

The Best Honeymoon Destinations in the U.S.

Wedded bliss is just a domestic flight away.

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While many people spend their lives dreaming about their perfect **wedding**, it should come as no surprise that we're more obsessed with **honeymoon destinations**. Your first official vacation as a married couple will be memorable no matter where you decide to go, but the occasion is the perfect excuse to splurge on an ultra-luxurious, once-in-a-lifetime trip.

That doesn't necessarily mean you have to jet off to a remote island or faraway country, however. In fact, most newlyweds are probably too exhausted to hop on a long-haul flight right after they say "I do." There are plenty of honeymoon destinations around the United States that lend themselves perfectly to post-wedding romance, whether you want to cozy up in a **ski resort** or spend your days swimming and snorkeling off a **pristine beach**. To help kickstart your planning, we rounded up some of the best honeymoon destinations in the USA, from classic picks like Hawaii to more unexpected spots like Watch Hill, Rhode Island.



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Maui, Hawaii

When it comes to U.S. honeymoon destinations, Hawaii reigns supreme. While you can take your pick from any one of the Hawaiian islands (and even more incredible resorts), **Maui** is our pick for pure romance and luxury. New couples can enjoy a wide range of activities, like whale-watching or catching the sunrise at Haleakalā National Park, then head back to their swanky resort to unwind and relax.

Stay here: For a true escape, you can't do much better than the adults-only **Hotel Wailea**, a Readers' Choice Award winner for six years running. The staff will help you arrange any sort of romantic activity, from a gourmet picnic on the beach to a private drive in the hotel's 1957 Porsche 356 Speedster reproduction.



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Sedona, Arizona

Whether you want your honeymoon to be filled with outdoor adventures or an endless stream of spa treatments, Sedona fits the bill. The desert town is synonymous with wellness and spirituality, meaning your red-rock hikes can be bookended by morning yoga and epic stargazing—with plenty of chakra-balancing massages and CBD facials scattered throughout your itinerary.

Stay here: **Opening in February 2023**, Ambiente Landscape Hotel is sure to quickly become the most enviable stay in town. The property is surrounded by red rock formations and pine groves, which guests can enjoy from their cottage's private roof deck before heading to the expansive on-site spa or arranging for a hot air balloon ride over the desert.



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Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Located about 20 miles south of **Charleston**, Kiawah Island is typically considered to be one of the country's most beautiful barrier islands. And for those seeking a southern, *Notebook*-esque type of romance (think dreamy marshes and moss-laden roads), this slice of South Carolina real estate is also perfect for honeymoons. Though couples can spend plenty of time golfing and kayaking, they may find themselves too smitten by their hotel to actually venture too far out.

Stay here: Which brings us to **The Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island Golf Resort**, the undeniable hospitality darling of the island (and 2023 Gold List winner). This 250-room oasis offers a beautiful stretch of private beach, indulgent meals, a piano bar, and fluffy featherbeds worth ditching those morning alarms for.



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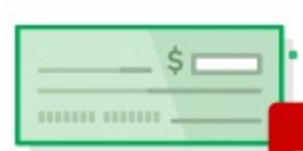
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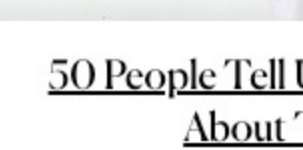
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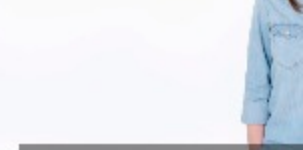
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