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From Driving La Dolce Vita to Sunning in the Sand

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FOR SOME COUPLES, it's a time to embark on the first of many sports-filled adventures; for others, an escape to long stretches of secluded white beaches, where the only physical exertion might include an occasional dip in the sea.

No matter what form it takes or where you choose to travel for it, your honeymoon should be about you. There are no more compromises to be made with the mother of bride about the invitation list, no second-guessing the merits of a big, billowy wedding dress versus a more contemporary and streamlined look. The cake will have been ordered, and eaten, too—be it vanilla custard or red velvet.

Certain honeymoon destinations have a tendency to come into vogue and then slowly fade from view for a decade or few. Others—like the French Riviera and Italy, the original honeymoon spots—only seem to grow more popular with time. In traveling the globe to settle upon the suggestions offered here, it quickly became clear that no matter where a couple might wish to land—on a secluded resort in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains or a beach-hugging enclave in the heart of the Caribbean—hotels and resorts everywhere are more poised than ever to go that extra mile in making your stay sweet like honey. ♦

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Wine and architecture enthusiasts take note: if an escape to a holistic Chilean vineyard set in an extraordinary landscape appeals, look no further than Viña Vik, a retreat on a valley hilltop just two hours from Santiago. Conceived by Alexander and Carrie Vik, the innovators behind South America's Vik Retreats, Viña Vik is a luxurious perch with 360-degree views all around. The stunning hotel features a pool and a floating, sculptural roof inspired by the mountains. Works by Chilean artists adorn the walls, and each of the 22 suites features floor-to-ceiling glass windows with views of the neatly designed VIK vineyard. The namesake wine is an eloquent blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot—often touted as the best wine of South America.

