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ATLANTA

Perfect PAIR

SPRING INTO ACTION: ATLANTA'S
MUST-BOOK VENDORS

TABLE TRENDS: THE SEASON'S
PRETTIEST PASTELS

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!
DESIGNER DREAM-DAY DRESSES
KEEP YOU IN PERFECT STEP

PLUS

Great Escapes: Dreamy
Destination Wedding
and Honeymoon Spots

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OF THE CITY'S
CHICEST COUPLES
TIE THE KNOT!

The Essential Resource
for Stylish Couples

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GORGEOUS
GOLDEN STATE
WEDDINGS

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Dance the Night Away! Designer Dresses Keep You in Perfect Step

The Ultimate Million-Dollar Wedding Experience

— *PLUS*

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THE ESSENTIAL RESOURCE GUIDE FOR STYLISH COUPLES

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GORGEOUS
DALLAS
WEDDINGS!

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TOP TIPS: ROSEWOOD'S JULIAN LEAVER'S DO'S AND DON'TS
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SOUTH FLORIDA
AND THE CARIBBEAN

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WOW-WORTHY
REAL WEDDINGS

*So in
LOVE*

PIECE OF CAKE: TEXTURE IS IN!
FRESH LOOKS IN BRIDAL BEAUTY
THE NEW ROMANTICS: GARDEN-INSPIRED FLORAL DECOR
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CHICAGO

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INSPIRING
CHICAGO
WEDDINGS!

*Hello,
GORGEOUS*

NEW GOWNS FROM VERA WANG, INES DI SANTO AND INBAL DROR
PLUS HOT NEW DESIGNERS ANGEL SANCHEZ AND ISABELLE ARMSTRONG
DRESSING THE FASHION-FORWARD GROOM
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY! DESIGNER DRESSES KEEP YOU IN PERFECT STEP
NEW TRENDS IN FLORALS AND DECOR MAKE A PERSONAL STATEMENT

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DREAMSCAPES IN PARADISE

With endless months, or even years, of intensive wedding planning behind you and a long, blissful marriage ahead of you, now is the time to cherish every moment of your romantic trip to a five-star fantasy land. Here are our top picks for honeymooning beside snowcapped peaks or a deep-blue sea, in a big city or a vast desert. Bon voyage!

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MATAKAURI LODGE, A RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX PROPERTY, QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND

A sojourn to the Southern Hemisphere allows honeymooners to ski in June and spend warm summer nights under a canopy of stars in January. Toss in the wondrous landscape, winery tours and gracious hospitality, and you've got the trip of a lifetime. Matakauri Lodge, a Relais & Châteaux property situated on Lake Wakatipu and facing the rugged, snowcapped Cecil Peak and Walter Peak mountain ranges, occupies one of the most gorgeous places on Earth. Its commanding views are unsurpassed. The same can be said of the hotel's exemplary service and superb cuisine.

The Couple Travel enthusiasts and oenophiles

What to Love The intimate boutique property boasts four luxury suites, seven villas, one guest room and a four-bedroom Owner's Cottage. All accommodations offer the comforts of home—that is, if your home had a fully stocked complimentary minibar (beer and wine not included) and postcard-

perfect vistas. With the room rate also come breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oeuvres and a three-course à la carte dinner. Guests gather in the main lodge to socialize at the bar and relax pre- and post-meal in the living room and library. Indoor, outdoor and private dining—with that spellbinding lake and mountain view—are all available, and Executive Chef Dale Gartland serves elegant, modern New Zealand cuisine. His daily-changing dinner menu showcases local seasonal produce and freshly caught fish. Adjacent to the main lodge are an infinity pool and a full-service luxury spa in which to further indulge.

Package Deal Starting at \$1,950 per couple, per night, you'll receive an upgrade to the best available suite type, a welcome bottle of New Zealand sparkling wine, a \$70 spa credit per person, guaranteed private dining one night during your stay and a romantic turndown on the final night of your stay. matakaurilodge.com

PARK HYATT NEW YORK

Diagonally across from Carnegie Hall and footsteps from verdant Central Park, Park Hyatt New York occupies the first 25 floors of a 90-story Midtown skyscraper by architect Christian de Portzamparc, with stunning interior design by Yabu Pushelberg. Tastefully furnished guest rooms—there are 210, including 92 premier suites—offer the comfort and sophistication of a New York City pied-à-terre.

The Couple Chic culture vultures and gourmands

What to Love Starting at 475 to 530 square feet, guest rooms here are among the largest of any luxury hotel in the city. Bathrooms are also spacious, with soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower and mirror with built-in TV. Despite its bustling location, the hotel offers an oasis of calm. At the indoor pool, a soundtrack created by Carnegie Hall is played through underwater speakers. Spa Nalai pampers guests in six grand treatment suites, most with private balconies. Fine food and good libations are offered in The Living Room (a lounge and bar) and The Back Room at One57 (an American grill), both helmed by Executive Chef Sebastian Archambault. Museumworthy art (350 pieces in all, including works by Robert Longo, Ellsworth Kelly and Rob Fischer) decorates public spaces, guest rooms and suites.

