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Colombia, Mexico, Montana, St. Maarten and Quebec City are five amazing places we love for your honeymoon getaway!



Agua by Larbi is the perfect restaurant for a moonlit dinner for two.



Upon arrival, you're greeted by palm trees and gorgeous architecture.



The Vista pool is an adults-only haven with a swim-up bar.



A couples massage in a One&Only Spa suite is a must.

LUXE BEACH VIBES LOS CABOS

IF YOU HEAD TO THE SOUTHEAST tip of Baja California Sur in Mexico, you'll find a luxury oasis in the form of the One&Only Palmilla. This sprawling property was built in 1956 and from the beginning has attracted an A-list roster of guests. Today it counts Jennifer Aniston and Rihanna among its frequent-stay fanclub. Upon arrival in Palmilla paradise, you're met with palm trees and a dreamy ocean view.

Taking in the beachy vistas from your room is ideal, and we can think of no better way to relax into honeymoon mode than in a suite with your own private infinity-edge pool and Jacuzzi. Venture out to lounge poolside at the ocean-view adults-only pool or head to the secluded beach. To further fuel your state of Zen, step into the tranquil One&Only Spa for a couples massage. For something different, we recommend experiencing the resort's Temazcal, in which steam, medicinal herbs and music are used to detoxify and purify body and mind.

After working up an appetite with all that relaxing, check out Palmilla's five restos, which will delight your inner gourmet. For the ultimate romantic dinner we recommend Agua By Larbi, where you can dine al fresco under the moonlight in a private oceanfront booth.—*Kimberly Aglipay*

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Some hotels are worth planning a honeymoon around, and Casa San Agustin is one of them.

EXOTIC ADVENTURE CARTAGENA

STROLLING THE RAINBOW-HUED streets of Cartagena's old town, it comes as no surprise the beautiful Colombian city inspired an entire literary genre. This is the place that fuelled the imagination of Nobel Prize-winning Colombian author and godfather of magic realism Gabriel Garcia Marquez. It is a place where he envisioned the fantastic intermingling with everyday life.

To see Cartagena is to realize this surreal dream. Perched on the Caribbean Sea and encircled by an elaborate stone wall built centuries ago to ward off invading pirates, the city's old town tells the story of Cartagena's history as a thriving port. Magnificent churches and colonial mansions bursting with bougainvillea appear around every corner, solidifying the city's status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

To experience Cartagena to the fullest, book a stay at an exclusive boutique hotel; there's nowhere more honeymoon-appropriate than Casa San Agustin. Step through the property's ornate gates and you'll discover a tranquil escape where history meets modernity. With just 20 guest rooms and 11 suites spread across three exquisitely restored 17th-century colonial homes, Casa San Agustin has the intimacy of a luxurious family home with all the thoughtful amenities of a five-star hotel. A palm-fringed courtyard frames a pool set against an ancient aqueduct, while original frescoes adorn the walls. At the heart of the property sits Alma, a modern Colombian restaurant with world-class fare and live music, which is rated among the best places to dine in Cartagena. This hotel is a true refection of the city, highlighting the area's rich past and exciting future as one of the most fashionable destinations in South America.—Jen O'Brien



Rooms at Casa San Agustin are filled with thoughtful details.

Dine al fresco at Alma restaurant.



The Ranch at Rock Creek is the world's best spot for a cowboy-chic honeymoon.

RUSTIC ROMANCE MONTANA

THERE'S A SENSE OF QUIET that comes over you in Montana. Maybe it's the vastness of the state (it's the fourth largest after Alaska, Texas and California), the scarcity of tall buildings, which inspired its "big sky country" moniker, or the fact that it's home to more cattle than people.

