

ROMANCE AND COUPLES

Top Romantic Destinations to Travel to This Valentine's Day

From lavish private beach picnics and dreamy beachfront dining by candle light, to sultry sunset cruises with cocktail in hand, hoteliers are more than happy to play cupid with ingenious romantic gestures to spoil their guests. So this Valentine's Day, we bring you romantic holiday destinations fit for the occasion.



BORA BORA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

FOUR SEASONS BORA BORA

Boasting lush gardens, soft white-sand beaches and a tranquil lagoon fringed by gently swaying palm trees, Four Seasons Bora Bora Resort provides a true hideaway from the bustle of daily life. The luxury overwater bungalows blend classic Polynesian architecture with striking works of art, private plunge pools and deep-soaking baths, set beside sliding glass doors to maximise panoramic views of the lagoon. Situated on the beach, the two and three-bedroom bungalows offer private gardens and larger swimming pools. The lagoon setting of the spa is spectacular, with glass flooring beneath the treatment beds offering a window onto the teeming, tropical world swimming below. A range of more energetic activities, such as scuba diving, kiteboarding, sailing and fishing, are also on offer for guests. Whether beginning a romantic journey or celebrating years of love, the beautiful island of Bora Bora is the ideal holiday location for couples. Visits can be personalised with an array of romantic activities, such as private in-bungalow dining, a Tahitian beach barbecue on a private islet or a signature Kahaia Haven Ritual Spa treatment in the privacy of guest accommodation.



ST BARTHS

CHEVAL BLANC ST-BARTH ISLE DE FRANCE

Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France brings a sophisticated 'house party-style' atmosphere to a slice of dazzling white sand that is unequivocally Caribbean. From the entrance hallway, with the sea framed at its end, this striking combination presents itself throughout with vintage French fabrics and sheer, natural linens which perfectly offset the vibrant blues of St Barths. Couples will adore spending time at this iconic, exclusive property, particularly if a romantic luxury holiday is the main focus for visiting this delightful Caribbean island. The hotel offers a number of experiences dedicated to adding unforgettably romantic memories to each couple's stay, such as a day-long private yacht charter that includes dropping anchor at Petit Anse des Salines to enjoy a gourmet picnic on the beach, before heading back to the yacht to enjoy a spa treatment, returning to the hotel as the sun sets, glass of Champagne in hand. Private beach barbecue picnics can be arranged (with fireworks if required), while romantic spa experiences and personalised wine-tasting - culminating in a romantic meal with wine pairings at the hotel's signature restaurant - are all available for couples to enjoy.



VENICE, ITALY

CIPRIANI, A BELMOND HOTEL VENICE

From the moment you arrive, you feel the sense of calm that pervades Cipriani, A Belmond Hotel, Venice – a true classic. This mood continues through the gardens, where the kids' club is located where works of art and sculpture are often showcased and where Casanova once held his clandestine trysts – onwards into the hotel's vineyards and the hotel itself. Interiors are bedecked with delicately blown-glass and precious fabrics, where beautifully appointed rooms and suites all offer garden or lagoon views. From your classically elegant room or suite, you can explore the hidden wineries, tucked away boutiques and ancient grottos that are scattered across the area, and of course, take that all important romantic boat ride through the enchanting canals.



**DUBAI**

ONE&ONLY THE PALM

Set beside a stunning stretch of shore, amidst landscaped gardens, fountains and pools, One&Only The Palm is a lush resort oasis — perfect for your luxury Dubai holiday. With a Moorish-meets-Andalusian style of architecture and a contemporary, Arabian chic interior design, understated elegance exudes throughout. Unwind beside the stunning main pool, lined with palm trees and luxury cabanas, or feel the soft sand of the private swathe of beach beneath your feet. Away from the crowds and cars of urban Dubai, cherish tender moments in this intimate beachfront resort. The air of romance oozes from this exquisite address, a place where you can play in the sea and lounge on oversized daybeds and enjoy lavish private dinners relishing astonishing, Michelin-starred, food. Float away stress with a special couple's spa treatment and explore the desert on camelback, the sun's twilight rays glowing across the dunes.

**FIJI**

LIKULIKU LAGOON RESORT

The only over-water bungalows in Fiji are at the adults-only Likuliku Lagoon Resort, where visitors get a front-row seat to the reefs and other natural splendour of the island. Four private seating areas in the resort restaurant were created with couples in mind. Along with a variety of daily activities like snorkelling, surfing, and even a trip to Mociu Island, a private, uninhabited island in a protected nature reserve that the resort has access to, Likuliku Lagoon Resort also has the opulent Tatadra spa. This spa provides soothing beauty and body treatments.

