

## 6 Honeymoons We Love

*Looking for exotic? Zen? Close to home?*

*There are as many ways to honeymoon as there are people! Honeymoons don't have to be super expensive, or even take you far away from home. What's key is to decide what setting will help the two of you relax and celebrate your magic moment. Book in advance so you can get your best deal -- and have plenty of time to anticipate finally being all alone! Here are some ideas for honeymoons that we just love, from the exotic to the nearly local.*

### Honeymoon High

In the *altiplano*, Romeo and Juliet, it's all about the stars! You can take your love to new heights (6,500-feet, to be exact) in the **Elqui Valley, of Northern Chile**. This dramatic and secluded natural setting, the excellent local wines, the positively mind-blowing views of the Andes mountains and the clarity of the stars makes this a perfect romantic getaway. Rates for fun geodesic dome *casitas* or “observatory” cabins are amazingly reasonable. Private and common pool areas, fire pits, spa services, a real observatory, peace and privacy are only some of the great reasons to bring your honey to see the moon at Elqui Domos. (<http://elquidomos.cl/>).

You can also sustain your newly-wed high by choosing World Heritage Site, **San Miguel de Allende, México** (6,500 ft. high), which is officially one of the three most beautiful cities in the world. San Miguel is where ancient history and eternal springtime mix with affordability. Stay at a bed and breakfast, or rent an entire historic home complete with staff. Enjoy local markets, museums, hiking, and archeological and other adventure activities.

### Zen Honeymoons

For you and your beloved, simplicity is the keyword. You want healthy food, a beautiful environment, and maybe even a few yoga classes to relax into your newly married state.

**Arizona's Miraval** ([miravalresorts.com](http://miravalresorts.com)) is known as a spa resort, but it's also a perfect environment to focus on spiritual, physical and mental well-being and to unwind from that wedding stress. Rent a *casita* with a private patio and fireplace, and take advantage of the many health and fitness programs and equestrian experiences -- or not, as you choose! Featured in the book “Your Long Erotic Weekend” by Lana Holstein and David Taylor, you can imagine that the simplicity of Miraval must be just what the honeymoon doctor ordered!

Or how about an exotic island with an ancient culture? **Sri Lanka** is that place, and Boutique Sri Lanka ([boutiquesrilanka.com](http://boutiquesrilanka.com)) has completely rebuilt since the devastating 2004 tsunami. The fresh beauty and renovated facilities offer a dream-like atmosphere where monks in saffron robes glide to and fro, and couples can enjoy the beautiful jungle environment, and a Zen aesthetic in their own villa equipped with private staff. Now that's simply perfect!

## Nearby Mini-moons

No time for an extended honeymoon? Then get away -- close to home! The tri-state area is packed with historic, romantic spots that will serve up a special experience in a condensed time-frame.

If you love seaside beauty and romantic Victorian-era ambience, **Cape May, NJ** is a great choice, especially off-season. One of our favorites is historic, award-winning B&B The Angel of the Sea (<http://angelofthesea.com/>) where beautifully furnished rooms with massive antique four-poster beds open onto wrap-around porches, right on the Atlantic ocean. Nearby golf, tennis and wildlife preserves beckon, or just snuggle up together in front of your private fireplace and get up late for your gourmet breakfast before going for a beach walk or a bike ride on one of the Angel's available bikes. Cape May is just 2 hours and 40 minutes from New York City.

The Catskills have historically been a place where New Yorkers go to restore themselves, and the area is full of romantic getaways. We love the quaint artist's colony **Woodstock, NY** where nature belongs to everyone and everyone can find the price point and luxury-level they are looking for. From the quaint artists' colony feel of the town, to the many outdoor activities, hotels, guest houses and B&B's, Woodstock is a mini-moon star. And it's only 2 hours away from New York City.