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now
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vienna, austria

Sure, the City of Light has an unshakable rep for romance, but its extreme popularity can mean cramped outdoor cafés, standing in line with giddy high school kids at the Louvre and paying way too much for everything. True hopeless romantics, à la *Before Sunrise*, should head to the palace-lined avenues of Vienna, where vineyards are a tram ride away, pastry shops serve up sweet delights and stylish boutique hotels are super-affordable.

where to stay

SPLURGE Altstadt Vienna. Walking distance from the Hofburg, the art-clad, four-star Altstadt balances out the city's ultra-traditional/über-modern split personality with enviro-friendly, individually designed rooms like the honeymoon White Suite (from \$230, includes breakfast and free wifi; Altstadt.at; +43-1-522-6666).

STEAL Hotel Fabrik. Five minutes from the lively Naschmarkt's food stalls and vendors this 39-room, family-run hotel is housed within the former halls of a nineteenth-century linen factory (from \$140; Hotel-Fabrik.at; +43-1-813-2800).

where to eat

Wrenkh. This food-forward restaurant is surprisingly affordable. Chocoholics will die for the fresh-baked Valrhona schokotörtchen (Wiener-Kochsalon.at; +43-1-533-1526).

Zum Finsteren Stern. Get a taste of Austrian cuisine at this spot, set in the Palais Collato, where a 6-year-old Mozart performed (+43-1-535-2100).

must dos

Visit Wine City: Savor local vintages in Grinzing's heuriger taverns (Hengl-Haselbrunner.at; +43-1-320-3330; Hajszan.com; +43-1-370-7237).

View the monarchy: Tropical species flutter at the historic Imperial Butterfly House, while social butterflies hit up Palmenhaus, the chic cafe next door (Palmenhaus.at; +43-1-533-1033).

Go local!

Can't make it to Vienna? try Napa Valley, CA, for its notable wine country, where to stay [Bardessono](http://Bardessono.com) (from \$275; Bardessono.com; 877-932-5333)

Stock up on pottery made of terra-cotta, a Croatian staple not limited to roofs!



now florence, italy

next dubrovnik, croatia

Terra-cotta roofs, green hills and grand piazzas all make Italy ready-made for a picturesque honeymoon. But Florence's signature style has drawn so many visitors that it's become a bit tainted with tourist traps and generic gelato stands. Cross the Adriatic Sea to Croatia's sliver of a coastline for dramatic scenery, hidden nature reserves and Dubrovnik's laidback hotels. Sharing recipes with its neighbor to the west (by way of pizza, pasta and the ever-present scampi), you'll eat well in Croatia—for a lot less.

where to stay

SPLURGE Hotel Dubrovnik Palace. The seaside resort-style Hotel Dubrovnik Palace has the requisite luxury spa and sushi restaurant, but also has Ping-Pong tables for goofy, summer-camp fun. From April to November, explore the Adriatic with the hotel's scuba dive center (from \$180; DubrovnikPalace.hr; +385-20-430-100).

STEAL Berkeley Hotel. The three-year-old Berkeley overlooks Gruz Harbour with easy access to the historic Old Town and day trips to the sparsely inhabited Elaphite Islands just offshore (from \$100; Berkeleyhotel.hr; +385-20-494-160).

where to eat

Rozarij. Navigating the maze of roads to the corner of Prijeko and Zlatarska where Rozarij sits is part of the adventure. Once you've found this pearl of a restaurant, dig into some delicious seafood specialties, like shrimp with white risotto (+385-20-321-257).

Oliva Pizzeria. One of the many pizzerias in Dubrovnik, this casual joint on Lucarica Street offers a reasonably priced dinner and decent house wine (Pizza-Oliva.com; +385-20-324-594).

must dos

Walk a skyline: The Ancient City Walls surrounding the Old Town offer spectacular views. Stroll the loop for a leisurely hour or two.

Get drinks at Buza: Follow the sign that reads "Cold Drinks" to this cliffside beach bar and watch the sunset with an icy local brew.

Day-cruise to Mljet: A short boat ride away, more than half of this island is a national park. Hike the trails that circle Mljet's two saltwater lakes or rent bikes at Polace and Pomena (NP-Mljet.hr). >

Go local!

