Honeymoon Hot List

Not sure where to go or when to head out? Let us help. Most honeymooners escape in June, but don’t let that limit you. These 16 sweet spots — from celeb haunts to the most Googled getaways — have serious cred and are ready for romance year-round.

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SUNSHINE STATE OF MIND

It’s no surprise that almost one-fifth of DWH readers are headed for a sunny Florida honeymoon. Here, three coastal enclaves ripe for romance.

by STAFF
1 **South Atlantic Coast**

Palm Beach

Walking distance from the Gucci boutique and a sweet strand lined with mansions and sprawling resorts, the Spanish-colonial Brazilian Court Hotel’s 80 cozy suites are outfitted in plush Caribbean-Asian-fusion furnishings and exposed mahogany-beam ceilings. Lounge in the lush courtyard (left); then sip bubbly and slurp Gulf oysters at award-winning restaurant Café Boulud before a midnight dip in the secluded pool.

— Holly V. Kapherr

2 **North Atlantic Coast**

Amelia Island

Just 45 minutes from Jacksonville, Amelia Island feels worlds away from the hustle, flanked by a quiet beachfront and crisscrossed with bike-friendly byways. Each of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island’s 446 rooms has an ocean view, so there’s not a bad seat in the house, and the outdoor pool (right) never feels crowded thanks to tiered seating. Watch the magic at Salt’s tucked-away chef’s table, where a glass wall keeps your sweet nothings under wraps. After dinner, stargaze by your chiminea with a blanket, s’mores, binoculars and hot chocolate.

— Kim Kuhn

3 **Gulf Coast**

Rosemary Beach

Scenic Route 30A is home to Rosemary Beach, with powder-white sand and calm Gulf waters. Honeymoon in a cozy carriage house or kitted-out private villa with Rosemary Beach Cottage Rental Co. Spot dolphins from beach chairs from Sea Oats Beach Service (left); then reach nirvana with a couples massage and pedis à deux at Vivo Spa. Scarf shrimp and grits at Summer Kitchen Cafe, followed by molten chocolate cake and Spanish sipping chocolate at La Crema.

— Vicky Hodges

**Towel Talk**

Your honeymoon fantasies include beachside picnics and snuggles under the stars, right? Tide & Pool’s beach towels are super lightweight (read: easy packing!) and oversized, flaunting nine modern, vibrant, geometric dual-sided prints. — Jenna Lindsey
YOU'LL WANT TO WRITE YOUR OWN VOWS.

(Just so you can promise to return to Cayman.)
7 a.m. SUNRISE SWIM
The overwater bungalows at Le Méridien Bora Bora, with vistas of Mount Otemanu, are honeymoon gold. Wake to the water lapping underneath your glass-bottom floor (the largest in French Polynesia) as a breeze blows through your canopied bed. Skip the shower and leap from your lanai straight into the neon-turquoise lagoon.

8 a.m. BLISSED-OUT BREAKFAST
Have breakfast delivered to your balcony via outrigger canoe (that’s our kind of room service!) or head to the elaborate breakfast buffet at Le Tépia. Feast on coconut soufflé, fresh papaya and pineapple, French toast and an array of local infused honeys.

9 a.m. TURTLE TREK
Get up close and personal with green sea turtles in the enclosed lagoon at the Bora Bora Turtle Center, where injured turtles are rehabilitated and released back into the wild. Float eye to eye with these gentle giants, along with moray eels, unicorn fish and striped damselfish around iridescent blue maxima clams. The turtle swim is free for Le Méridien guests, but spots fill up quickly, so sign up in advance.

10 a.m. SEA THE SIGHTS
Swill local Hinano beer as you speed over clear waters on one of Lagoon Service’s motorized outriggers. Covered in traditional Tahitian tattoos, the local guides take you to swim with rays, feed blacktip sharks and snorkel the breathtaking “coral garden” reef.

1 p.m. MOTU FOR TWO
Steal away for a picnic lunch with your honey under shady palm trees on a pristine private island, all part of Lagoon Service’s romance package. Tahiti’s signature delicacy, poisson cru — ahi tuna ceviche bathed in fresh coconut milk — is a must, alongside roasted chicken, big squares of coconut bread and dollops of sweet banana pudding.

