

Tripadvisor reveals world's top honeymoon destinations for 2026

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Dhaka: As wedding season peaks — stretching from winter through Valentine's Day — newly married couples, who have undergone their dream weddings, are now turning their attention to the ultimate post-nuptial escape. For travel-loving pairs, few decisions are as exciting as choosing a honeymoon destination, and Tripadvisor has just offered fresh inspiration.

The travel platform has released its 2026 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Honeymoon Destinations, a ranking based entirely on real traveler feedback. Unlike editor-curated lists, these awards are determined by the volume and quality of reviews submitted over a 12-month period, reflecting where couples actually had the most memorable romantic experiences.

From tropical islands to historic cities and wine-country retreats, the list

captures where newlyweds around the world are falling in love all over again.

Bali takes top spot

Claiming the No 1 position is Bali, Indonesia, an island that blends lush jungle landscapes with dramatic coastlines. Reviewers consistently praise Bali for its ability to balance indulgence and adventure. Couples can spend mornings enjoying floating breakfasts and spa rituals in private villas, then head out to hike volcanoes, explore temples, chase waterfalls, or surf world-famous waves. With its abundance of luxury resorts and cultural experiences, Bali is especially popular for longer, two-week honeymoons.

Remote romance in Mauritius

At No 2 is Mauritius, an Indian Ocean island far off Africa's eastern coast. Travelers describe it as a place that truly feels "away from it all."



Mauritius

Highlights include snorkeling trips to Île aux Cerfs, hikes through the multicolored sands of Chamarel, and strolls through botanical gardens filled with rare tropical plants — perfect settings for honeymoon photos and quiet moments together.

Maldives: A classic that still delivers

Few destinations are as closely associated with honeymoons as the Maldives, which ranks third. Its overwater villas, pristine reefs, and private beach dinners continue to win over couples year after year.



Maldives

Beyond daytime snorkeling and diving, travelers rave about nighttime stargazing thanks to the country's equatorial location. Some resorts even elevate the experience with overwater observatories and astronomy-themed cocktail bars.

Caribbean charm in St Lucia

St Lucia lands at No 4, standing out even among the Caribbean's many romantic islands. Reviewers frequently mention the island's dramatic Piton mountains, which frame luxury resorts where open-air suites offer uninterrupted views.



St Lucia

Honeymooners often pair relaxation with exploration — soaking in volcanic mud baths, swimming beneath waterfalls, sampling local chocolate, and booking couples spa treatments.

A cultural surprise: Galle, Sri Lanka

Rounding out the top five is Galle, Sri Lanka, a less expected but highly praised honeymoon choice. Couples are drawn to its blend of history, culture, and coastline.



Galle

The UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, with its cobblestone streets and preserved ramparts, offers a romantic step back in time, while nearby beaches and even an underwater sculpture museum add adventure to the itinerary. Many travelers also use Galle as a base to explore Sri Lanka's tea plantations, wildlife safaris, and ancient landmarks.

Rest of the top 10

Beyond beach and jungle escapes, Tripadvisor's list also highlights classic romantic favorites and a few hidden gems. Hue, Vietnam ranks sixth, followed by Napa Valley, California, where wine tastings and scenic train rides set the mood. Positano, Italy earns the No 8 spot for its cliffside views and Amalfi Coast charm. At No 9 is Watamu, Kenya, celebrated for its crystal-clear waters and heart-shaped Love Island,

while Antigua completes the top 10 with its powdery beaches and laid-back Caribbean appeal.

Whether couples are dreaming of overwater bungalows, vineyard sunsets, or historic cities by the sea, Tripadvisor's 2026 rankings suggest one thing is clear: today's honeymooners are seeking experiences that blend romance, authenticity, and unforgettable scenery — backed by the glowing reviews of those who have already been there.

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