Package Deal Packages are curated on request and can include a picnic for two in Central Park, an intimate dinner at The Back Room at One57, in-room Champagne service and more. *Room rates from \$795 per night, executive suites up to \$2,750 per night, ambassador suites up to \$20,000 per night, presidential suites up to \$30,000 per night, parkhyattnewyork.com*



SERENADING SWIM
Relax with laps to a soundtrack from Carnegie Hall in the 25th-floor sun-drenched lap pool.

HEAVENLY SIGHTS
Perched high on the cliffs, picturesque views abound.

PALAZZO AVINO RAVELLO, ITALY

Perched high in the hills of Ravello, along Italy's Amalfi Coast, this stately structure marries centuries-old grandeur with top-tier modern amenities. Originally built in the 12th century as a villa for the aristocracy, and formerly named Palazzo Sasso, the venue has been operating as a hotel since the early 1900s and as a five-star since 1997. Still retaining much of its baroque detail, Palazzo Avino is renowned for its many virtues, including elevated service, a grand seaside clubhouse and a Michelin-starred restaurant.

The Couple Discriminating sun worshippers and history lovers

What to Love Rooms and suites are outfitted with antiques,

local crafts (handmade Vietri tiles) and contemporary luxuries (Frette linens, Bose sound systems), and most have balconies overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. A 20-meter, sea-adjacent heated pool and a world-class spa with Turkish bath are musts, as are the on-site eateries—a lobster and martini bar; a pair of casual lounges; and the award-winning, world-renowned Rossellinis, overseen by Executive Chef Michele Deleo.

Package Deal Honeymoon highlights include a welcoming bottle of prosecco, surprises from the chef, fresh flowers, a bed turndown with petals and a departure gift. Unique packages include such options as four nights for the price of three. *Room rates from \$285 per night, suites from \$785 per night, palazzoaivino.com*



ROYALLY ROMANTIC
Settle in to serenity in this luxury suite with a soaking tub and marvelous mountain views.

ROYAL PALMS RESORT AND SPA PHOENIX

Romance and relaxation are par for the course at Royal Palms Resort and Spa, a Spanish Colonial-style enclave steeped in Southwestern charm that lay at the foot of Camelback Mountain, surrounded by Mediterranean-style landscaping. Originally built as a winter retreat for a New York City tycoon, the property is a feast for the eyes and a balm for the nerves.

The Couple Spa and outdoor enthusiasts

What to Love You have a front-row seat to Camelback Mountain as well as access to world-class golf courses. The 119 peaceful villas, casitas and guest rooms offer pillow-top king beds, flat-screen TVs and soaking tubs. Villas have private courtyards and patios; terrace and luxury suites look out upon a divine, tiered garden and

Camelback Mountain. Meanwhile, the Alvarado Spa takes wellness and relaxation very seriously. And you can't beat the new American cuisine at T. Cook's.

Package Deal Royal Palms employs its own romance consultant to help customize your stay. Offerings include the Royal Romance package, which features a night of luxury accommodations, romantic welcoming amenities, dinner for two at T. Cook's and a rose-petal bed turndown. *Room rates from \$299 per night, suites from \$399 per night, royalpalmsshotel.com*

THE PENINSULA PARIS

Unrepentantly upscale, the recently opened The Peninsula Paris is just a few confident strides from the Arc de Triomphe, at 19 Avenue Kléber. The polished, tuxedoed service is impeccable, and the late 19th century Haussmanian structure is exquisite. Yet there's a prevailing sense of ease and warmth. Come as you are... you'll feel quite at home.

The Couple Stylish urbanites and discriminating diners

What to Love If exploring, shopping and drinking in Parisian culture is your aim, this locale is the bull's-eye. The Louvre, Place Vendôme and The Avenue des Champs Élysées are nearby. Meanwhile, 200 rooms and 34 suites tempt you to revel in their au courant elegance in gray, cream and high-gloss lacquer, with luxe marble bathrooms, state-of-the-art technology (bedside tablets, flat-screen LED swivel TVs) and in-room extras like a valet box and shoe-shining service. Book a Garden or Terrace suite, both of which offer private, surreal views. The on-site lounges and restaurants—particularly Cantonese stunner LiLi, the rooftop L'Oiseau Blanc and gorgeous belle époque-style restaurant The Lobby—mustn't be skipped.

Package Deal An array of newlywed experiences can be arranged. Recommended is a wellness day in a private spa within the 19,375 square-foot treatment complex. *Room rates from \$1,350 per night, suites from \$2,975 per night, paris.peninsula.com*



GRANDIOSE FETE
Indulge in exquisite elegance in an opulently restored landmark.