4 p.m. BRING A LITTLE BORA HOME
Head to the mainland for some serious black pearl shopping at the tropical mountainside markets. While there, pick up colorful hand-dyed cotton pareos (wraparound skirts that make affordable, easy-to-pack gifts) and fragrant monoi oil — coconut oil infused with Tahitian tiaré flowers (Tahiti’s traditional symbol for love) — a local beauty secret.

6 p.m. SUNSET SERENADE
Tuck a tiaré flower behind your ear (wear the small white bloom on the left now that you’re hitched). A private boat will shuttle you to the black volcanic rocks and tropical gardens of Sofitel Bora Bora Private Island for the Soirée Romantique. Clink champagne glasses on a canopied love seat while locals sing traditional tunes.

7 p.m. DINNER AND A SHOW
Make your way to the beach to nosh scallops and lobster. The red and orange hibiscus flowers on the islands turn purple in the moonlight. Watch dancers board a pirogue boat and float across the lagoon — and wonder how you could have honeymooned anywhere else.

by VICKY HODGES
when one isle just isn’t enough, island hop in these sunny archipelagos for a three-in-one honeymoon.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

St. Croix ➞ St. Thomas ➞ St. John
FLY Delta’s new Atlanta-to-St. Croix nonstop flight makes the island more accessible than ever. From here, it’s a quick 25-minute seaplane to St. Thomas.

STAY Split your time between The Buccaneer, a family-owned pink palace on St. Croix, and The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas, where a couples massage in the spa gazebo is a breezy treat.

DO Take the ferry from St. Thomas for a day trip of snorkeling and hiking on St. John — two-thirds of the island is protected national parkland.

HAWAII

Maui ➞ Lanai ➞ Molokai
FLY Most major commercial carriers fly direct to Maui from West Coast cities like Phoenix and San Francisco. Reach neighboring Lanai and Molokai by ferry.

STAY Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort, the island’s newest hotel, is all sleek, sexy Hawaii, with cascading pools, crisp white cabanas and direct access to crescent-shaped Mokapu Beach.

DO Picnic on a secluded stretch of sand on Molokai one day. The next, book a dual Hawaii sea-salt scrub at newly renovated Four Seasons Resort Hawaii, Lanai at Manele Bay.

CROATIA

Krk ➞ Cres ➞ Mali Losinj
FLY Land in Zagreb and rent a car. In just over two hours, you’ll cross a bridge onto the northern “golden isle” of Krk. Continue to Cres and Mali Losinj by boat or car.

STAY Krk’s wine trails and medieval town are easy to explore when home base is Hotel Marina, a boutique property with sparkling bay views.

DO Head to Cres by ferry and seek out the pebbly shores of Lubenice Beach. Then drive to pine-scented Mali Losinj for aromatherapy at Hotel Bellevue’s spa.

— Katarina Kovacevic

— kristin conard

AT YOUR Service

LIFT A FINGER ON YOUR HONEYMOON? WITH THE SIGNATURE BUTLER SERVICE AT THESE THREE HOTELS, YOU WON’T HAVE TO.

ANTIGUA At Rosewood Jumby Bay (right and above), butlers are on call 24/7 — and they all know you by name. Lounge at the pool or beach, and they’ll deliver an iPod loaded with your favorite songs (email a playlist when you make your reservation), plus sunscreen and treats like drinks, frozen fruit kebabs and ice cream sandwiches.

MALDIVES Jumeirah Dhevanafushi is spread across two islands in the southern Maldives. The resort’s beach butlers will arrange for dinners on the sand and private midnight swims under the stars at your command. If you want to explore, snorkel butlers give personal tours of the thriving offshore reef.

CALIFORNIA Have a hot bath waiting for you, complete with handmade soaps and essential oils like ylang-ylang, lavender and rose, with bath butler service at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. The CD of romantic music playing in the background is yours to keep; all you have to do is strip down, step in and enjoy.