**LHAVIYANI ATOLL, MALDIVES**

HURAWALHI ISLAND RESORT

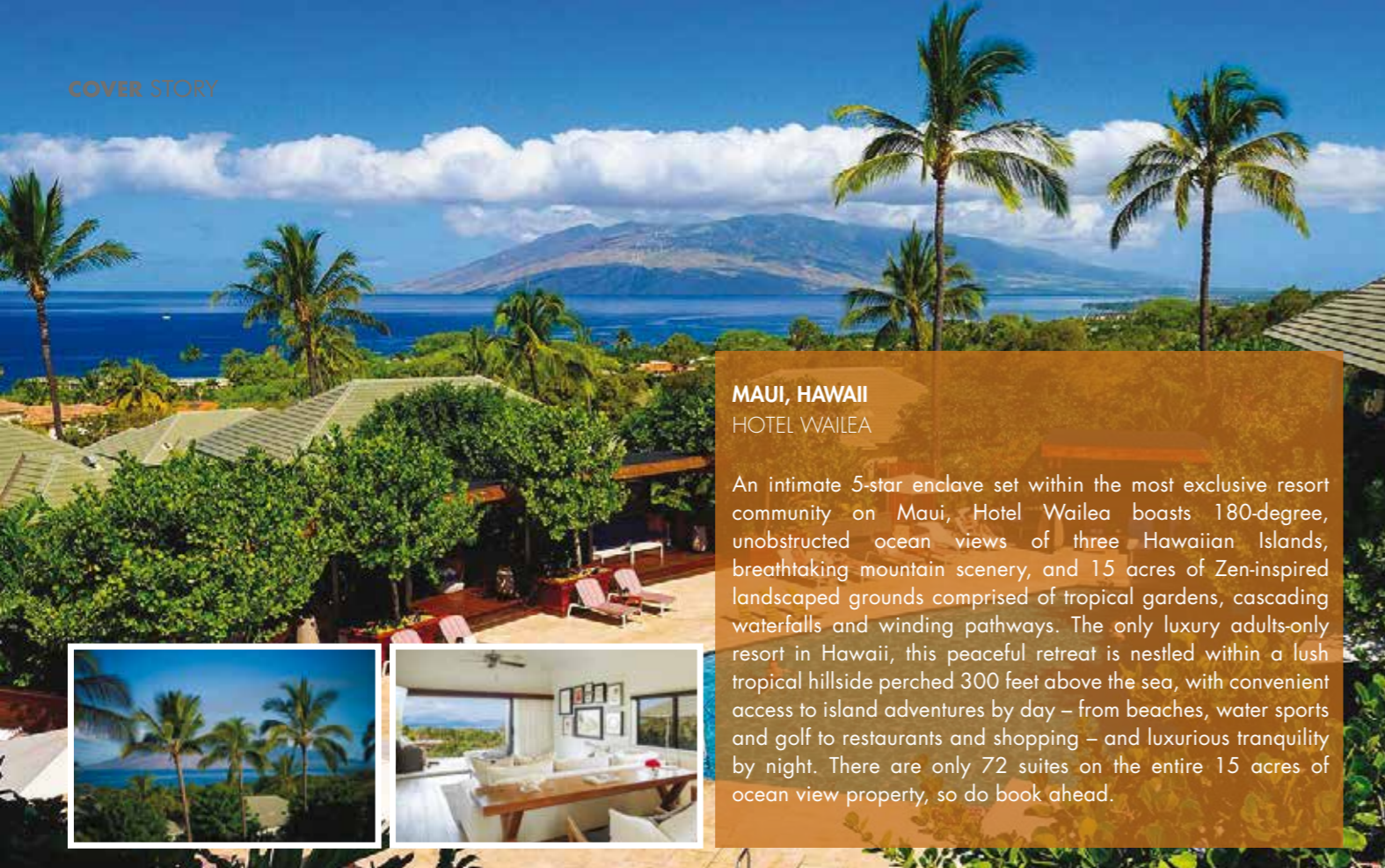
Set on an enchanting private island in the pristine Lhaviyani Atoll in the Maldives, Hurawalhi Island Resort is much like your relationship: it is a perfect match of serenity and excitement, comfort and adventure; it stirs up your every atom with an intricate blend of intimacy and thrill. It is at Hurawalhi that you can fill your days with an unsparing amount of extraordinaires, your mind with wonder, and your heart with romance. The 90-villa, adults-only luxury resort is as brilliant as the ocean that laps against its beaches and more magnificent than any island you have visited. You can swoon over photos of the Maldives, but nothing will prepare you for the beautiful blend of barefoot bliss and contemporary design found at Hurawalhi. Villas at Hurawalhi spoil with lavish comfort, exclusivity and mesmerizing views. With the choice of beachside and over-water luxury, you can revel in your preferred perspective and setting, and find pleasure in having paradise at your fingertips - and the ocean on your doorstep.

