weddings

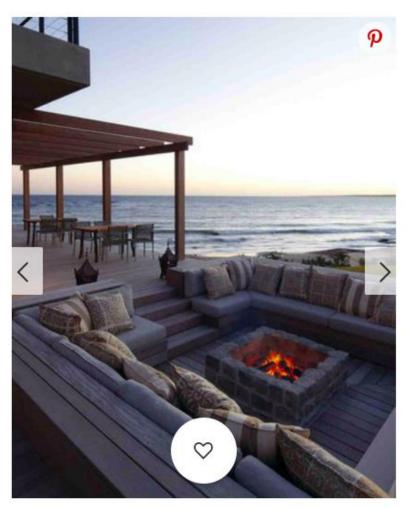
The 50 Best Beach Honeymoon Destinations

Whether you dream of traveling to the far-flung Maldives or prefer to stay close to home in Miami Beach, every honeymooner should have a chance to unwind among sand and surf. A beach honeymoon is the perfect post-nuptial escape because it can be as relaxing or adventurous as you like. After a weekend of parties, you may choose to spend all day napping on the sand. Or, you could decide to keep the excitement going and plan daily excursions on land and at sea. Our recommendation: Do a little bit of both.

Each of these beach honeymoons offers the best of both worlds—stretches of powder-soft sand on which to relax and disconnect from the real world (you've earned it!) and adventure-packed potential among rainforests and coral reefs. Some are built with amenities in mind, like full-service spas and restaurants led by top chefs, while others take a laid-back approach to luxury, offering bespoke surf-town charms or European grandeur. Where you go will depend on what type of experience you're after, from private-island seclusion to see-and-be-seen glamour. After a few days recharging from the wedding weekend, be sure to get out and explore—you only get to honeymoon once, remember! And don't forget to pack your SPF.

Click through here to discover the 50 best beach honeymoons, but be warned: It's going to be difficult to settle on just one of these luxe destinations.





Photography: Courtesy of Vic Retreats Cristobal Palma

Playa Vik, Uruguay

The laid-back beach town of José Ignacio is like the Montauk of Uruguay. Expect to see cool hipsters walking the goldensand beaches near Playa Vik, the area's most upscale hideaway, during summer (remember, that's winter in the northern hemisphere). The titanium-and-glass main building, designed by Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott, stands in contrast with José Ignacio's modest, whitewashed cottages. Each casita is like it's own mini art studio, filled with contemporary works you'll want to hide in your suitcase upon check out.