— kristin conard
DESTINATION WEDDINGS & HONEYMOONS

WILD VS. MILD

BELIZE

by KATARINA KOVACEVIC

SEEK BOTH THRILLS AND SERENITY IN THIS ENGLISH-SPEAKING CENTRAL AMERICAN ENCLAVE.

AMBERGRIS CAYE
In San Pedro, strings of seaside tiki bars line the beach, and music thumps from Jaguar’s Temple Club & Rehab Lounge, where the DJs don’t stop spinning until 4 a.m. Barhop to Palapa Bar & Grill, where Caribbean sips and sights are at their best and people go to see and be seen. Throw back a few Kiwi Coolers or the Panty Ripper, a local favorite laden with coconut rum.

BELIZE CITY
On a helicopter tour with Astrum Helicopters, get a bird’s-eye view of the Great Blue Hole (above), the largest submarine sinkhole in the world. Keep an eye out for some of the Caribbean’s marine life, like bull sharks.

STANN CREEK
Summit 1,000-foot Antelope Falls in Mayflower Bocawina National Park (below) while waterfall rappelling with Mama Noots Bocawina Adventures. Snap some panoramic pics of the vista (it stretches all the way to the sea), and take a moment to relish the vast verdant beauty with a lingering dip in the freshwater swimming hole before making the 500-foot trek down the waterfall’s rushing cascade.

PUNTA GORDA
High above the southern Caribbean coast, there’s plenty of edibles for foodies bent on discovering a farm-to-table experience. Take a farm tour at Belcampo Belize jungle lodge, and ramble through sprawling organic gardens of sugar cane, cacao and coffee. Visit the egg mobile, pet some piglets and taste the native tropical fruits and flavors, which you can blend into chocolate.

AMBERGRIS CAYE
Head to El Secreto resort (above) for a bamboo ikal massage (“ikal” means “spirit” in the Mayan language), which relieves any lingering travel tension with native spices, fruits, plant extracts and aromatherapy. The thatch-roof Spa Villa, which comprises a dual massage cabin, steam room, whirlpool tub and private plunge pool, is a truly secluded escape.

CAYO DISTRICT
Sit down to a romantic chef-prepared picnic at Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve with San Ignacio Resort. Afterward, nap together in a private hammock for two near Hidden Valley Falls, surrounded by quiet, tropical forest.
7 a.m. SUP LIFE Greet the day in Honolulu by downward dogging on a paddle board anchored in the calm waters of Mamala Bay at The Kahala Hotel & Resort. Zen out as the rising sun casts a pink hue across the beach and the ocean laps at your boards.

8:30 a.m. BLUE LAGOON Forget Plumeria Beach House restaurant’s A-list regulars like Elton John and Angelina Jolie — it’s the bottlenose dolphins zooming around its lagoon that you’ll be compulsively Instagramming. Sign up at Dolphin Quest to splash around with Hoku, a dolphin born right onsite.

2 p.m. EAT LOCAL Keep eating. No, really. Join the friendly throng queuing up for locally caught garlicky shrimp scampi at Giovanni’s Shrimp Truck near Kahuku (make sure you bring cash). For dessert, feed each other chocolate haupia cream pie at Ted’s Bakery just past Kawela on Sunset Beach.

3:30 P.M. WAVE WATCHING Continue hashtagging (#honeymoon, #beachbliss) with serious beach-hopping along the North Shore from Turtle Bay to Haleiwa. What’s more exciting — watching surfers hang ten on gnarly rip curls or driving the cliffs along the winding rocky shore?

5 p.m. SCOUT FOR SWAG Stroll the boho boutiques and galleries of Haleiwa, immersing yourselves in authentic Hawaiian surfer style. Hit Clark Little Art Gallery for unreal photos of those ultimate North Shore waves.

7:30 p.m. FRESHEST CATCH Head back south for The Kahala’s beachside seafood buffet, aptly called Bounty of the Seven Seas. Or opt for butter-poached lobster at Hoku’s, epitomizing Oahu luxury ever since Elvis donned his first lei in the ’60s. Schedule an evening lomilomi couples massage at the spa’s private suite to end your day as blissed out as it began.

by VICKY HODGES

A perfect DAY IN ...

