

15 Best Islands for Honeymooners in the World

Tropical islands are a popular choice for honeymooners. After all, what better way to start married life than surrounded by pristine beaches, crystal clear water, secluded hideaways, and warm tropical breezes? Here is a round-up of the most romantic islands for honeymoons. The islands aren't ranked; instead, they are listed geographically—starting in the Central Pacific and moving west.

1. Maui – Central Pacific

The second largest Hawaiian island, Maui is known as the Valley Isle. With 30 miles of white, black, and red sand beaches, Maui offers a wide variety of experiences. Honeymooners can watch the sun rise and set from Haleakala Crater, view the humpback whale migration in the winter, and drive the world-famous Road to Hana (a scenic highway that twists through lush rainforests and past waterfalls). Maui offers a [wide range of resorts catering to honeymooners](#)—from the posh Four Seasons to the adults-only Hotel Wailea. The best months to visit Maui are April, May, October, and December.

2. Kauai – Central Pacific

The oldest Hawaiian island, Kauai is nicknamed the Garden Isle because of the tropical rainforest that covers the majority of the island. With stunning landscapes that include the Na Pali coast (the backdrop for numerous movies) and Waimea Canyon (the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific”), Kauai is a nature lover's paradise. Kauai is ideal for active couples as activities include hiking and kayaking the Wailua River (Hawaii's only navigable river). Honeymooners can also snorkel, relax on the beach, or stroll through lush tropical gardens. Kauai offers a [wide range of resorts ideal for honeymooners](#). The best months to visit Kauai are April, May, October, and December.

3. Tahiti – South Pacific

Tahiti, the largest of the French Polynesia islands, is shaped like a figure 8. The larger western half is called Tahiti Nui, and the smaller Eastern peninsula is called Tahiti Iti. The islands boast white sand beaches on the West coast and black sand beaches on the East coast. With most of the population living on the coasts, Tahiti's interior feels “untouched and ancient,” with numerous lagoons, waterfalls, and extinct volcanoes. Tahiti is known for its relaxed vibe and the friendliness and hospitality of the locals. As with the other islands on the list, there is [a wide range of resorts to appeal to honeymooners](#), including some with the famous overwater bungalows. Although the weather is warm year-round, the winter months (May through October) are less humid and rainy.

4. Moorea – South Pacific

Tahiti's "little sister," Moorea is located ten nautical miles from Tahiti and is part of French Polynesia's Society Islands. Known for its distinctive jagged volcanic mountains, Moorea was the inspiration for the mythical Bali Hai from James Michener's *Tales of the South Pacific*. Moorea offers honeymooners many activities—including golfing, snorkeling, whale watching, and ray feeding. The island features one of the only natural refuges where you can swim and play with dolphins (the Moorea Dolphin Center). Active couples will enjoy hiking through the island's rainforests, and culturally-minded couples will enjoy the learning about Polynesian culture at Tiki Village. Moorea offers [a wide range of options for honeymooners](#), including overwater bungalows, garden villas, world-class resorts, and boutique hotels. Although the weather is warm year-round, the winter months (May through October) are less humid and rainy.

5. Bora Bora – South Pacific

Another jewel in the French Polynesian islands, Bora Bora is located northwest of Tahiti and is a 50-minute flight from Moorea or Tahiti. Bora Bora has a unique layout—a small island surrounded by sand-fringed motus (islets) and a lagoon protected by a coral reef. The result? A stunningly gorgeous lagoon with countless shades of blue and turquoise and a wide array of sea life. Bora Bora often tops lists of the most romantic islands in the world and is also known for scuba diving and gorgeous sunsets. [Numerous resorts](#) feature overwater bungalows. Although the weather is warm year-round, the winter months (May through October) are less humid and rainy.

6. Fiji – South Pacific

Fiji is a country in the South Pacific made up of 333 tropical islands. The principal islands are Viti Levu and Vanula Levu. Fiji is known for having some of the "happiest people on Earth," and the warmth and friendliness of the locals make the island a pleasure to visit. With so many islands, there are numerous choices for honeymooners, who can choose the type of honeymoon that best fits their interests—privacy, adventure, or relaxation. [Brides Magazine](#) classified Fiji honeymoon resorts by type—ranging from the ultra-private Laucala to the eco-adventure Jean-Michael Cousteau Resort. The best months to visit Fiji are between July and September.

7. Palawan – South China Sea

A province of the Philippines, Palawan offers 1,200 miles of coastline and is surrounded by 1,780 smaller islands and islets. Voted the #1 island in the world by Travel + Leisure readers, Palawan offers some of the bluest waters on the planet and has been mostly undiscovered by tourists. Visitors rave about the friendly locals, cuisine, Filipino culture, and dramatic coastlines marked by limestone formations, cliffs, and canyons. One of the unique features is the underground river at Puerto Princesa. Activities include rock diving, kayaking, snorkeling, scuba diving, and bird watching. Honeymooners have an [array of choices for resorts](#) depending on their tastes and preferences. Palawan has two seasons—the dry season (October to mid-June) when it

is hot but dry and the rainy season (mid-June to September), which features daily rains that are short but heavy.

