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#THELIST: THE 17 PLACES TO HONEYMOON IN 2017

Our top picks for a once-in-a-lifetime escape.

You've made it official—and now it's time to unwind. Whether you're the type of couple that wants to explore a once-in-a-lifetime destination, experience otherworldly food and architecture or simply veg out on one of **the world's most beautiful beaches**, we've got you covered. Wedding planning, while exciting, can be a major source of stress—and your honeymoon is likely going to be your first real chance to enjoy some quality time with your spouse. The trip should be relaxing, first and foremost, and suit your wants, needs and style as a couple. With that said, incorporating all of your favorite things into one trip can overwhelm, or take away from your time spent simply enjoying one another's company.

When planning, consider your bucket list (a honeymoon is the ultimate excuse to invest in a trip you'd otherwise never splurge on), your getaway goals (lounging poolside? a spa? hiking? indulging in local cuisine after all those months on a wedding diet?) and the best times to visit your dream destinations. Keep in mind that while off-season travel can save you money, it can also be unpredictable. Decide whether you're the type of couple that can handle making the most out of your plans being derailed; the last thing you'd ever want is to spend the majority of your trip in inclement weather, or discover that most of a location's must-visits are only open in high season. We've considered the world's most romantic, untapped, exciting and visually stunning destinations when crafting this list, and have teamed up with industry experts to give you all the reasons you'll need to visit, and where and when to plan your stay. Combine the below with **our list from last year**, and you should have over 30 out-of-this-world trips to consider. Here, the 17 ultimate honeymoons to have on your short list for 2017.

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Uruguay is great for the honeymooners that want an authentic South American experience. It boasts quaint colonial towns, hip costal villages and amazing vineyards. It is also quite lively—here, you can lounge away the days and go out for a real party experience at night.

Take a stroll along the endless beach to find a restaurant that serves the freshest fish daily or have a bonfire on the beach before returning to dine at Parillero under a ceiling made of canes. If quirky architecture is your thing, take a 10-minute drive along the coast to Puente Laguna Garzón, famed for its circular shaped lagoon crossing. Designed by Rafael Viñoly, who also lays claim to London's Walkie Talkie, the structure allows people to enjoy the panoramic views by slowing the speed of cars. – *Tom Marchant, Founder of [Black Tomato](#)*

Uruguay's José Ignacio has been compared to Montauk and St. Barth's twenty years ago: a chic retreat from city life that exudes barefoot elegance. Stylish, laid-back honeymooners will be delighted by the tiny beach town's distinctly South American, bohemian charm and the artful flair at the five-star properties, which are destinations in and of themselves. Highlights in Uruguay include horsebackriding, waterskiing and surfing at windswept beaches, dining with toes in the sand at beachfront favorites [La Susana](#) or [Parador La Huella](#), shopping at eclectic boutiques in town and simply relishing in the pristine expanses of beach and sky.

Where to Stay: The best places to stay are the [Vik Retreats](#), which introduced luxe, design-minded accommodations to José Ignacio. Stylish and sprawling, Bahia Vik is right on the dunes and boasts several private bungalows. Boutique Playa Vik feels like an art aficionado's ultimate escape with all rooms designed by a contemporary artist. And Estancia Vik is a Spanish-Colonial ranch a ten-minute drive from the coast, set in rambling farmland with exquisite interiors.

When to Go: The best time to visit José Ignacio is during the Uruguayan summer months, November through March. Over the holidays, the quiet town transforms into an epicenter for the glamorous, international crowd. – *Melissa Biggs Bradley, CEO & Founder of [Indagare](#)*.