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The hard work's done – now you need some time for just the two of you. Get away from it all by jetting off to total seclusion

Selection by *Rosie Patrick*



SANDALS ROYAL CARIBBEAN

A tonic for stressed urban couples, Sandals' Over-the-Water bungalows perch above the turquoise waters of Montego Bay in Jamaica. Pad about on top of the glass floor panels, admiring the fish swimming underneath.

NEED TO KNOW Each bungalow has its own private 'Tranquillity Soaking Tub' and over-water hammock that'll make you feel you're the only people in the world. Seven nights costs from £6,335 per person and includes a butler and 24-hour room service. www.sandals.co.uk

JUMEIRAH DHEVANAFUSHI

Hankering after a desert island escape?

This pristine resort is the most remote in the Maldives and boasts peace and quiet like no other, with no flight paths, shipping lanes or nearby lights to detract from its serenity.

NEED TO KNOW Located 400km south of Malé, Jumeirah Dhevanafushi offers blissful spa treatments and swims along its coral reef. Book the Romantic Escape package, starting at £1,060 per night. www.jumeirah.com



MYKONOS THEOXENIA

Counting the Greek island's famous windmills as its neighbours, Louis Hotels' Mykonos Theoxenia resort has kept its fair share of Hollywood guests and dignitaries (such as Jackie O herself) under wraps, so you know you won't be bothered by pesky paparazzi...

NEED TO KNOW As well as tucking into delicious Mediterranean cuisine, you can indulge in a massage or treatment in the comfort of your own room. £POA. www.louishotels.com

ONE & ONLY OCEAN CLUB

The aptly named Paradise Island in the Bahamas plays host to this luxurious club, which has a range of accommodation options for loved-up newlyweds, including garden cottages and beachfront rooms with terraces.

NEED TO KNOW Escaping from civilisation doesn't mean you can't still be waited on: enjoy champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries in your room, or try a seaside spa treatment. Rooms start from £535 a night.

www.oneandonlyresorts.com;
www.bahamas.com





KAHANDA KANDA

You certainly needn't worry about being disturbed at Sri Lanka's Kahanda Kanda (which means Yellow Moon Mountain). The indulgent, spacious and contemporary boutique hotel is surrounded by 12 acres of a working tea estate and jungle.

NEED TO KNOW Stay in the Peacock suite, which has its own courtyard filled with gardenia and frangipani blooms.

You can gaze out at panoramic views of the jungle landscape before taking a dip in the infinity pool. From £233 per night for two. www.srilankainstyle.com

ES SAADI MARRAKECH

Morocco's Es Saadi Resort is so photogenic, it would be a shame not to fill your Instagram with endless shots of its glorious Moorish architecture. But if it's a social media detox you're after, its hidden villas with private pool and butler are just what the doctor ordered.

NEED TO KNOW The resort's three-night honeymoon package offers a full day in the Palace spa, a steam bath in the hammam and a couple's massage, as well as a three-course dinner served in your own garden, all from £2,792.

www.essaadi.com



HOANIB SKELETON COAST CAMP

A tent may not seem like the high-end hideaway you've been daydreaming about, but this is no ordinary campsite. Perched on the edge of Namibia's Skeleton Coast National Park, far-flung Hoanib has seven spacious, lavish tents up for grabs in the desert.

NEED TO KNOW The en-suite tents have their own decks - a great place to watch for giraffes, lions and desert-adapted elephants. £POA. www.wilderness-safaris.com



PUMPKIN ISLAND QUEENSLAND

Should you prefer not to see another living soul on your honeymoon, you'll find glorious isolation on this diminutive island in the Southern Great Barrier Reef's Keppel group. Previously privately owned, it was only opened to the public in April, but is now available for exclusive hire.

NEED TO KNOW The eco-friendly wind-powered accommodation, as well as the facilities, beaches and even a dedicated chef, could be yours and yours alone. From £1,235 per night. www.pumpkinisland.com.au





CANAVES OIA SANTORINI

VIP treatment is guaranteed at this five-star spot in Greece, recently crowned the top resort in Europe at the *Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards*.

NEED TO KNOW The honeymoon suites have been renovated and turned into real seaside havens, with private verandas and out-of-this-world views. If you're feeling more sociable, head over to the open-air dining area for a meal under the stars. From £696 for a classic seaview suite per night. www.canaves.com

PETIT ST VINCENT

Giving you an opportunity to completely switch off and focus solely on your partner, this island in the Grenadines has no wi-fi, TV or phone reception. Yet, with two miles of white sand, palms and tree-lined slopes peppered with cottages and beach villas, there's no FOMO here.

NEED TO KNOW If you do need anything, a yellow flag will catch the attention of the staff, while a red flag is this island's equivalent of the 'do not disturb' sign. £4,045pp for seven nights. www.carrier.co.uk



DOMES OF ELOUNDA

As well as its villas each having a pool of their own, Crete's Domes of Elounda resort is near a private beach, where you can arrange for return speedboat transfers and a picnic with your beloved.

NEED TO KNOW The deluxe honeymoon package (around £480) includes the beach trip and complimentary hamper stuffed with drinks and snacks, a candlelit rose petal bath in your suite, fresh flowers and a bottle of champers. www.domesofelounda.com



ALPHONSE ISLAND

The Seychelles has some of the most heavenly tropical islands on the planet, but it's Alphonse on the outskirts of the group, 400km from the mainland of Mahé, that really blows us away.

NEED TO KNOW There are 22 beach bungalows and five suites on the secluded island and strictly no mobile signal. Explore any of the 23 dive sites, snorkel around the uninhabited islands nearby and feed the charming native giant tortoises. Seven nights full board from £9,700 per couple. www.alphonse-island.com ♥

