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Honeymoon wish list

The world is yours to explore when it comes to your honeymoon. **Tricia Welsh** rounds up the top 50 spots around the globe.

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COURTESY OF HOTELS & RESORTS OF HAWAII

1. *Hawaii America*

Perennially popular with honeymooners, you can swim with turtles at the Fairmont Orchid on the Big Island (www.fairmont.com), chill out at the Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, Maui (www.grandwailea.com), or shop till you drop based at the legendary Halekulani on Oahu (www.halekulani.com)

The view from a suite at the Halekulani on Oahu, Hawaii.

2. *Bedarra Island Queensland, Australia*

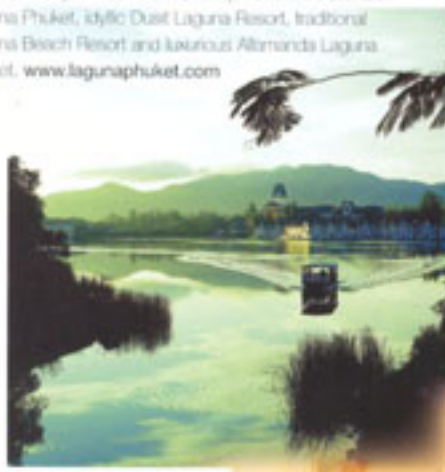
This luxurious Great Barrier Reef hideaway attracts international celebrities and romantics seeking a quiet retreat with discreet service, secluded bungalows and villas, great food, private beach picnics and Bollinger as the house champagne. www.voyages.com.au



A private deck at Bedarra Island Resort.

6. *Laguna Phuket Phuket, Thailand*

The five hotels in this resort complex are linked by turquoise lagoons and tropical walkways. Choose from romantic Banyan Tree Phuket, tranquil Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, idyllic Dusit Laguna Resort, traditional Laguna Beach Resort and luxurious Almonds Laguna Phuket. www.lagunaphuket.com



The Presidential Suite at Alvar Palace Hotel.

5. *Buenos Aires Argentina*

This vibrant city lives for the tango, but is more like a delicious combination of Paris, London, Madrid and Rome. Stay at Marriott Plaza (www.marriott-plaza.com.ar) for location, Sofitel (www.softel.com) in the city's art heart or Alvar Palace Hotel (right - www.lhw.com/ahvearpal) for sheer elegance.



COURTESY OF THE HOTEL

3. *Palm Cove Far North Queensland, Australia*

This is as close as you can get to staying on a tropical island without leaving the mainland. Top resorts include: Outrigger Beach Club (www.outrigger.com), Sabel Reef House (www.reefhouse.com.au), Angsana (www.angsana.com) and Sea Temple Resort & Spa (www.seatemple.com.au).

4. *Broome Western Australia*

The tropical coast appeals with its laid-back style, good dining options, quirky open-air cinemas and fine accommodation such as Cable Beach Club Resort (www.cablebeachclub.com) and Coco Eco Nature Retreat (www.cocoeco.com.au).

Take in the view from the deck at Coco Eco Nature Retreat, Broome.



LEADING HOTELS OF THE WORLD



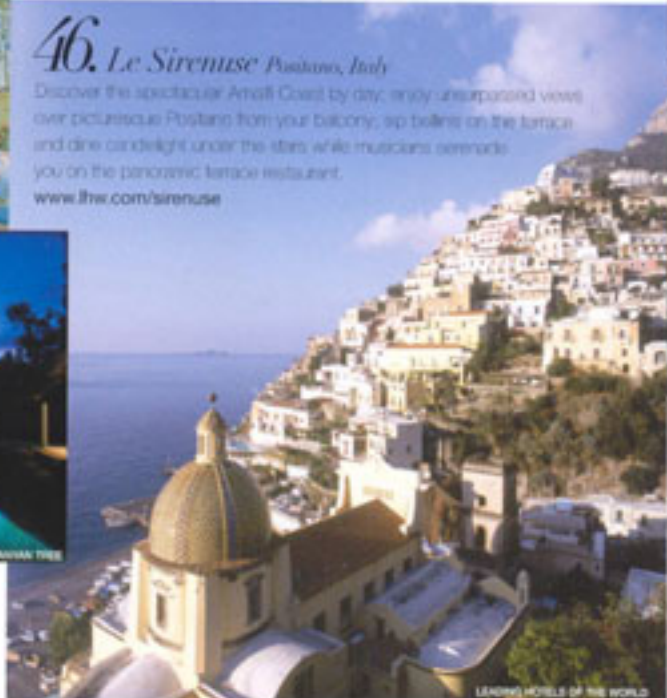
Taj Lake Palace, India

45. Taj Lake Palace Udaipur, India

Live like Indian royalty in this fantasy, former Maharaja's summer palace that floats like a white marble mirage in the middle of Lake Pichola — one of the most romantic settings in the world. www.taj.com/tajlakepalace

46. Le Sirenuse Positano, Italy

Discover the spectacular Amalfi Coast by day; enjoy unsurpassed views over picturesque Positano from your balcony; sip bubbles on the terrace and dine in delight under the stars while musicians serenade you on the panoramic terrace restaurant. www.lesirenuse.com



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47. Banyan Tree Bintan, Indonesia

Enjoy romantic dinners on the beach; indulge in a unique one-night Spa Ryoken of absolute pampering and bliss at spectacular sunsets from an Indonesian-style villa on this island resort, 45 minutes by catamaran from Singapore. www.banyantree.com



The fibre-optic pool at the Banyan Tree, Indonesia.

PICTURE BY BANYAN TREE

48. Bali Indonesia

Right on our doorstep, Bali has long been a favourite with Australians. Some of the superb resorts here are world besters. Try The Bali (below) at Nusa Dua (www.sih.com/thebali), Puri Wulandari (www.puriwulandari.com) and Amandari at Ubud (www.amarresorts.com).



The Pool at The Bali, Bali.



Dining at Londra; (right) Gondolas lined up in front of the hotel.

49. Londra Place Hotel Venice, Italy

Take inspiration from Tchaikovsky who wrote his fourth symphony while staying at this luxury waterfront hotel near St Mark's Square. Enjoy a gondola ride through the canals and dine on exceptional Italian cuisine. www.sih.com/londra



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50. Ranch Temaya La Tortuga, Venezuela

Arrive by speedboat or small plane and live Robinson Crusoe-style in this seven-room simple property on the tiny fishing island with unbelievable beaches and good local food. www.ranchoyemaya.com

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