**TEMBOK, BALI**

SPA VILLAGE RESORT TEMBOK

Set against a lush landscape of mystical peaks and the vivid blue sea, this peaceful spa resort is a unique Bali escape, tucked away on the tip of the island's northeastern coast. Yet there's a subtle vibrancy that runs through this part of Bali; a barely perceptible shift in time that takes one back to the true Bali. Discover Tembok, where epic stories lurk in its history and a raw natural beauty is evident in its simple landscape. The gentle spirituality of the island and its rich culture infuses every encounter in this tranquil spa resort. Its philosophy of wellbeing extends beyond the traditional spa treatments available and encompasses every aspect of the resort from activities and lifestyle to architecture and cuisine. Effortlessly blending with the island's natural beauty, the structures of Spa Village Resort Tembok, Bali offer luxury accommodation that merges simple Western elegance with traditional Balinese dwellings. Design is kept sophisticated yet understated with natural Balinese timber accented by neutral fabrics and simple local decorative elements. Rooms are transformed into exclusive havens; suites are generous with stunning views while the villas are private sanctuaries of peace.





MAUI, HAWAII
HOTEL WALEA

An intimate 5-star enclave set within the most exclusive resort community on Maui, Hotel Wailea boasts 180-degree, unobstructed ocean views of three Hawaiian Islands, breathtaking mountain scenery, and 15 acres of Zen-inspired landscaped grounds comprised of tropical gardens, cascading waterfalls and winding pathways. The only luxury adults-only resort in Hawaii, this peaceful retreat is nestled within a lush tropical hillside perched 300 feet above the sea, with convenient access to island adventures by day – from beaches, water sports and golf to restaurants and shopping – and luxurious tranquility by night. There are only 72 suites on the entire 15 acres of ocean view property, so do book ahead.



MALLORCA, SPAIN
CAP ROCAT

Located in a fortress built for the surveillance of the Bay of Palma, Cap Rocat posed a great challenge in terms of its restoration, which involved transforming the facilities into a hotel as well as complying with the strict regulations governing a building declared a Heritage Asset and listed as a National Monument. The fortress lies within a Protected Natural Area and blends perfectly into the landscape. Cap Rocat has been completely renovated by Antonio Obrador with the utmost respect for its unique architecture and its natural surroundings. The project has received the Europa Nostra Award, among other accolades. Cap Rocat is much more than a hotel: it is an architectural and environmental conservation project, as well as a tribute to all travellers who understand that visiting a new place contributes towards creating a legacy of love and respect for other cultures and ways of life.



MERANO, ITALY
VILLA EDEN

Villa Eden in Merano, Italy is a haven for travellers seeking a health and wellness-focused adults-only escape. Personalised programs help guests get the most out of the services offered at Villa Eden, including a detox program, metabolic therapy, and one program to simply let guests relax. From the longevity medical centre to the spa, there's a range of treatments guests can use to achieve their wellness goals. The boutique luxury hotel has only 29 rooms and suites to allow for an intimate experience. The resort is surrounded by a scenic park, and guests can enjoy Merano's natural wonders with bike tours, hikes, and tennis.



MAURITIUS
PARADISE COVE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Escape to the luxury Paradise Cove Boutique Hotel for a peaceful and romantic getaway. With four restaurants offering an array of cuisines, 67 rooms and suits for guests to choose from, and a large spa with facial and massage treatments available, Paradise Cove Boutique Hotel is the perfect setting for a lovebird's getaway. The hotel also has a range of excursions, tours, water and land activities for the guest searching for an action-packed vacation. The Prestige Junior Suites are peaceful and luminous. The light wood floor and furniture, rattan, white ceiling and walls, contribute to that chic and warm atmosphere. A beautiful wallpaper behind the fourposter bed is not only a reminder of the surrounding nature but that we are here in Mauritius, a tropical island on the 20° parallel South.



BRAZIL
PONTA DOS GANCHOS EXCLUSIVE RESORT

Ponta dos Ganchos is a stunning resort is set on a private peninsula on the emerald coast of Brazil. With 25 elegant bungalows with sophisticated experiences available at the resort, this is the perfect retreat for an adults-only trip. A visit to "Yes! Island" is a must, a lush spot that sets the stage for special events and, of course, a highly-romantic marriage proposal. The Esmeralda category bungalows received a recent renovation that made them even cosier and more modern. With furniture designed by the award-winning artist from Santa Catarina, Jader Almeida, the Esmeraldas kept their structure and offer, in addition to a private heated pool, a dry sauna with ocean view, a lounge area for relaxation and a whirlpool.

