



HONEYMOON NEWS

Inspiring ideas for your first adventure as newlyweds

DREAMY DUBROVNIK

For Irish couples, Dubrovnik is high on the list for destination weddings and honeymoons alike. Far from just a sun holiday, it has some great architecture, museums and galleries, so it's definitely worth tapping into your cultured side while there. During the Dubrovnik summer festival, the historical forts Revelin, Lovrijenac and Bokar are used to stage plays and performances. Continue your crash course in Croatian culture by checking out the open market in the Old Town. Before you leave, make sure you walk around the city walls and take a cable car. The view is unbelievable. If you're looking for a nice chill-out point, Buža, one of the coolest beach bars just outside the city walls is great. And

since it's your honeymoon, where better to go for a bit of romance than the island known as 'The Island of Love', Lokrum; a natural reserve protected by UNESCO? Oh, and don't forget to pick up some souvenirs for the folks back home. Who wouldn't love some local homemade liqueurs or sugared almonds?

THE FACTS Did you know Croatia invented the necktie?

GETTING THERE May to October is a good time. The airport is only 30 -45 minutes away from Dubrovnik.

COST From €1,499 per week. Check out dubrovnikluxuryweddings.com for more information.

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If you're considering a destination wedding in the sun, Benidorm might just be perfect for you. Check out The Hotel Servigroup Diplomatic Hotel, right in the very heart of Benidorm, just a stone's throw from the beach. The hotel provides everything you need for the perfect day with luxury lounges and suites at your disposal. To help you relax in the run-up to the wedding, chill out in the hotel spa with your maids and hit the beach with some sangria. Check out servigroup.com or call 00 34 965 854 450 for more information.





AT A GLANCE GUIDE: INDIA

MUST-SEE Contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines the ancient with the modern.

MUST-DO Visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, the gold tombed Sikh Temple still in active worship today.

CHILL OUT Head to Kerala, The Gods Country or Goa if white sands, sparkling waters and swaying palm trees are the order of the day.

ROMANCE GUARANTEED The Taj Mahal does not disappoint. It was built by Mughal Emperor

Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife. Your new spouse might be inspired to build something romantic for you (hopefully).

THE SOUVENIR Attare (an Indian perfume oil), textiles, fragrant spices and teas would all make great gifts.

THE FACT You thought you had to dress to impress in Ireland?! In India, the fold and colour of your clothes are seen as markers of social ranking. Traditionally, a woman is seen as either very low class or a holy person depending on how she parts her hair.

GETTING THERE Great choice of options including AF/KLM via Amsterdam or Paris, Etihad via Abu Dhabi and Emirates via Dubai.

COST Travel Counsellors offer great deals based on travelling in September/ October 2014, one night in Delhi, including one night in Jaipur, two nights in Agra and ten nights in Goa from €2,399 per person including all flights, transfers and accommodation. For more information, log on to travelcounsellors.ie or call 046 9483906.

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Cocoa Brown Tan Ultimate Travel Set, €10, cocoabrown.ie



The Handmade Soap Company Travel Kit, €14.95, thehandmadesoapcompany.ie

Human + Kind Family Remedy Cream, from €12.95, humanandkind.com



Dublin Herbalist Sample Parcel Set, €49.95, dublinherbalists.ie



Beauty Bia Skin's Superfood, €12.95, biabeauty.com