OAHU

Get stoked for our 24-hour itinerary on Hawaii’s most populous island.

10 a.m. TAKE A HIKE Make like the locals and stroll hand in hand through the Kapiolani Community College Farmers Market, tasting mango and lilikoi jams and sipping milk out of freshly chopped coconuts at the base of Diamond Head. Afterward, trek up the volcanic cone snapping selfies, flanked by breathtaking views of Waikiki.

12:30 P.M. TREAT YOURSELVES Drive to the Nuuanu Pali Lookout for epic views of the north side of Oahu; then coast down to the curving coves of Lanikai Beach. Cool off with some shave ice at Island Snow in Kailua, one of President Obama’s favorite spots. Don’t forget to add ice cream to the bottom and top off your cup with a splash of sweetened condensed milk.
No Kids Allowed!
THERE’S NOT A STROLLER IN SIGHT AT THESE FOUR 21+ RESORTS.

1. AZULINE HOTEL GALFI, SPAIN The Mediterranean party isle of Ibiza is sunbathing central. Base yourselves at this 52-room property a short walk from the sand and city center. The lush terrace — romantically lit come evening — and ample pool eclipse the minimalist rooms. If you’re up for it, venture into clothing-free territory on the island’s two nude beaches: Es Cavallet and Aguas Blancas.

2. PUNTA SERENA, MEXICO At this all-inclusive in Costalegre — approximately 2½ hours south of Puerto Vallarta by car — you won’t find sand toys on private, clothing-optional Tenacatita Beach, where pergolas shade massage beds. Hole yourselves up in your room for breakfast or dinner on the balcony overlooking the Pacific. Serenity seekers will swoon over yoga, steam rooms, cliff-side Jacuzzis and temazcal, a Mexican sweat-lodge ceremony.

3. CALIENTE CARIBE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC This resort has a split personality: high energy and party-ready, or laid-back and serene. Spread across 123 acres outside Puerto Plata, all of the rooms at the only clothing-optional resort in the DR feature ocean views, and every evening brings a different costume party, from toga night to alter egos. Cool things down with live music and a trip to the spa for a four-hand couple’s massage.

4. HEDONISM II, JAMAICA This racy all-inclusive resort at the far end of Seven Mile Beach in Negril is fresh off a $5 million renovation. Oceanside and pool parties, as well as theme and costume nights, are nonstop. One beach is clothing-optional; the other is for those who prefer bikinis to bare buns. Feeling frisky? (Of course you are!) Book a Jacuzzi suite and enjoy the gratis tantra kit. — Brooke Morton

SET SAIL FOR Seclusion
THESE FOUR HONEYMOON-WORTHY CRUISES TAKE YOU WAY OFF THE CHARTED COURSE.

LABADEE
ROYAL CARIBBEAN
The private beach island of Labadee marries traditional Haitian culture (flea markets and food stands) and adventure (zip lining and a roller coaster) against Haiti’s cultural center, Cap Haitien. Whiz down the world’s longest overwater zip line, or sip frozen, rum-laden Labaduzee cocktails.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
SEADREAM
Whether you canoodle on deck in a Balinese bed or go ashore, with boutique ports like Grande De Anse in Martinique and Bequia in St. Vincent (above), you can cross “sailing the Grenadines” off your bucket list. Make memories on Union Island, known as the Tahiti of the West Indies because of its calm lagoons and verdant, mountainous landscapes.

THE PANAMA CANAL
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES
Od on culture for 12 days along Central America’s Pacific coast. Explore Maya ruins dotting Puerto Chiapas in southwestern Mexico. Relive the history of conquistadors in Cartagena. Meet Costa Rican scarlet macaws in the Carara Rainforest. Or save all your sightseeing energy for the cruise’s coup de grâce: daylight passage through the Panama Canal.