Can't make it to Dubrovnik? try Cayacos, CA, for its old-fashioned main street. (It's also just a short ride to the Hearst Castle.)
where to stay
Cayucos Beach Inn (from \$95; CayucosBeachInn.com; 800-482-0555)

Tropical drinks will taste even better on these oasis-like beaches.

now cancun, mexico

next bonaire, antilles

Planning a trip to Cancun is about as creative as heading to your supermarket's freezer section for dinner. You *know* you love it, but you've been there, done that—it's an old standby. So, if you're ready to try something new (and avoid crowded beaches), consider Bonaire on the island of Antilles. Its postcard-perfect beaches, vivid reefs and brightly painted towns will convince you that you definitely made the right decision! (P.S. This hidden Caribbean gem is so relaxed, it doesn't even have traffic lights.)

where

SPLURGE **La Pura Vista.** Since opening in 2007, this has quickly become the island's go-to for dive fanatics. Along with standard rates, the boutique hotel offers reasonably priced, weeklong dive-and-drive packages (from \$190; LaPuraVista.com; +599-795-6582).

STEAL **Hotel Roomer.** Run by a Dutch couple, this primary-colored, 10-room hotel is an adorable find that's close to the capital, Kralendijk, and Bachelor Beach. It's also a great base for windsurfers (from \$100; RoomerBonaire.com; +599-717-7488).

where to eat

Cactus Blue. Make like Grandma and try the bargain \$10 early-bird special. The chef doles out island fare, like lime-and-ginger Caribbean shrimp, as well as insider snorkel tips (CactusBlueBonaire.com; +599-717-4564).

It Rains Fishes. True to its moniker, this spot offers a bounty of freshly hauled seafood dishes like lasagna del mar (ItRainsFishesBonaire.com; +599-717-8780).

must dos

Go like the wind: With a near-constant breeze, Bonaire is a windsurfing and kiteboarding hotspot (KiteboardingBonaire.com).

Live the life aquatic: Scuba anyone? Explore the pristine ecosystems at Bonaire National Marine Park (Bmp.org; +599-717-8444).

Stroll the marché: The first Saturday each month, the village of Rincon hosts a bustling street market filled with crafts and food vendors. Try the homemade kokoda, a local coconut dessert.

Go local!

Can't make it to Bonaire? try Chincoteague Island, VA, for its quiet beach town and old-fashioned ice cream shops.
where to stay Miss Molly's Inn (from \$110; MissMollys-Inn.com; 757-336-6686)

now costa rica | next guatemala

Pretty much everyone has Costa Rica on the list of places they would like to go—probably your parents or, heck, maybe even your grandparents have considered it. So save this eco-adventure no-brainer for later and escape to Guatemala where the eco-vibe is still racy and a little bit untamed. About an hour from Guatemala's capital, Antigua is a perfectly preserved colonial city perched between three volcanoes, Agua, Fuego and Acatenango, and serves as a comfortable gateway to the lush countryside.

where to stay

SPLURGE Mesón Panza Verde Hotel and Restaurant. Just down the road from Antigua's main plaza sits this small luxury boutique hotel with beautifully decorated rooms. If the breathtaking views don't fully relax you, the hotel's daily yoga classes will (from \$100; PanzaVerde.com; +502-7832-2925).

STEAL Quinta de las Flores. The unassuming yellow façade leads to a secret-garden-like haven of hanging plants, distinctive folk art and brightly woven fabrics. Swing in a poolside hammock and soak up the sun (from \$75; QuintaDeLasFlores.com; +502-7832-3721).

where to eat

Las Palmas. A couple of blocks from the main square on Avenida Norte, Las Palmas serves up Cuban food (with local influences) and jazz. Be sure to try the fish in cilantro sauce or churrasquito Antigüeno (LasPalmasAntigua.com; +502-7832-0376).

La Esquina. Set in a pretty little courtyard behind Calle Poniente, this arty spot has a French-tinged menu and a laidback bar. Stop by on Thursday for La Onda Chapina, an evening of Guatemalan rum tasting paired with typical food (+502-7882-4761).

must dos

Zip along: Ten minutes outside of town, zip-line through forest treetops with Antigua Canopy Tours (AntiguaCanopyTours.com).

Stay lakeside: Lake Atitlan fills a volcanic crater in the Guatemalan highlands. Bunk one night at the Villas B'alam Ya and borrow their kayaks (from \$100; PanzaVerde.com; +502-7832-2925).

Buy a new bedspread: Guatemala is known for its crafts. Pick up woven textiles made by indigenous people at Nim Po't emporium, one of the world's largest retailers of Mayan goods (NimPot.com). >

Go local!

Can't make it to Guatemala? try Fayetteville, WV, for a rustic gateway to New River Gorge's excellent white-water rafting. where to stay Morris Harvey House Bed and Breakfast (from \$85; MorrisHarveyHouse.com; 304-574-1902)

Go green: Adventure is sure to find you in this untamed wilderness.

now hawaii

next the cook islands

Couple's Retreat: No weird staff here, just privacy in paradise.