The most beautiful of the treasure state's many gems can be found near the Sapphire Mountains in the heart of western Montana. The Ranch at Rock Creek is a 6,600-acre all-inclusive luxury dude ranch designed for discerning travellers like Kate Bosworth and Scarlett Johansson, who both held their weddings on the property. The ranch is home to 29 one-of-a-kind accommodations that range from well-appointed lodge rooms to luxury homes and stunning creekside glamping cabins. Once your accommodations at this Relais & Châteaux property are booked, ranch ambassadors work with you to curate a bespoke itinerary of activities to help you make the most of your rustic-chic honeymoon. Choose between exhilarating local pastimes like horseback riding, target sports, fly fishing, hiking, archery and a host of other seasonal activities while exploring the ranch's meadows, forests and namesake creek. The dining experiences at The Ranch at Rock Creek are perhaps the most exciting of all. Executive chef Josh Drage creates elaborate farm- and ranch-to-table tasting menus complemented by fine wines and craft beers that truly celebrate the best that Montana has to offer. Ranch evenings are capped off at the on-site saloon, complete with a bowling alley, where guests can mingle over craft cocktails.

Tucked into elegant Western accommodations next to a roaring fire surrounded by rolling hills and distant snow-capped mountain peaks, Montana's appeal is undeniable and for a peaceful rest after months of wedding planning, there's simply no better escape.—J.O.



Camping goes glam with The Ranch's plush cabins.

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Plane-spotting is a popular pastime on Maho Beach.



Watch the sun set from Sonesta Ocean Point's cliffside Edge infinity pool.

CARIBBEAN DREAM ST. MAARTEN

ST. MAARTEN, the popular cruise ship port with both Dutch and French colonial roots, has developed a reputation as the “Vegas of the Caribbean” for its high-end restaurants, bustling casinos and world-class nightlife. This is the sort of place where, if you're lucky, you just might spot Drake at the club for Ladies' Night or P. Diddy leading a late-night conga line from the blackjack tables to the bar.

Sadly, the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017 meant most of the island was off limits to tourists for more than a year—but now St. Maarten is back and it's better than ever. For the ultimate all-inclusive honeymoon experience, book a stay at the adults-only Sonesta Ocean Point Resort on the island's “Dutch side.” Overlooking breathtaking Maho Bay, this luxurious all-suite resort features three gorgeous pools, four bars, two restaurants and essential vacation amenities such as 24-hour room service. Guests also have full access to all the services, facilities and—most importantly—the beachfront at neighbouring Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, where you can enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of soaking up the sun while watching planes fly into the seaside airport.—*JO*

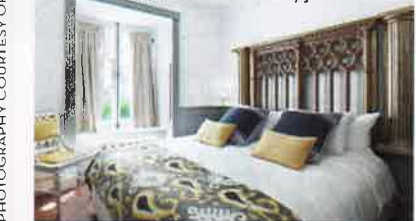
A true gem of Quebec City's Old Port: the Auberge Saint-Antoine.



Chez Muffy offers sublime Quebec-inspired cuisine.



One of the hotel's tony junior suites.



EUROPEAN CHIC QUEBEC CITY

IF YOU WANT to keep your honeymoon here at home, Quebec City is one of Canada's most historic and romantic hotspots. Our country's oldest city boasts an unforgettable backdrop along the shores of the St. Lawrence River and an old-world European vibe you'll instantly fall in love with.

The winding cobble streets, the amazing food, the super-cute boutiques and the warmth and charm of the locals will make your stay unforgettable. A walking tour of the old town is a must-do to understand the rich history of the city. When it comes to choosing the perfect hotel stay, the swish Auberge Saint-Antoine offers the sweetest sleep. Located in the heart of the city's Old Port and built on one of the area's richest archaeological sites, this property is at once modern and historic, unique and intimate. There are just 95 rooms in the property, all of which are decorated in a charming French-country style. Our pick for the most memorable stay is a Junior Suite with interior views of the courtyard—it's ultra-private and luxe.

Drinks and dining are of course a huge focus at Auberge Saint-Antoine. Enjoy the perfect cocktail and raw bar snack at Artéfact, which is part of the hotel's chic lobby space. Breakfast and dinner are served at Chez Muffy, which has a focus on hyper-local cuisine with much of the menu sourced from the hotel's farm on Île d'Orléans.—*Alison McGill*

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