



ROMANTIC HOTELS FOR THAT DREAM HONEYMOON

AS IMPORTANT AS THE WEDDING VENUE WILL BE YOUR CHOICE OF HONEYMOON DESTINATION. WE PRESENT SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL SURELY APPEAL TO YOU

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Arguably one of the most important days of your life is the day you get married and this is certainly a day that is meant to be celebrated. Well, you are entering a new phase of your life and what better way than your honeymoon to make it special. So if you are wondering where to head for your honeymoon, we list some perfect choices for you and your spouse to make a dream start to your wedded life.

FAIRMONT, JAIPUR

An ode to the pink city through its awe-inspiring architecture and decor, enthused by the Mughal dynasty and royal Rajputs of yore, Fairmont Jaipur is a luxury hotel nestled among the majestic Aravalli hills. All 245 rooms and suites at this property are elegantly done up reflecting a perfect blend of traditional Rajasthani décor and modern amenities, lending itself as a romantic escapade for couples on their honeymoon. Fairmont Jaipur knows all about grand gestures and romance. The property has designed a special “Romantic Escapes” package for honeymoon couples. Your romantic honeymoon begins when you are whisked from the airport, arriving to the property with the five senses signature welcome experience with includes Nagada, Petal Shower, Welcome



Drink, Ravanhatta Player and Musicians. Experience “Love is in the Air” welcome when you enter the well-appointed guestroom and enjoy the awaiting champagne with your spouse. The team thoughtfully puts together the “Love Birds” bath tub decoration with flower petals. During your stay, you will be treated to complimentary Fairmont Spa access and be truly pampered with a 30-minute couples massage, where you will experience a soothing treatment. For a true royal Jaipur feel, you can enjoy a romantic dinner-for-two with Unique Dining Experience, overlooking the gorgeous Aravalli Hills.

IBNII, COORG

If you are looking for a secluded getaway, head to The IBNII in Coorg. Nestled along the dew drenched slopes of a former coffee plantation and spread over a sprawling 120 acres of evergreen woodlands, the resort has 22 private pool villas. All of these are so distant from each other that you are guaranteed privacy. The 10 wooden cottages, private residences and premium



suites at IBNII define luxury and yet manage to have that fine balance with nature. The resort offers complete solitude and enough time for those lovely walks across the heavily wooded areas that will help you connect with each other perfectly. This is where you can have an unforgettable honeymoon experience as the resort offers unique experiences like a coffee trail that ends in the cookie baking session, responsible fishing, guided nature walk inside the resort couple spa therapy at Manja, the in-house spa, a personalised lunch or dinner once during the stay at one of the dining options here. The resort also gives the couple cake and wine once during the stay and one cooking session to ‘surprise your better half with a scrumptious dish’. There will also be a floral bed decoration once during stay and a poolside cocktail breakfast once as well.



W, GOA

If you are looking to escape, indulge and enjoy at a beach destination complete with exceptionally appointed chalets and villas, W Goa has delightful dining and facilities and most importantly the place where all your post wedding desires from bottles of bubbly to in-room spa treatments and more come true. And to bond over food, you must experience delectable Pan-Asian epicurean cuisines, created with the world’s finest Asian flavours and spices at the signature restaurant, Spice Traders. Or sample local, regional, continental and international favourites at The Kitchen Table. You



can sip on some delicious cocktails from Woobar while enjoying the sunset in a lavish environ. And as you take a dip in WET, refuel with healthy snacks and sips. The Rockpool presents stunning sunsets, allowing you complete panoramic views of the sea at Vagator Beach. Take advantage of the 24-hour Whatever/Whenever service, in-room dining and an indulgent spa. Spa by Clarins is the perfect place to

enjoy a relaxing massage together. This is where you are assured to have the honeymoon of your dreams!

NIRAAMAYA RETREATS SURYA SAMUDRA, KOVALAM

Surya Samudra at Kovalam is a heritage

property that is surrounded by lush greenery on one side and the Arabian Sea on the other. The retreat offers romantic wellness stays that have been specially designed for couples. So with the charm of accommodation in rock gardens, traditional bungalows and rooms you can choose to have optional excursions and special wellness programme in the privacy of your room as well as sessions with the

wellness experts at pre-booked time slots. The globally acclaimed spa here has its roots in Ayurveda and where else but Kerala to enjoy the timeless therapeutic traditions of the technique. In fact couples can enjoy their stay at Niraamaya with a special dinner by the sea under the stars with a special preparation by the chef that is sure to leave you with wonderful memories. In fact the resort can organize a special honeymoon package for you as well so do check with them before you head here for a memorable time.

