



The *Honeymoon* Handbook

PLAN THE PERFECT POST "I DO" ADVENTURE WITH OUR FIVE SIMPLE STEPS.

No two couples are exactly the same, which means there's no right way to honeymoon. For some newlyweds, jetting off to Switzerland to spend a week or two snuggled up in a mountain chalet is the perfect way to celebrate their marriage. For others, nothing says "romantic" quite like jumping out of airplanes in Central America or backpacking around Southeast Asia. Whether your ideal honeymoon involves cozy alone time, breathtaking adventure, or a mixture of both, the most important part of planning the perfect newlywed trip is staying true to yourselves. Once you've picked your dream destination, keep this handbook in your back pocket while you plan your trip and we promise you'll be well on your way to acing your honeymoon.

1. CHOOSE WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO GO.

Before you roll your eyes and skip to the next step, let us

explain. Many of today's couples are going the traditional route and jetting off on their honeymoon immediately after the wedding, but a considerable percentage of newlyweds are waiting weeks, if not months, to escape on their vacation. When weighing your options and deciding what timing is right for you, there are a few factors that you should take into consideration. Weddings are draining both financially and physically, and you want to be in a position where you can truly enjoy your honeymoon. If you're going to be stressing about your budget or yawning through your entire trip, is it really a good idea to leave right after the wedding? If budgeting isn't a concern and you're sure you can rally, go for it. If you're a little hesitant, consider delaying your honeymoon a bit so that you can enjoy it to the fullest.

Pro tip: If you're worried that holding off on your honeymoon will zap the trip of its romance, fear not. While you're waiting for

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those vacation days to arrive, whisk your new spouse off on a mini-moon. Spend a long weekend in a swanky downtown hotel or run off to one of the hundreds of charming B&Bs that the Midwest is famous for. Just like having a tiny snack before you go out to dinner, mini-moons make the wait for your honeymoon much more bearable.

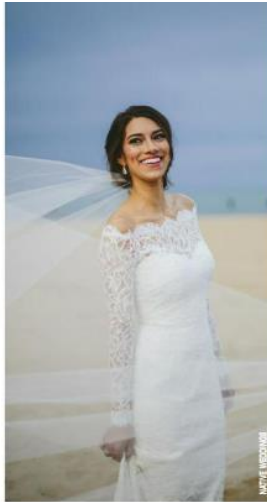
2. BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS.

Whether you're embarking on your honeymoon the morning after your wedding or the month after, it's important to get your lodging squared away well before you say "I do". With all the planning and prep that go into a wedding, the last thing you need is the additional stress of wondering whether or not some other couple has snagged the luxury suite of that five-star hotel in Paris you've had your eye on. One of the first steps in the wedding planning process is choosing a venue, and if you're on the classic year-long engagement path, we recommend finding and booking your honeymoon accommodations around the same time – about eight months to a year in advance. If your engagement is shorter than a year, look into lodging immediately so that your dream spot doesn't fill up and leave you settling for something less than perfect.

Pro tip: Be wary of scams, but don't let reviews and ratings drive you nuts when hunting for the perfect honeymoon hotel, cabin, or resort. It's easy to fall down the TripAdvisor rabbit hole, so resist the urge. As long as the lodging has generally positive reviews and you've done your research, trust your gut and make your booking!

3. BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS.

Just like your lodging, it's important to book your honeymoon flights well before your Big Day arrives. It might be a little



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cheaper to snag them two weeks before you go, but the most anticipated vacation of your life isn't the time to be gambling with airlines. Instead, book your flights six to eight months in advance and rest easy. If you're determined to honeymoon immediately after your wedding, we recommend giving yourself at least one to two days to recover before you go jetting off on your trip. You won't realize how exhausting weddings are until the morning after your own, and that extra twenty-four hours of down time can make a huge difference in how much you're able to enjoy your honeymoon. If you're dead set on leaving the very next day, do yourself a favor and avoid those crack of dawn flights. They might be cheaper, but the odds of a hangover or exhaustion making you miss that 6AM flight are high.

Pro tip: Don't get overly excited and book your flights under your new married name. You'll still be traveling with your old identification, and the TSA won't let you on your flight if the name on your ticket and the name on your ID don't match up.

4. PACK AHEAD.

If the turnaround time between your wedding and honeymoon is only a few days, pack for your trip before you tie the knot. You'll be crazy busy with wedding prep and it might be hard to find the time, but we promise that filling your suitcase and being able to check that off your to-do list will take a huge weight off of your shoulders. If you know you're the type who gets forgetful when you're stressed, make a list of everything you need a few weeks before the time to get packing arrives. Many brides find that being able to reference a checklist as they pack for their honeymoon is super helpful, and if you aren't in the mood to make your own, Pinterest has some amazing ones.

Pro tip: Still confused about what to pack? Check out your destination's website and find their concierge page. Many resorts and hotels have lists of activities that will give you a better idea of what to pack, and their reps are usually more than happy to answer your questions if their website info isn't doing the trick.

5. DON'T RULE OUT A TRAVEL AGENT.

Planning a normal vacation can be stressful, but honeymoon planning comes with an additional dose of pressure. If you're feeling totally overwhelmed, finding a reputable travel agent can be a lifesaver. Find an agent that a friend or family member has used in the past and then put the trip in their capable hands. It's their job to book perfect vacations, so as long as you're fully communicative and tell the agent exactly what you want, we're confident that they'll get you well on your way to honeymoon bliss.

Pro tip: Want more inspiration? Follow *ChicagoStyle Weddings* on Pinterest and get your daily dose of honeymoon ideas! [📌](#)



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