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Honeymoon



summer loving

The hottest months of the year pass in a whirlwind of weddings, and no wonder as the days are long, the chance of sunshine high

and – if you're solar-powered like me – everyone's in the mood to party! Much has been made of the post-wedding blues but if you've a fabulous honeymoon to look forward to, then there's plenty you can do to ease the transition from pre- to post-wedding. For starters, simply enjoy your holiday and relish your time together as newlyweds. Take plenty of photos while you're away and then throw your energies into creating a fabulous honeymoon album – you could even present it to your other half as a first-anniversary gift!

Enjoy reading,

Demelza

Demelza Rayner, Travel Editor

Our showcase of some of the world's most exotic and exciting resorts will make your first getaway as newlyweds one to remember



FIND A ROMANTIC HIDEAWAY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The five-star Cape Grace hotel is the perfect Cape Town luxury retreat for newlyweds seeking a room with a view. Indeed, every single one of the 120 rooms and suites offer stunning views of either Table Mountain, Signal Hill, the Victoria & Alfred harbour or yacht marina.

Forget the standard-issue bowl of fruit, with the Special Moments offer couples receive a gift every day of their stay. These include complimentary arrival airport transfer in the hotel's luxury BMW, a romantic dinner at the award-winning Signal restaurant, a couple's massage at the Cape Grace Spa, champagne and any number of other romantic surprises.

For further information visit www.capegrace.com



Stay here... Perfect for discerning honeymooners, the stunning Hotel Royal at the luxurious Evian Resort has recently reopened following a major multi-million euro refurbishment. Visit www.evianresort.com to book.

Eat here... Hutong is the newest restaurant to open up in The Shard, London. Located on the 33rd floor, it specialises in cuisine from Northern China. Find out more at www.hutong.co.uk

Live the suite life in Santorini

Honeymooners seeking sanctuary among the white-washed buildings of Santorini need look no further than the luxury Angels & Stars Suites and Spa.

An utterly sumptuous, elegant choice in a modern Cycladic style, this new resort has 30 lavish suites, 12 with Jacuzzis and four with their own private infinity pool. Perched up high on the Imerovigli cliffs to give a breathtaking caldera view, it's a stunning spot to toast your first days as newlyweds.

Find out more at www.aquavistahotels.com





Pamper yourself in paradise

Spa-going honeymooners will love the three new treatment packages on offer at the Conrad Maldives Rangali Island.

The Romance package features more than five hours of couple's treatments. These include a naturopathic consultation, massage class, aromatherapy massage, Eminence scrub, ayurvedic massage, and facial. Priced at around £580 for two adults, this represents a combined saving of £143. Other spa packages include the Detox – perfect if you over-indulged on your wedding day – and the Muscle Ease – useful for any dancefloor-related aches!

For further details, visit news.conradhotels.com



DIVE INTO A DELUXE HONEYMOON DESTINATION

There's no chance of newlyweds getting island fever at the One&Only resort, located on the iconic Hayman Island of the Whitsundays in the Great Barrier Reef.

Couples will have plenty of opportunity to explore the reef and all the wonders around it through special programmes led by One&Only dive experts and marine biologists, as well as hiking and private island exploration.

Following a multi-million dollar refurbishment, the luxury resort now boasts an adults-only pool and chill-out area, along with new all-suite living spaces – ideal for relaxing after the big day!

Visit www.oneandonlyresorts.com for more information.

Soak up the sights of Istanbul

Newlyweds no longer have to travel to Singapore to experience traditional Raffles hospitality as the portfolio now includes 10 luxury properties all over the world, including



Paris and now Istanbul. A cultural hub with a burgeoning art and fashion scene, Istanbul is an exciting and thriving city that makes the perfect mini-moon destination.

After a busy day sight-seeing, make your way back to the hotel for a pre-dinner cocktail in the Long Bar followed by mouth-watering cuisine. For the perfect end to your day, head to your room – glass of champagne in hand – to enjoy panoramic views of the city from your private balcony. To book, visit www.raffles.com

Sun Gardens offers a fuss-free honeymoon

Set along Croatia's Adriatic coastline, Sun Gardens in Dubrovnik has recently launched its hassle-free honeymoon package.

Couples can benefit from airport transfers, advance luggage collection and delivery, accommodation in a junior suite, a four-course romantic dinner, a couple's spa treatment, 24-hour honeymoon concierge service and more – it's the perfect way to start married life.

Find out more at www.dubrovniksungardens.com

