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# Honeymoon



## battle of the beaches

JAMAICA, LOS CABOS, AND MAUI: THREE SEASIDE SPOTS THAT SCORE HIGH ON THE ROMANCE METER. WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

the splurge

### JAMAICA

Peacocks greet and butlers pamper at **Sandals Royal Plantation** in Ocho Rios, home to the Caribbean's only champagne-and-caviar bar. Doubles from \$1,644 (low season) and \$1,690 (high season), all-inclusive; sandals.com.

### LOS CABOS, MEXICO

Staffers at **Las Ventanas al Paraíso** know your needs (screenshot! chips!) before you do. Doubles from \$655 (low season) and \$855 (high season); lasventanas.com.

### MAUI, HAWAII

Chow down on mahi sandwiches (the island's tastiest) at the **Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua's** Beach House. Then nap in your room (the island's plushiest). Doubles from \$495 (low season) and \$615 (high season); ritzcarlton.com.

the steal

We have mad love for the boho-style digs, haute-hippie vibe, and bang-for-the-buck rates at **Jake's** in Treasure Beach. Doubles from \$95 (low season) and \$115 (high season); jakeshotel.com.



The **Hilton** and its swim-up infinity-pool bar are a total honeymoon magnet. Doubles from \$199 (low season) and \$249 (high season); hilton.com.

Teak beds and local art adorn main tower rooms at the retro-rad **Royal Lahaina**, set smack-dab in buzzy Kaanapali. Doubles from \$199 (low season) and \$225 (high season); hawaiihotels.com.

just spa it

If your idea of couples therapy includes rubdowns beside the sea, head for **Jamaica Inn** in Ocho Rios. Any closer to the water and you'd need flippers; from \$170.

Get buffed by a seaweed body scrub at **Capella Pedregal**; then stretch out, feeling spiffy, at the spa's oceanfront pool; \$90.

Book a massage in one of the outdoor *hales* at **Four Seasons Wailea** and you'll hear the Pacific on a continuous loop; from \$170.

date night



Ask the locals: Knockin' back a few Red Stripes and devouring jerk lobster alfresco at **Little Ochie** (near Jake's) is their kind of Friday. Dinner for two, \$70.

Chef Gonzo has made a (very cool) name for himself dishing out Mediterranean-meets-Mexican fare at **Esperanza's** bluffside eatery, three stone terraces that cascade down to the sand. Dinner for two, \$130.

Tourists, natives, and Oprah all heart Polynesian-themed **Mama's Fish House**, in Paja, where the homemade desserts (*mmm*—chocolate pie with caramel-cookie crust) are sheer sugar heaven. Dinner for two, \$200.

the life aquatic

Engage in a little horseplay at the **Half Moon Equestrian Centre** in Montego Bay. Your trusty steed will tow you through shallow seas—just hang on for the ride!; \$160 for two.

**Whales migrate** to Cabo (even they know it's fab) and stay from December through March. Board a boat for a close encounter with some spouting species; \$140 for two.

Set the alarm for an a.m. trip to **Molokini**, an islet off Maui's west coast that's famous for its superb snorkeling; \$160 for two. —*J. G., P. M., and E. W.*

## DOMESTIC BLISS

CELEB VISITORS ARE PUTTING THESE EAST-COAST DESTINATIONS ON OUR RADAR



### « TYBEE ISLAND / Georgia

Jet-Ski-ing juniors **Miley Cyrus** and Nick Jonas made a splash along this three-mile spit of sand, where A-list adult Sandra Bullock has a home. Honeymooners should hole up 30 minutes away at Savannah's ultramod Avia hotel (Drew Barrymore's a fan) and then day-trip to Tybee for water fun. Doubles from \$199 (low season) and \$289 (high season); aviahotels.com.



### « MARTHA'S VINEYARD / Massachusetts

With its sweeping dunes and New England charm, it's no surprise this tiny isle is a hit with the Obamas. Check into the Outermost Inn, which offers Vineyard Sound views and **Jake Gyllenhaal** sightings: The hunk has been summering close by since childhood. Doubles from \$310 (low season) and \$340 (high season), with breakfast; outermostinn.com.



### « MONTAUK / New York

Gwyneth Paltrow, Vanessa Minnillo, and *True Blood* cutie **Ryan Kwanten** swing by this laid-back town on Long Island's eastern end. We swooned over the Surf Lodge, the area's hottest nightclub and hotel, which has cheery rooms with private balconies and hammocks...Kwanten not included (sigh). Doubles from \$225 (low season) and \$375 (high season); thesurfllodge.com.



### « LONG BRANCH / New Jersey

Snooki and the Situation aside, the Shore isn't all guid-ettes and gorillas. Boldfacers like **Ashley Tisdale** consider it hip thanks to Bungalow, a boutique hotel from *9 by Design's* Cortney and Bob Novogratz. Bunk up there like the Tis and you're close to the Atlantic, shops, and, perhaps, JWoWW. Doubles from \$159 (low season) and \$249 (high season); bungalowhotel.net. —*Mark Marino*