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50 Top Honeymoon Destinations: The Best Ideas and Places

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Invitations. Guest lists. Tuxedo styles. Menus. Music. Themes. Vows. The ring. Whether to invite your old girlfriend and annoying Aunt Martha (that's a no on the girlfriend, by the way). Wedding planning is overwhelming. But your honeymoon, well, that's your reward — the grand finale. The trip marks the first day of the rest of your lives — and you want to do it right. We're here to help.

Below, we've compiled a list of worldwide vacations to fit every budget, every dream, and every inclination. From a wine lover's hideaway in Argentina to a hot springs-brimming road trip through Colorado; from a gorilla-trekking adventure in Rwanda to cavorting ethically with elephants in Thailand, a private island in Cambodia, a *Lord of the Rings* homage in New Zealand, a yoga refuge in Bali and a cliff-side villa in Dominica. Gaze at the Taj Mahal in India or look an iguana in the eye in the Galápagos. Truffle hunts in Tuscany? Skiing in Switzerland? Walking with a shaman in Machu Picchu? Sure! Sleep in a lighthouse in Ireland, a palace in Paris, a tent in Yellowstone, an ice hotel in Sweden, or a villa in Greece.

Whatever you're thinking, you'll find it here. Go ahead. Just one more decision — then you're done.



Best for Sunset Lovers and Villa Buffs

Andronis Exclusive Santorini and White Key

Villas

Oia 847 02, Greece

Hilly Santorini, part of a famous caldera and cobalt lagoon, may be the world's most famous destination for sunsets. One of the island-filled nation's favorite honeymoon destinations, Santorini ups the ante with its far-reaching vistas, moan-worthy white homes and scrumptious local flavors from honey to thyme.

Stay at the Andronis Concept Wellness Resort, an exquisite hotel surrounded by its own vineyard. Alternatively, while in Greece, settle into glories of island life like a charmed local with a villa stay. White Key Villas, Greece's most peerless villa company, proffers a hand-picked collection of more than 200 options spread across a plethora of islands. With full concierge support, including chef and staff, plus VIP tours – helicopter trips, archeological dig adventures, backroom wine tastings, and cooking classes – most villas lie on their own beach. Prices at Andronis Exclusive start at \$785 a night, while prices at White Key Villas are \$10,000 for one week. (Photo courtesy of White Key Villas)