ISLA CATALINA
SEABOURN
Sails on this 225-suite boat visit the private-island wildlife reserve off the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic, which boasts six miles of powdery beach. Kayak through the mangroves, or book an underwater excursion for diving or snorkeling to the coral reef nature preserve. — Kaci Hamilton

There’s not a stroller in sight at these four 21+ resorts.
The 200,000-plus yearly visitors to Turks and Caicos’ 40 islands can’t be wrong.

**TURKS & CAICOS**

*by BAZ DREISINGER*

**BLUE HILLS**

Conch is Turks and Caicos’ unofficial national dish — and an aphrodisiac. Get a taste at Da Conch Shack (above); during its Conch Theatre presentation, the staff provides samples.

**PROVIDENCIALES**

If you brought a little extra scratch with you, the new Casablanca Casino might be the place to try your late-night luck — it’s open until 5 a.m. daily. First-timers can take lessons in baccarat or Caribbean stud poker, and all gaming is in U.S. dollars, so you won’t have to worry about exchange rates.

**CAICOS BANKS**

After a full moon, take a night sail with Sun Charters off the Caicos Banks to see female glowworms release bioluminescent egg masses that glow green in the calm waters.

**PROVIDENCIALES**

The Gansevoort, Provo’s trendiest address, is home to the impeccably serviced Exhale Spa (above). Relax with the tandem Provo Flow massage, which invigorates like a deep-tissue massage and then soothes, Swedish style, with choreographed kneading.

**LONG BAY BEACH**

Indulge a classic romance-novel-worthy fantasy: you, your sweetheart, a beach and a horseback ride. Make a reservation with Provo Ponies, offering 60- or 90-minute rides beachside on indigenous horses from neighboring Grand Turk through a stunning 4-mile stretch of white sand.

**PROVIDENCIALES**

What do you need to kite surf? Everything Provo has: consistent onshore winds, uninhabited beaches and shallow waters. Zooming across the sea powered by wind is a rush — but it’s not easy. Enter KiteProvo, offering supervised instruction at an exclusive secluded beach.
Our honeymoon do’s and don’ts ensure your “something borrowed” won’t be your style.

Staring into that empty suitcase without a clue where to start? Look no further. This list of honeymoon must-haves is creatively curated in a tropical palette perfect for snuggling on the sand. Headphones? Check. Beach mat? Done. Sexy nightie? All set. Plus, three more looks, from adorbs to ooh la la, for the beach — and the sheets.

by SABRINA JAMES
1. SUNSCREEN Supergoop! Antioxidant-infused sunscreen mist, $13, sephora.com

2. LINGERIE "Thea" short slip dress, $135, cosabella.com

3. COVERUP White kaftan, $40, lovecollective.com.au

4. BEACH BLANKET Roxy "Sunrise" blanket, $46, zappos.com

5. SWIMSUIT Araks "Eloisa" underwire top and hipster bottoms, from $140, farfetch.com

6. BAG Jonathan Adler "Animal Duchess" tote, $198, zappos.com

7. SANDALS Apollo Lo sandals, $189, unitednude.etsy.com

8. HEADPHONES Sol Republic "Deadmau5 Tracks" headphones, $150, zappos.com

9. BRACELET Trompe watch, $170, accompanyus.com

10. SUNNIES Cutler & Gross diamond-shaped sunglasses, $431, farfetch.com

➤ DO bring a pair of comfy headphones for jamming out. ➤ DON'T think you're really gonna spend all that much time in that leather bra; bring a romper that's both sexy and sweet. ➤ DO wear a sheer white coverup — You're still a bride! ➤ DON'T stress about keeping your fancy jewelry safe; pack colorful accessories you can wear anywhere. ➤ DO bring a roll-up beach blanket. ➤ DON'T be uncomfortable in your bikini — Wear a supportive suit that flatters your figure. ➤ DO save your skin with good sunscreen. ➤ DON'T go full-on tourist with a backpack — A spacious beach bag can double as a carry-on. ➤ DO splurge on sunnies with UV protection. ➤ DON'T forget waterproof sandals for strolls on rocky beaches.
Super SWEET
A LACY CHEMISE AND ADORABLE ADORNMENTS DOUBLE AS “SOMETHING BLUE.”

