

## FIND A ROMANTIC DESTINATION

Trip Adviser recently took a survey of its readers and announced its Top 10 Romantic Destinations. (See below)

We decided to do our own survey of local couples, who chose the following romantic destinations:

**TAHITI AND SYDNEY:** Giovanna and Gabriel Garcia-Pons chose dual destinations for their honeymoon, beginning with an over-the-water bungalow at Le Meridien Hotel in Tahiti, which was gorgeous (but expensive). They enjoyed the white sand bottom pool and the beach area, swimming with dolphins, and snorkeling, before jetting off to the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney, Australia, overlooking the harbor. They really enjoyed trying the fabulous Aussie restaurants and accompanying wines, listening to live jazz, and an adventurous climb of the Harbor Bridge (a great camera shot).



**HAWAII:** Janet DeNunzio and Mike Joslyn “went a little nuts” and spent 16 days hopping around Hawaii, starting with Oahu, where they paid their respects at Pearl Harbor and then flew off to the Maui Prince Hotel (now under new management), where they found the best beaches of the whole trip right at their hotel. They also did a scary bike ride from the volcano at Haleakala at sunrise. On to the Big Island where they actually hiked a volcano, and then to Kauai, where they woke up to an earthquake (no, really!). The Grand Hyatt was “beyond exquisite” and the couple enjoyed the “ridiculous scenery” of the lush, green island, including the Napali Coast.



**ARUBA:** Elizabeth and Marcus McDonald flew to this picturesque Caribbean island for their 2006 honeymoon. They stayed at the Hyatt, which he believes is “the best place to stay on the island.” Highlights of their visit to the tiny isle included swimming in a natural pool and a sunrise dinner at a waterfront restaurant called the Flying Fishbone.



**NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND:** Maureen and John Hart spent a late spring honeymoon at the Inn at Castle Hill in a white-washed private cottage right on the beach, with breakfast delivered each morning with a red rose. They enjoyed visiting the fabulous Newport Mansions on



Bellevue Avenue and sampling New England seafood in various restaurants around the quaint town. Before hitting Newport, the couple stopped at the Griswold Inn in Essex, Connecticut (built in 1776), where they stayed in a cozy carriage house and enjoyed the Sea Chanties funfest in the bar on Monday night.

Oh yes. as for Trip Adviser, here were their choices:

1. SEDONA, ARIZONA: Sedona Cathedral Hideaway
2. PARIS, FRANCE: Hotel Le Petit Paris
3. NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: Napa Valley Lodge, Yountville
4. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: The Bellagio
5. CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY: Queen Victoria Bed & Breakfast
6. LAHAINA, MAUI: Ritz-Carlton Kapalua
7. PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC: Alchymist Residence Nosticova
8. SAVANNAH, GEORGIA: Hamilton-Turner Inn
9. GREAT EXUMA, BAHAMAS: St. Francis Resort
10. ANNA MARIA ISLAND, FLORIDA: Bungalow Beach Resort