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THE 9 BEST ALL-INCLUSIVE HONEYMOON HOTELS IN ASIA

If you're looking for maximum romance and minimal mental math on vacation, these 9 resorts will change your mind about how awesome all-inclusive can be.



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MENTION THE WORDS ‘ALL-INCLUSIVE’ and ‘LUXURY’ in the same sentence and you’ll probably get some serious side-eye. For years, these all-you-can-eat-and-drink getaways have garnered a bad reputation for cocktails that taste more like water and food that may as well come from a drive-through. Add the MTV Spring Break crowd to that and it’s the exact opposite of what you’d want on your honeymoon, right?

But we’re lucky to be living in the age of all-inclusive resorts so luxurious they’ll wipe the taste of that battered buffet line right out of your mouth. These super high-end resorts are not your great-aunt’s Club Med. They’re some of the best places for couples to celebrate their nuptials with endless bottles of bubbly and scenery worthy of that newlywed photoshoot. Here are nine of the best in Asia-Pacific.

Wild Coast Lodge

Sri Lanka



Courtesy of Wild Coast Lodge (2)

Elephants have been known to roam around the Bo Reudler Studio—designed tents set against the ferocious Indian Ocean. Next to Yala National Park, a stay here includes two game drives per day with the highest chance of seeing leopards anywhere in the world.

Apart from the wildlife, the architecture here packs some serious wow-factor. Two teak-clad domes resembling boulders found near the beach make up the main dining area, pool and bar. The luxurious tents have British-colonial-style decor with leather safari chairs and a standout clawfoot copper tub — and some have private pools. Three meals a day, afternoon tea and sundowners make sure guests will never be hungry while out looking for prey.

resplendentceylon.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$810

Shinta Mani Wild



Courtesy of Shinta Mani Wild





Courtesy of Shinta Mani Wild. Photographed by Aaron Joel Santos (2)

A zipline leads you to this luxurious tented camp inside the Southern Cardamom Mountains, a national park whose flora and fauna this resort is helping preserve by its very existence.

Wildlife — Oh, and his love of backcountry. The outdoor clawfoot tubs (big enough for two) with views of the flowing river are ideal for sunset.

Shinta Mani Wild's remote location doesn't mean it skimps on the cuisine. Meals at The Headquarters, which include hand-foraged ingredients and are open to requests, are all included in a stay. As are transfers to and from Phnom Penh or Sihanoukville, spa treatments and all activities. Comped G&Ts at the Landing Zone Bar are a delight, but they'll also stock your minibar with the beverages of your choice if you prefer to cocoon on the outlandish couch of your tent's deck.

wild.bensleycollection.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$2,345

Lizard Island

Australia





Courtesy of Lizard Island (3)

Floor-to-ceiling windows illuminate the colors of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. This is the northernmost resort on the famed marine-life destination, an hour flight from Cairns. Once you land on this tropical island, the only thing you have to think about is how often you want to go snorkeling.

Gourmet meals, all drinks and the mini-bar are included. You have access to a private dinghy to explore the nearby silica beaches and picnic hampers for your excursions are included, too. Snorkeling gear, stand-up paddleboards and clear-view sea kayaks make it easy to spot Nemo below.

lizardisland.com.au

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$1,479

Kokomo Private Island

Fiji



Courtesy of Kokomo Private Island Resort (3)

Fijian paradise is a seaplane or helicopter ride away from the country's main airport. Once you see this private island retreat through the window, you and your partner will know it was well worth the journey. Super spacious beachside villas and residences with private pools dot the sand here, but with some of the region's best diving, you'll want to be in the water as much as possible.

An impressive on-site farm supplies most of the fresh fruit and produce used in their three different dining venues. Their sustainable fishing program with Dock to Dish also means endless fresh fish is available any time of day. On the minus side, alcohol is not included in the normal all-in package — but on the plus side, right now Kokomo is only available for

kokomoislandfiji.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$1,995

Bawah Reserve

Indonesia





Photos by Scott A. Woodward (3)