by HOLLY V. KAPHER & CHRISTY MARKS
photography by ZACH STOVALL

1. FRAGRANCE Marc Jacobs Daisy Dream eau de toilette, $76, ulta.com
2. SWIMSUIT One-piece lingerie strap tank, $119, everythingbutwater.com
3. LINGERIE Fleur’l Belle Epoque T-back chemise in Blue Granite, $94, fleurtintimates.com
4. EARRINGS Nina Tella tanzanite earrings, $40, zappos.com
5. LIPSTICK Color Sensational Rebel Bloom lipstick in “Lilac Flush,” $8, cvs.com
6. PRODUCT Bath & Body Works lavender vanilla massage oil, $16, bathandbodyworks.com
7. SANDAL TOMS Wedding Collection Lace Correa sandal, $89, toms.com
8. SUNGLASSES Fleetwood Sunnies in Blue, $169, topshop.com
9. COVERUP Lazy Daisies flutter caftan in Ocean, $70, echodesign.com
the look

Oh-So SEXY

HEAT THINGS UP WITH A BLUSH BIKINI AND MUST-HAVES IN PINK AND RED.

1. SUNGLASSES Balenciaga sunglasses, style BA0104S 109, $330, coastal.com
2. SWIMSUIT Lollipolos Swims 180 Degrees top in Pinas and Sky High bottoms in Nude + Pinas, $160, zappos.com
3. LINGERIE Daisy & Elizabeth “Babetown” bodysuit in Burgundy, $280, daisyellelizabeth.com; “Texas” kimono, $150, showmeyourmumu.com
4. NECKLACE Rayne necklace in Bright Red, $80, kendrascott.com
5. LIPSTICK YSL Rouge Volupte Shine 4 Rouge in Danger, $36, sephora.com
6. FRAGRANCE Coach Poppy Wildflower eau de parfum, 3.4 oz., $88, beautybar.com
7. PRODUCT Chocolate Love Notes Edible Amour body fondue, $35, bedroomdesserts.etsy.com
8. SHOE Steve Madden “Stecy” in Pink Lizard, $75, zappos.com
9. COVERUP Getaway wrap mini coverup, $50, victoriassecret.com
DARE TO BARE AND DECK YOURSELF IN SHADES OF GRAY (AND BLACK).
HONEYMOON Hot Spots

These global go-to’s are making headlines — and we’ve sifted through the most Googled, Instagrammed and “liked” locales for a honeymooner’s hit-up list. Here’s where to make your great escape and when (hint: It’s not always in June).

BY KATARINA KOVACEVIC
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

WHY IT'S HOT ➤ With added Southwest flights and a flurry of development, the Bahamas has been luring loads of Hollywood stars: Gwyneth Paltrow, Chelsea Handler and Hilary Duff are just a few who have traipsed into town. WHAT'S NEW ➤ In 2015, Nassau welcomed the $3.5 billion Baha Mar resort that’s five hotels in one: Baha Mar Casino & Hotel, SLS LUX at Baha Mar, Rosewood at Baha Mar, Grand Hyatt at Baha Mar and the all-inclusive Melia at Baha Mar. There’s a Las Vegas-style casino sure to beckon those with some wedding cash to burn, but expect more serenity than Sin City; its 3,000 feet of white sand, preserved Caribbean gardens and crystal-clear water are all Bahamian, baby. Spring marked Baha Mar’s grand unveiling, which is fitting — It’s also the sunniest season for visiting the isles. TO DO’S ➤ There’s an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus golf course, but two spas and 20 acres of beach promise a chilled-out ’moon. Adventurers can book a snorkeling encounter to get up close with nurse sharks, green turtles and southern stingrays.
**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**Why it’s hot** ➤ Orlando claimed the designation of the United States’ most visited city in 2013 — And it shows no signs of slowing down. In July 2014, Muggles worldwide raised a Butterbeer in a toast to the opening of Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Just four weeks after opening, the Hogwarts Express celebrated hosting 1 million passengers. By April, the spring breakers are gone, and Orlando is primed for weeks of fine Florida sunshine before the May humidity kicks in.

