

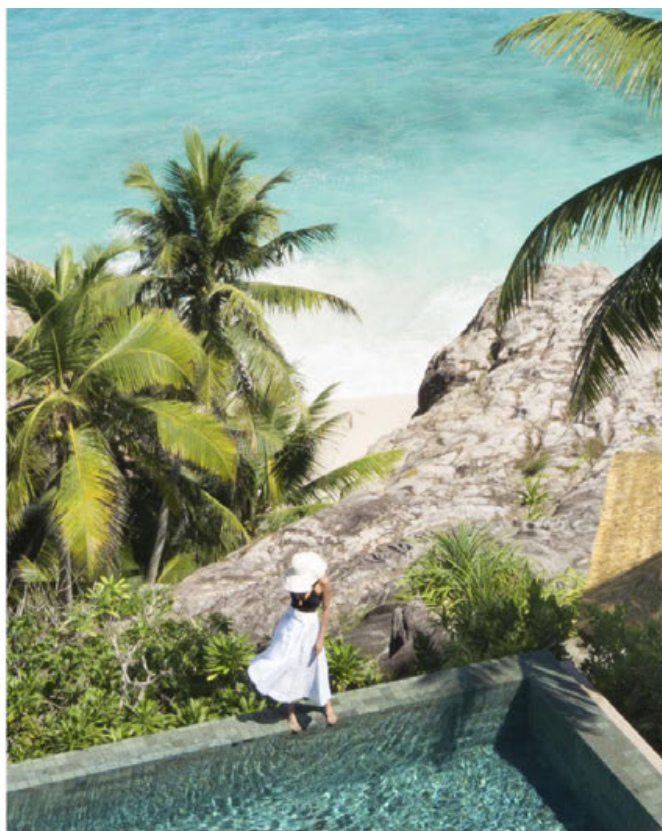
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**Q: My fiancé wants a sightseeing and touristy holiday, but I'd like a relaxing, romantic beach trip. Where can we go that lets us do both?**

—@mslloydashton via Instagram



**A:** A honeymoon should feel really special, something you'd do at no other time in your life. Interactive experiences are fun, especially if it's the first time for both of you—whether it's a cooking class or an elephant trek. You can get culture in lots of places that have well-priced boutique hotels, so you can spend more money on activities—and then there are beach resorts, where it's all about being at the property itself, so you'll spend a little more. In Bangkok, **Thailand**, a private guide can take you around by *tuk-tuk*, longtail boat, and Skytrain to see the city sights and sample the street food. Then head to Chiang Mai to visit an elephant sanctuary and take a cooking class, and end the trip at the gorgeous beach resort Six Senses Yao Noi. In **Bali**, Indonesia, you can spend time in the spiritual center of the island, Ubud, and hike Mount Batur at sunrise or bike through rice fields. Then spend the last days at the Nihiwatu Sumba Island resort, taking surf lessons—or indulging in spa treatments. In **Vietnam** you have Hanoi, which is filled with French colonial influences, and the beauty of Halong Bay, where you can do a two-night stay on a private junk (a traditional boat). Then fly to Hoi An for the markets, and continue to the secluded and stunning Amanoi resort. **Argentina** has become a big destination for my clients; it's great for couples who are really into food and wine. Start in Buenos Aires, then head to the Mendoza region for wine tasting, traditional barbecue, and sunset horseback rides. Follow that with a stay at Estancia Vik in José Ignacio, Uruguay, which is a bohemian beach town.

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