ah, la vita bella/dolce vita/etc. Is there anywhere on the planet with more romantic connotations than Italy?

Whether you're interested in visiting the beautiful and ancient cities of Rome, Florence and Venice or rubbing shoulders with ghosts of romantic poets on the Amalfi coast – Italy has something for everyone.



**Breakfast on the Amalfi coast - as you do** (Image: Getty)

And, of course, the food is incredible.

The only downside might be that you'll return home to find that the wild hand gestures you learned on your trip aren't socially acceptable in Ireland...

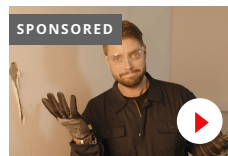
## Peru

Why not combine a romantic getaway with an opportunity to see one of the wonders of the world?

The Incan city of Machu Picchu remains something of a mystery to this day – What was it for? Why did everyone leave? – but what's for certain is that it remains a high point of any trip to South America (no pun intended).



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**Don't fall!** (Image: Getty)

The Inkaterra Hotel sits at the base of the ancient city and a stay there will allow you to get up to the ruins early in the morning, before it becomes inundated with others travellers spilling from their tour buses.

Aside from Machu Picchu, Peru has other attractions, including the magnificent Andes and ethereal Cloud Forests.

## Tanzania

Safaris are awesome, and Tanzania offers some of the best safaring around.

We've all seen elephants, giraffes and lions in the zoo, but being able to drive up close (but not too close, mind you) to them on the Serengeti is infinitely more magical than a trip to Phoenix Park or Fota.



**On safari in Tanzania** (Image: Getty)

If you're an adventurous pair, you could use the trip as an opportunity to tackle Africa's highest mountain – Kilimanjaro.

If you're not that adventurous and prefer some time on the beach, why not take a trip to the stunning and exotic Zanzibar Archipelago? It's a journey you'll never forget.

## Florida

The USA is wide open for amazing honeymoon experiences, from wine trails in Napa Valley, California, to that oh-so romantic (and oh-so traditional) trip to Niagara Falls, or even Vegas, if you're brave.

But if you fancy something a little different, that's guaranteed to give you something to talk about for years to come, why not try an underwater hotel?

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**The sealife can be pretty wild out there** (Image: Jules' Undersea Lodge)

Jules' Undersea Lodge in Florida's Key Largo is probably one of the unlikeliest hotels on the planet, sitting 30 feet underwater in crystal clear tropical waters.

You have to scuba dive to your room, but once there you can enjoy all the comforts of home – but with shoals of bright and beautiful fish shimmering past the windows.

Austria

So far we've been looking at sunny, warm places, but maybe sunburn and perspiration isn't your idea of romance and you're more into the snuggling up by a roaring fire while snow covers the world outside.

Never fear, there's always a skiing trip!



**Joke** (Image: Getty)



**Snow joke** (Image: Getty)

Alpine Austria, with its rugged landscape and Christmas card charm, is the perfect place to hit the slopes. There are plenty of ski resorts dotted around the Arlberg region, with slopes for everyone from the cautious beginner to the experience thrill-seeker.

Or you could skip the skiing altogether and head straight for hot chocolate by the fire – we won't judge.

Of course, the romantic getaway of a lifetime is probably not going to be cheap, which is where the Credit Union can help. They offer flexible loans with no hidden fees or charges for just such occasions. If you're looking for a Holiday Loan, it might be time for a Credit ReUnion.

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