**What’s new** ➤ Find a quiet moment for two at Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World, which opened August 2014. Book a spa bungalow massage, or catch the Magic Kingdom’s fireworks from the rooftop of Capa steakhouse.

**To Do’s** ➤ Spot lions on a VIP trek through Disney’s Animal Kingdom; stroll 50 acres of graceful greenery at Harry P. Leu Gardens; or dunk and drizzle chocolate bites with a hands-on class at Farris and Foster’s Famous Chocolate Factory.

**PHUKET, THAILAND**

**Why it’s hot** ➤ Thailand ranks No. 5 among the most searched honeymoon locations on Google. The Kardashians may have something to do with it: Phuket’s mountain landscapes and sparkling Andaman Sea played backdrop to Kim’s tour-de-selfie on season nine of Keeping up with the Kardashians family vacation. March through May is the tail end of the Thai dry season, so you might be warm (Average March temps are in the low 80s), but you’ll miss the monsoon rains.

**What’s new** ➤ Anantara Phuket Layan Resort & Spa opened on Phuket’s north-west coast in April 2014, with 30 rooms and 47 pool villas. Hugging Layan Beach (which underwent a cleanup initiative in 2014), it’s the kind of seclusion you expect to find in Thailand; there’s even a cliff-side chapel for private dining.

**To Do’s** ➤ Watch leopard sharks in their natural habitat on a dive to Shark Point, or cruise the lagoons surrounding Banyan Tree Phuket resort on a dinner float for two on the Sanya Rak, a traditional Thai long-tail boat. Make a memory and a Thai meal together at Paresa Resort. Pack a picnic for two and spread out a blanket on the sands of a deserted island in Phang Nga Bay.
Bali, Indonesia

Why It’s Hot ➤ It’s been a few years since Julia Roberts’ character ate, prayed and loved her way through Bali, but the mystical tropical island is still all over celeb Instagram feeds — Vampire Diaries’ Nina Dobrev struck a standing split with its emerald palms as her backdrop, while The Hills’ star Audrina Partridge floated freely in its crystal waters. Unless you’re a hard-core, hang-ten surfer, summer is the time to take advantage of Bali’s moderate temperatures and balmy breezes. What’s New ➤ Mulia, Mulia Resort & Villas — a three-resorts-in-one property with dramatic Indian Ocean vistas, 10 restaurants and a spa that’s home to Bali’s only ice-fountain room — debuted in 2013. To Do’s ➤ Channel joy with The Oberoi’s couple’s blessing by a Pemangku (Hindu priest); master Bali’s famous bold curry dishes at Anika Cooking Class; wander Jatiluwih’s rice terraces for stunning jungle and ocean views; perfect your crow pose with a yogi at a rainforest retreat.
ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

Why it’s hot ➤ London was crowned the world’s most popular tourist destination by the MasterCard Global Cities Index report in 2014. Plus, the release of Cinderella, starring Games of Thrones’ Richard Madden as Prince Charming, shows off fields of blooming wildflowers in the English countryside. Summer’s bustling outdoor-market scene provides respite from London’s year-round moody skies.

What’s new ➤ Sneak off to the Cotswolds to Ellenborough Park, a 16th-century hotel evoking English heritage. Watch for the Cotswolds’ village of Bampton in season five of Downton Abbey.

To Do’s ➤ Fly away on The London Helicopter for views of Buckingham Palace and Olympic Park. Snack on delicacies like soused Cornish mackerel at The Olympic Park. Don’t expect a hotel deal, though — it’s the official high season. But, then again, isn’t it always high season in this honeymoon haven?

THE ISLANDS OF TAHITI

Why it’s hot ➤ Tahiti landed the top spot in Virtuoso’s report on the world’s best honeymoon destinations, so naturally it’s a Hollywood hot spot. Leonardo DiCaprio and his latest blonde bombshell heated up Bora Bora’s cobalt coves on a recent PDA-packed visit. Winter (May through October) brings less rain and cooler weather to French Polynesia.