THE GRAND DRAGON HOTEL, LADAKH

Located in Leh, Ladakh, The Grand Dragon Hotel is a perfect place for newly wedded couples looking for luxury and comfort. All rooms here offer stunning views of the picturesque landscape, the vivid

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Novotel

colours of an ever-changing sky and the lofty Himalayan peaks making this a perfect resort for honeymooners. The hotel has exclusive honeymoon packages with personalized hospitality, exquisite barbeque with bonfire set up with a personal chef to ensure the newlyweds can relax and recoup after the tiring wedding scenarios. The Grand Dragon, Ladakh creates a warm atmosphere and charts out a memorable itinerary for

honeymooners' experience including a customized picnic near the Pangong Lake. In fact the honeymoon package will take you to the amazing Sham Valley, the amazing confluence of Indus and Zaskar Rivers at Nimmu as well as an amazing breakfast by the lakeside that allows you to soak in the mesmerizing Ladakhi landscapes. And yes walk hand in hand together through the winding lanes of the city, exploring the markets and soaking in a rose petal bath and ending the day with a romantic dinner for two.

NOVOTEL HYDERABAD AIRPORT

Novotel Hyderabad Airport (NHA)

with its beautiful location and resort like features is nestled in Hyderabad near the airport and blends hospitality and world-class services to make your honeymoon special. The hotel puts in unrelenting efforts to make your honeymoon the most special memory that is cherished forever. The rooms are spacious and beautifully decorated giving the couple colonial charm and scenic views. With a stunning outdoor pool, Novotel Hyderabad Airport also accommodates a huge sports arena with a basketball court, a sandpit volleyball court and honeymooners can have a peaceful experience with well-planned facilities to add memories to their honeymoon. In fact being located outside the city amidst verdant greenery offers you solitude like no other. Do check out Haldi the inhouse specialty Indian restaurant that serves some amazing dishes.

LAGU BANDHU'S CHOICES FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL BRIDE



JEWELLERY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART of the 'shrungar' of any bride since time immemorial. Today, everything from wedding cards to venue decoration, is designed the

way the bride wants it and so is the jewellery adorned by here. Broadly, they have three different looks when it comes to the modern Indian wedding – Sangeet, Muhurat and Reception. Lagu Bandhu jewellers who are fast adapting to changing choices, have concluded that it's no more one size fits all. Let us begin with 'Sangeet'. Lightweight jewellery is preferred since a lot of moving around is expected and it is a imperative to show at least a few dance moves. Generally, the bride wears a dress. So, ruby + emerald + pearls can be used to match the colour scheme. For Muhurat, traditional, plain gold / dark antique look is preferred if bride is wearing a light coloured

saree which many prefer nowadays. In traditional or antique jewellery there is lot of variety like, Zhumkis, Kaan vel, Pake, Choker, Necklace, Diamond necklace set, Emerald and Ruby heavy necklace, Kambarpatta, Temple jewellery / antique jewellery and Antique bangles. For Reception, simple south sea pearl strand completes an elegant look of a dark dress plus south sea matching ring. Also, nothing is as perfect as diamond necklace set on a dark coloured dress.

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VIVANTA BY TAJ CORAL REEF – MALDIVES

Vivanta By Taj - Coral Reef, Maldives has all the exotic ocean views and dramatic sunsets that are de rigueur for any tropical holiday. The twist comes when you step into your villa and instead of the usual beach decor, find a streamlined, sophisticated take on resort accommodations. Vivanta by Taj has revamped the resort experience from stem to stern and offers the ideal escape at a stunning value proposition.

A perfect destination for your honeymoon, the romantic adventure begins as soon as you land at Mal airport. A luxury speedboat spirits you and your luggage away to Hembadhu Island, where you arrive at Vivanta by Taj - Coral Reef. The resort is a diver's dream destination

with numerous diving sites and it's very own reef and shipwreck to explore. For those who prefer to stay on land, the view of the lagoon dotted with water villas is hypnotic. No matter where you travelled from, your world is about to become filled with white sand and magnificent coconut palms and the bliss of romance. Let Vivanta by Taj introduce you to the honeymoon of a lifetime.