Go local!

Can't make it to the Cook Islands? Try Cannon Beach, OR, for sparse beaches and majestic rock formations. Where to stay: Schooner's Cove Inn (from \$249; SchoonersCove.com; 800-843-0128)

The Hawaiian islands are truly spectacular—so spectacular that you'll be surrounded by lots of other newlyweds (take a number for that honeymoon upgrade!). If you don't want to share the honeymoon spotlight, head to the less frequented Cook Islands (they've been compared with the Hawaiian islands of 50 years ago). Maybe you can't find Rarotonga and Aitutaki on a map just yet, but you'll put them on your radar after reading this.

where to stay

SPLURGE **Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa.** With bungalows over the water, this place is what screensavers are made of—white sand, turquoise water and fuchsia frangipani (from \$415, includes breakfast; AitutakiLagoonResort.com; +682-31203).

STEAL **The Edgewater Resort & Spa.** On Rarotonga's west coast, this retro-chic resort is a kitschy throwback with décor like rattan furniture and geometric bedspreads. Grab two mai tais, turn up the Beach Boys and party like those crazy kids in *Gidget Goes Hawaiian* (from \$148 per night; Edgewater.co.ck; +682-25435).

where to eat

Tamarind House. Situated in a restored colonial house, this place embodies the old South Pacific with its veranda-side cocktails. Choose from Polynesian mainstays or unique specials like shrimp and papaya salad (Tamarind.co.ck; 682-26487).

Tauono's. The colorful chalkboard at Tauono's on Aitutaki changes with the day—and the seasons. The fresh-from-the-garden menu features homegrown, organic fruits and vegetables, which can also be purchased from the adjoining market stand (Tauonos.com).

must dos

Hit the jungle: Half-day Raro Safari Tours wind along ancient roads paved by volcanic slabs (RaroSafariTours.co.ck; +682-23629).

Go fish: Get hooked on Baxter's Fishing Tours and take on big game like yellowfin tuna or marlin (IslandHopperVacations.com).

Make over your shower: Bring home handmade coconut-oil soap and exotic perfumes (from \$3 a bar; Perfumes.co.ck; +682-26238).

now san juan, puerto rico

next algarve, portugal

The nice thing about Puerto Rico is that you have a little bit of everything: It's the ideal his-hers destination with plentiful golf courses, sunny beaches, places to surf and historic Old San Juan's happening restaurants and bars. But if you're looking for fewer major resorts (and less traffic), skip across the Atlantic to Portugal's Algarve. You'll find equally stunning golf courses fringed by garden-of-Eden-like orange, fig, oleander and almond trees, 300 days of sunshine, golden beaches and medieval ruins.

where to stay

SPLURGE Hotel Memmo Baleeira. Located in Sagres, this four-star designer hotel offers airy rooms, great views of the ocean and easy access to Parque da Floresta and two other championship-caliber golf courses (from \$140; MemmoHotels.com; +351-282-624-212).

STEAL Dianamar. This simple, comfy hotel with bright, sunny rooms lies midway between the beach and the town in Albufeira. The reception desk, breakfast area and lobby are lovingly decorated with typical blue-and-white tiles, embroideries and lace (from \$70, includes breakfast; Dianamar.com; +351-964-183-596).

where to eat

Dom Carlos Restaurant. Host Ana will welcome you to a table at this homey spot on Rua Alves Correia, and cook Peter will walk you through the traditional Portuguese menu—unlike typically secretive chefs, he'll even share his cherished recipes (+351-289-541-224).

Mar a Vista. Dining on seafood is a must in this seafaring nation, where an amazing fish dinner will run you considerably less than back home. One of the house favorites at this beachside eatery is *massa de lavagante*, a savory lobster pasta (+351-282-624-247).

must dos

Bask in gold: Explore the shoreline between Praia de Dona Ana and Porto do Mós, which is lined with gorgeous half-moon-shaped, gold-sand beaches.

Escape to the Cape: Drive to Europe's most southwestern point, Cabo São Vicente, to see pebbly medieval churches and castles.

Explore the woods: Inland, around the spa town of Monchique, there are pine woods and peach orchards for leisurely hikes. Make it up to Picota Peak and you'll be rewarded with magnificent views. [n]

Even the rowboats are brightly colored at this charming seaside locale.

Go local!

Can't make it to the Algarve? try Islamorada, FL, for its great golf courses and pretty-damn-close-to-the-Caribbean beaches. **where to stay** Moorings Village & Spa (from \$275; MooringsVillage.com; 305-664-4708)

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