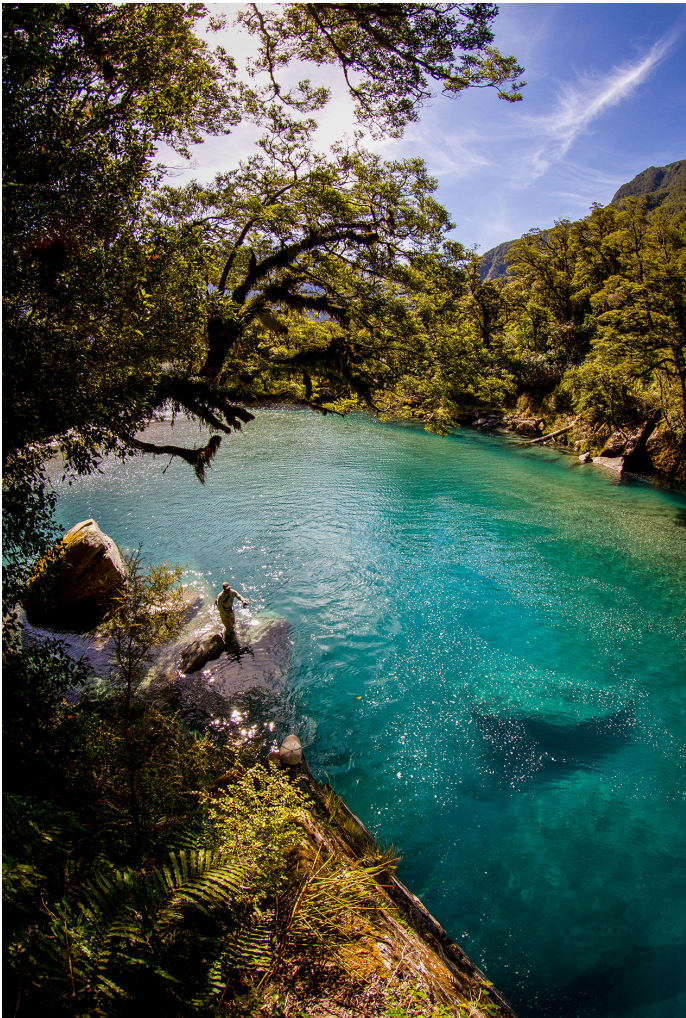
Three hours from Singapore takes you a world away. This remote group of islands in the Anambas Archipelago is a rustic-chic getaway made for honeymooners. Composed of six islands and 13 beaches, there's endless exploring on land and sea.

Morning yoga with an ocean view, a hike on one of the many trails or a relaxing spa treatment are all included in this eco-paradise. Healthy, sustainable ingredients (many of them made on the island) are served three times a day, as well as island-made ice cream. The only extras are transfers, motorized sports and alcohol.

bawahreserve.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$1,780

Cedar Lodge





Courtesy of Eleven Experience (3)

Reopening as an eight-bedroom lodge in 2022, this remote lodge in the Makarora Valley of New Zealand is ideal for adventure-loving couples. A member of Eleven Experience, this fully inclusive lodge is known for its prime fly fishing and hiking, both activities undertaken by private helicopter, of course!

A peaceful retreat near the mountains and wineries of New Zealand's South Island, this lodge has four guest suites with views so pretty you'll have to pick your jaw up off the floor. And you'll be happy you did because you'll need it to make a glutton of yourself with all the local, seasonal cuisine New Zealand is famous for.

elevenexperience.com/cedar-lodge

Must be booked by the reservation team via reservations@elevenexperience.com

The Brando

French Polynesia



Courtesy of The Brando

With a name like The Brando, it's no surprise it's a favorite among Hollywood celebs. Picture-perfect white sand beaches and turquoise lagoons surround the megastar's former personal private island of Tetiaroa, now a honeymooner's dream.

Most guests opt for their all-inclusive package, including a stylish beachfront villa or suite, all meals at the resort's two restaurants (including an impressive vegan menu), all drinks and daily spa treatments at the Polynesian spa. Designed to look like a nesting cocoon, it has a tea lounge for even more post-treatment relaxation—if that's even possible.

thebrando.com

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Soneva Jani Chapter II

Maldives



Photo by Sandro Bruecklmeier/Courtesy of Soneva

The newest addition to the Maldives' most luxurious overwater resort wants you to have it all — literally. From Ayurvedic spa treatments at the new wellness center to diving sessions to gourmet in-villa dining with alcohol, it's all included in 'Soneva Unlimited' at Soneva Jani Chapter II.

While we assume you'll only need a one-bedroom on your honeymoon, they have seven categories of villas, each with the brand's now famous waterslide into the pristine Indian Ocean. Go ahead and take the plunge; your private butler will snap all need for the most covet-worthy IG feed.

soneva.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$3,560

SUJÁN Sher Bagh

India





located in Rajasthan. Each of the Royals & Chateaux Resort's 12 tents is getting a total facelift for its reopening in September 2021.

Your romantic canvas tent, as well as all the local traditional Indian and Western meals are included in the price. Beverages and safari excursions for a glimpse of leopards and monkeys are not. But trust us, you'll want to book in advance for a game drive. What's more romantic than seeing a striped tiger in the wild showing off all its natural elegance?

thesujanlife.com

Starting rate for double occupancy US\$741

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