ROMANTIC ESCAPE TO A BLUE LAGOON

Couples can take a speed boat for a romantic getaway to a private sandbank. After swimming or snorkelling it is time to pop the bubbly and savour a gourmet four course meal by candlelight. The evening is wrapped up with a romantic turndown service. A leisurely breakfast the next morning,

served in privacy, extends the relaxed mood.

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

Panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, the murmur of waves and a cool breeze are perfect to whet the appetite. And the Champagne Breakfast experience that serves flutes with delicious breakfast treats is just right to complement the mood.

IN-VILLA BARBEQUE

Arrange for a festive in-villa barbeque evening with either a Chef Valet on hand or a 'DIY BBQ' with pre-marinated meats for guests to get involved. Our chefs set up the barbeque kettle, meats and salads for you. You get the joy of grilling and then of course savouring the fruits of your labour.



PRIVATE ISLAND DINING

Choose your spot on the island, and we'll make it an unforgettable experience.

VIVANTA BY TAJ – BEKAL KERALA

Situated in the southern-most region of India, Kerala is known to the world as 'God's Own Country'. A tropical paradise of lush greens and stunning backwaters, Kerala is also known for its diverse art forms, culture and spices. The destination has much to offer with its mesmerizing beaches, historical temples, world renowned Ayurvedic spas and delectable cuisines, which will leave one with memories that last a lifetime. One can lay back and relax in plush cottages spread across enchanting acres, overlooking the scenic backwaters. Each of the retreats have been structured with a mix of Kerala house boats and Balinese influences adding a touch of contemporary yet local culture to one's stay. And when with that special somebody, Bekal has a

plethora of experiences that will get the romance flowing!

ROMANTIC DINNER BY THE RIVER

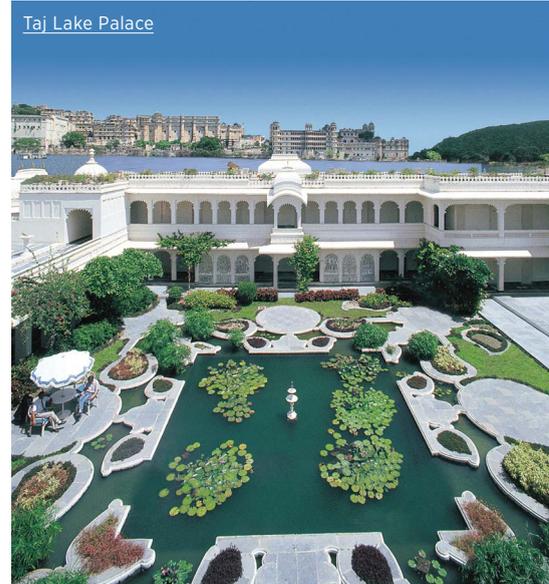
Woo your special someone in a special way! By the murmur of the gentle river. As the sun sets painting the sky in tones of orange and gold. As foot tapping music has you on your feet to dance away as the sky changes its hues. Exchange sweet words as the magic of the night casts its spell.

PRIVATE DINING WITH CHEF PILLAI

Doesn't a gazebo by the backwater or in your own private courtyard sound like the perfect setting for an evening of romance? The hotel will set up an intimate dinner at the water's edge or in your courtyard or terrace.

THE BRIDGE OF LOVE

The bridge across the backwaters which connects to the Jiva Spa (with hundreds of lights reflecting in the water) is yet another romantic private dining space which can be set up exclusively for a couple.



TAJ LAKE PALACE, UDAIPUR

The Taj Lake Palace, located in the middle of Lake Pichola, is a dream of white marble and mosaic glistening on moonlit nights. The palace, which appears like a jeweled lotus seemingly afloat on the soft, shimmering waters of Lake Pichola and it considered as one of the most romantic getaways in the world.

THE GANGAUR EXPERIENCE

Gangaur – the 150-year old royal boat used by the Maharanas for floating processions, celebrating festivals and royal ceremonies is most popularly known for being featured in the classic James Bond film "Octopussy".

MEWAR TERRACE

For a romantic night out without leaving the hotel premises, couples can enjoy the views of the City Palace, Lake Pichola and the Monsoon Palace from the Mewar Terrace, one of the most scenic and venues at Taj Lake Palace.