8. Bali – Java Sea (Indian Ocean)

Known as the “Land of the Gods,” Bali is an Indonesian island known for its exotic temples, terraced rice fields, stunning mountains, and vibrant culture. The white sand beach Padang-Parang was featured in the movie *Eat Pray Love*, which boosted its status as a romantic destination. A surfing mecca, Bali is also renowned for its dramatic dances, colorful ceremonies, and beautiful artwork. The best-known beach and luxury resorts are near Kuta, Sanur, and Seminyak. The eastern part of the island has more tranquil water and glorious sunrises, while the western part of the island has more lively nightlife and waters. Bali features a wide variety of resorts, including [these highlighted by Brides Magazine](#). The best times to visit Bali are April, May, June, and September (just before and after the high season of July and August).

9. Maldives – Indian Ocean

The Republic of Maldives is located in the Indian Ocean and is comprised of 26 ring-shaped atolls formed by coral reefs and encircled by shallow lagoons. The 1,200 small islands are low-lying and don’t have mountains or rivers. Instead, they offer tall palm trees, white sandy beaches, blue lagoons, and extensive reefs. The primary activities are snorkeling, diving, surfing, and romance. Each resort is situated on its own island, and many offer [luxurious overwater bungalows](#). A wide range of resorts is available, including [resorts focused on honeymooners](#). One of the most unique is the Per Aquum Niyama resort, which boasts [Subsix](#)—an underwater restaurant and adult playground. The best time to visit the Maldives is between November and April. Monsoon season runs from May through October and peaks in June.

10. Seychelles – Indian Ocean

Ranked by Travel + Leisure readers as the #1 island in Africa and the Middle East, Seychelles is an archipelago of 115 islands located in the Indian Ocean off the coast of East Africa. Seychelles is a popular honeymoon destination—receiving a boost after Prince William and Kate Middleton honeymooned there. Known for its beaches, reefs, and nature reserves, Seychelles will appeal to couples who enjoy snorkeling, diving, fishing, and sailing. The Outer Seychelles are mostly uninhabited; the resorts and population are found on the Inner Seychelles. With stunning natural beauty (the island of Praslin was once thought to be the Garden of Eden), Seychelles offers honeymooners [a range of resorts](#) catering to honeymooners. The best time to visit is April, May, October, and November.

11. Santorini – Aegean Sea

One of the Cyclades Islands, Santorini (or Thera) is a crescent-shaped island known for its iconic white-washed buildings hugging cliffs that rise above the sparkling Aegean Sea. Santorini boasts the most stunning sunsets in the world, along with fine wines, world-class cuisine, and black, red, and white sand beaches. One myth says that Santorini is the ancient city of Atlantis—

perhaps it rose from the sea after an eruption by Nea Kamini, the active volcano on the island. Santorini has appeared on Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards for years and routinely appears on lists of the world's most romantic islands. There are [numerous honeymoon resorts](#), but experts recommend the [Katikies Hotel](#), which offers stunning views and one of the world's most intimate restaurants (only four tables). The best times to visit are late April to early November.

12. St. Lucia – Caribbean Sea

Known for its dramatic pair of mountains (the Pitons), St. Lucia is an island in the Eastern Caribbean. With stunning beaches and a rainforest that boasts picturesque waterfalls (such as Toraille Falls), St. Lucia is perfect for active couples who would enjoy adventures such as ziplining, hiking, biking, horseback riding, reef diving, and helicopter tours. The island boasts numerous luxury resorts, including ones [catering to honeymooners](#). The best time to visit St. Lucia is between May and June when the weather is lovely and the resorts offer the best rates.

13. St. Barts – Caribbean Sea

Known as the playground for the rich and famous, St. Barts (or St. Barths to locals) is a French-speaking Caribbean Island known for its designer shops, high-end restaurants, nightclubs, and ultra-luxe resorts and villas. What better time to treat yourself than your honeymoon? The capital city of Gustavia overlooks a yacht-filled harbor, and visitors will rub shoulders with celebrities of all types. The island has 22 beaches—all with unique personalities. The can't miss beaches include Saline Beach, Nikki Beach, and Shell Beach. St. Barts is a place to [rent a villa](#) or visit [one of the exclusive resorts](#). The best time to visit St. Barts is November through June.

14. Anguilla – Caribbean Sea

A British Overseas Territory, Anguilla is a small island (with several offshore inlets) in the Eastern Caribbean that boasts some of the best beaches in the world. With 33 beaches to explore, the tiny island is famous for its white sand beaches and turquoise water. The island has a blossoming culinary scene and several [high-end resorts](#) that have been recognized as some of the world's best. (Note: The island is recovering quickly from hurricanes Irma and Maria. Many of the resorts are reopened and better than ever.) The best time to visit is between May and August.

15. Harbour Island – Caribbean Sea

A tiny island in the Bahamas located 1.5 miles east of Eleuthra, Harbour Island is just 3 miles long and a half mile wide. Known as "Briland" to locals, Harbour Island is renowned for the pink sand beaches on its eastern shore. Nearby coral reefs are home to stingrays and turtles. Dunmore Town (the island's only town) features pastel house with white picket fences. With a population of only 2,000, most people get around using golf carts. Although it can be challenging to get there, you'll find gorgeous beaches, excellent restaurants, and [boutique hotels](#) (there are only 11 on the island plus one B&B). The high season runs from mid-December to mid-April, and, with limited lodging, experts recommend booking early.