What’s new ➤ Dive in at The Brando, an all-inclusive that debuted its 35 Polynesian villas — each with its own plunge pool and slice of beach — in July 2014. Set on the remote atoll of Tetiaroa and accessible by private plane, Marlon Brando’s former personal sanctuary now features a native spa and a lagoon-view bar.

To Do’s ➤ Save your appetite for a secluded motu picnic packed by The Brando’s experts or a champagne lunch and lagoon float at The St. Regis Bora Bora. Spy on fish and sea creatures at the Lagoonarium.

WHERE TO ‘MOON IN JUNE According to a 2013 survey on TheKnot.com, 44 percent of couples honeymoon in June. If that includes you and your new spouse, here are five top spots to see.

CROATIA

Croatia might have Bey and Jay to thank for its record 10 million visitors in 2013. Music’s It couple reportedly named daughter Blue Ivy after a local tree. June warms the Adriatic Sea enough for a swim — and you’ll beat the high-season masses. Adriana Spa Hotel boasts views of the ancient city center and Paklinski Islands archipelago. Explore Hvar’s up-and-coming wineries and sample seafood like Dalmatian fish stew at Gixa.

KAUAI

Most flock to Hawaii when it’s wintry at home — December through March — but local conditions are best in June. After a $10 million renovation completed in summer 2014, the 200-room Kauai Shores on the island’s Coconut Coast features two cozy pools and free oceanfront yoga. At nearby Koloa Landing Spa, book the Honeymoon Ritual, a massage topped with a bath for two in a wooden soaking tub.

FIJI

Shoulder season is short in Fiji, but the weather is ideal in June. In 2014, the South Pacific locale was named one of the Top 10 Dream Destinations by Virtuoso luxury travelers. Viti Levu’s newest spot, Nanuku Resort & Spa, which debuted in March 2014, fronts sandy Beqa Lagoon. Private villa accommodations include nonmotorized fun like snorkeling. Bonus: This month is best for spotting manta rays and bull sharks.

ITALY

After the tabloid-hyped Kimye nuptials, Florence is high on newlyweds’ romance radar, and June sees both mild temperatures and crowds. Kardashian-West guests stayed at The Westin Excelsior, a move you might want to mimic, given the hotel’s terrace with panoramas of the Florence Cathedral and Arno River. See the city on two wheels; Florence by Bike offers a photography tour of the town’s living history.

BRAZIL

No time to rest from the World Cup — Brazil is now deep in preparation for the 2016 Summer Olympics. The lineup of new digs includes swank newcomers like Fasano Rio de Janeiro, on Ipanema Beach, and Copacabana Palace, located smack in the middle of Brazil’s most famous ‘hood. At Ponta dos Ganchos resort, relaxation reigns in seaside and treetop bungalows nestled in the rainforest.

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WHY IT’S HOT ➤ The start of the school year sweeps away family vacationers, and the Technicolor trees are primed for leaf peeping — making fall fab for romance in this pocket of New England, where President and Mrs. Obama prefer to practice their conscious coupling.

WHAT’S NEW ➤ In June 2014, the 50-room Mirbeau Inn & Spa at the Pinehills, with its Monet-inspired gardens and country-manor setting, brought a taste of joie de vivre to the area. Kick off your rendezvous at the spa with the Art of Living treatment, which includes a fireside massage and an herbal bath for two. Then dine at Henri-Marie; located inside the replica of a 19th-century chapel, the restaurant dishes out multicourse tasting menus of modern French fare.

TO DO’S ➤ Follow the first couple’s lead with a candlelit table at The Sweet Life Cafe on Martha’s Vineyard. Charter a sunset sail aboard the Endeavor, or take to the air on a helicopter tour with Ryan Rotors, savoring views of dramatic bluffs and historic Plymouth Rock.
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“Mike and Leila grew up on Kauai and learned to swim before they could even walk. We met them while they were in Fiji celebrating their engagement, and two days later, we were photographing them off Tavarua Island Resort in the world-famous Cloudbreak. We encourage couples to consider having professional photos taken while on their honeymoon. What an opportunity! You’re in love and traveling together to some of the world’s most beautiful and iconic places — in this case, flying under the surf in crystal-clear South Pacific waters.”