

Alternative honeymoons: 11 destinations you probably haven't thought of

The Amalfi is beautiful, but this is where to go if you want to do things a little differently

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After two of years of Covid-induced wedding turmoil, honeymoons are back on.

From the romance of an 18th-century antique-filled chateau in a sleepy French village to the sunrise spectacle of galloping wild horses at the surf's edge on a forgotten Indonesian island, let these alternative honeymoon destinations whet your appetite.

Because, after the last few years, you deserve to go somewhere truly special.



Château du Grand-Lucé / Michael Spengler

Château du Grand-Lucé, Loire Valley

We can't think of a better minimoon spot than the converted 18th-century Château du Grand-Lucé. Originally owned by Baron Jacques Pineau de Viennay, a good pal of King Louis XV, and set in 80 acres of manicured gardens - with a heated pool - the fine art and antiques found throughout the house and its opulent guest rooms are worthy of a museum. Bedrooms are wonderfully grand with honeymoon-appropriate four-poster beds. Ask the friendly staff to whip up a picnic and head off to explore the grounds. For rainy days, there's a spa and *always* a supply of excellent local wine.

Read our [full review of Château du Grand-Lucé](#) [here](#).

Best time to visit: April - October