

# FLIGHTS OF FANCY

It's the first and most romantic trip after your wedding. Here are a few options to make your honeymoon one to remember

It's a myth that a honeymoon has to be somewhere hot. You could, for example, spend days walking together through the hush of a frozen landscape, inspired by the quiet majesty at day and gazing in wonder at the Milky Way and a star-streaked sky at night. There's such a place in remote northern Norway, close to the Arctic Circle, where the sub-zero temperatures will bring you not only closer to the elements, but closer to each other. It's called Sorrisniva, it's little known and it's magical.

Perhaps you'll pass the time kayaking in calm exhilaration across stunning fjords rimmed by mountains; or paddling to islets where it's just the two of you alone among the vast wilderness, mingling with seals and dolphins and whales. Perhaps you'll go salmon-fishing in the clearest, swiftest river you'll ever see, travel on a husky-driven sleigh at dawn and go snowmobiling through epic white plains at night. You will certainly be stunned into dreamy silence by the sight of the majestic Northern Lights, swirling bolts of electric green and purple partying in the sky – not a bad place for your first dance. And you'll sleep, wrapped tight together, in the magnificent ice-carved bridal suite at the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel, your four-poster bed covered in reindeer skins.

Indeed when it comes to romance there is no one-size-fits-all.

Perhaps along with the buzz of tying the knot it's the buzz of ultimate adventure that drives your honeymoon vision. In which case camel trekking across the Sahara and camping out under the stars with your loved one might be an option. Or going on a gorilla safari to Uganda – gazing into the deep pools that are the eyes of this endangered species is a moving experience, even more so when shared with your spouse. There are just 700 left in the forests of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

If you're foodies and lovers of art, culture and music, a city break is your couple heaven. In which case Paris is and always will be the city of love, as will Rome. The pair never get old. But other oft-overlooked cities make perfect romantic honeymoon getaways. Like Lisbon. The Portuguese capital offers fine food and wine – sumptuous *presunto* (dried ham), port, seafood and *pasteis de nata* (custard tarts) – plus fado, music of the soul, and incredible architecture with sizzling beaches, surf and nightlife just 26km away in Cascais.

If it's the glossy magazine dream of sunsets, infinity pools and sugar-white beaches you want, you also have many options. Paradise can be found at the foot of the Piton Mountains of St. Lucia. Here you can enjoy the beautiful beaches and resorts around Soufrière Bay in the south, but get messy (and physically invigorated) bathing in the healing mud of the island's sulphurous hot springs. There's even the option of cacao massages in the many luxury spas on St. Lucia.

Finally if you fancy a castaway experience, where you can be truly alone, with just each other on a desert island, forget both these options and head to Polynesia, which is as far away from it all as you can get.

