

Out of the Box Honeymoon Ideas For Running Away With Your Love

Explore our list of after-wedding getaways that your friends have not thought of



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If you're planning your honeymoon or a romantic getaway, consider these 10 unexpected destinations. Sail in the **San Francisco** Bay, stay in a charming romantic cottage where you may encounter a real-live fairy godmother, experience luxury in **New York City**, try ranch living in Wyoming or amazing red rock hiking in Utah. Whatever your preference, here are 10 unique honeymoon ideas for a memorable trip.

Ritz-Carlton Central Park

New York City | For city lovers

Offering all the elegance and charm of a private home is the Ritz-Carlton Central Park. Head out for a morning run (you're in the perfect location), spend the day taking in New York culture, see some plays and shop and dine in the heart of Midtown. Enjoy a romantic dinner at Auden Bistro & Bar, the Central Park hotel's restaurant, or take a carriage ride to a secluded picnic set up for two in Central Park. (The hotel offers a dedicated picnic concierge, and meals are specially designed by executive chef Mark Arnao.) Follow up your picnic with a 90-minute couples massage at La Prairie Spa, then enjoy a private session and tastings with the award-winning sommelier—an intimate experience you both won't forget.



Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa, Sausalto, California Photo courtesy of Courtesy of Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa

Casa Madrona Resort and Spa

Sausalito, California | For sailing lovers

Experience bayside charm nestled on the hillside at Casa Madrona Resort and Spa in Sausalito. This romantic resort offers bayside guest rooms, many boasting harbor views; hillside cottages, many with private decks, fireplaces and San Francisco Bay views; and hillside mansion guest rooms, including the 5,000-square-foot Alexandrite Suite located atop the property within the historic mansion originally built in 1885 (this is a must-see). The large suite includes a chef's kitchen, outdoor patio where 10 can practice yoga, private gym, office and a 50-inch TV. Learn to sail with Sausalito's leading sailing school, Club Nautique, located just minutes from Casa Madrona. Choose the seaside adventure package, which includes two days of sailing lessons on a beautiful 31-foot sailboat, two spa treatments inspired by the sea, daily picnic lunch on the boat, a trip to Angel Island and more.

Barnsley Resort

Rome, Georgia | For southern charm lovers

If you're looking for a getaway with romantic storybook history and charm, Barnsley Resort in Rome, Georgia, is the ideal retreat. Just 60 miles north of **Atlanta**, rejuvenate in cozy cottages with fireplaces along with swings and rockers on your front porch. There are plenty of unique spots for romantic walks and private meals, such as dining under the stars in the Ruins (you have to see it to believe it). A real-life, on-property Fairy Godmother will enhance a couple's stay with her signature Love Spells that go beyond Champagne, strawberries and roses into the most amazingly romantic, over-the-top setting. Enjoy golf, spa, kayaking and shooting sports if you're feeling adventurous.

Walt Disney World

Orlando, Florida | For Disney lovers

Find romance and bliss in the enchantment of Disney World. After a day in the parks, enjoy a couple's massage at the Grand Floridian. Dine beneath the fireworks at California Grill, and experience the romance of Italy at Via Napoli Ristorante Pizzeria in Epcot. Splurging on a Disney VIP Tour Guide is a perfect honeymoon present to enhance your Walt Disney World experience. He or she will pick you up from your hotel in a private vehicle at the designated start time (chosen by you). Visit multiple theme parks in one or more days, and enjoy special seating for parades, shows and nighttime attractions. Take a private guided expedition and roam with wild animals on a three-hour safari at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Then, cap off the evening by experiencing romantic fireworks on water when your pontoon boat sails up to Magic Kingdom.

Red Mountain Resort

St. George, Utah | For hiking and spa lovers

If you and your partner love the outdoors and the spa, head to Red Mountain Resort situated in Southwestern Utah's Red Rocks. Hike through Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park for epic views of red canyons, sandstone cliffs and colorful mountain peaks. After a day of exploring, honeymooners can indulge in a hammock, by the pool or at the spa, with treatments inspired by their day's adventures. Lunch and evening culinary creations are at their finest (and healthiest), and you can also order a glass or bottle of wine.

Brush Creek Ranch

Saratoga, Wyoming | For ranch lovers

Experience the wide-open blue skies of Wyoming and 30,000 acres of nature's beauty at The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch, where you can completely unplug from the world. This honeymoon paradise combines intimate romantic adventures with ranch hospitality. The Rustic Romance Honeymoon Adventure Package offers couples the chance to experience everything Brush Creek Ranch has to offer, including gourmet meals, outdoor activities (fly-fishing, horseback riding, shooting sports, yoga, zip lines) and intimate one-on-one moments created especially for the newlyweds.

Salamander Resort

Middleburg, Virginia | For equestrian lovers

Just 45 minutes outside of **Washington, D.C**, head to Salamander, an equestrian resort and 23,000-square-foot spa for wonderful views, nature hikes, food, wine, cooking classes, walking, biking, hiking, yoga and horseback riding. Choose from a mindfulness sweetheart trail ride, a couples massage and the couples Rasul, a Moroccan-inspired therapy where the two of you step inside a ceramic dome filled with aromatic steam, a gentle rain shower, lights and music.

Resorts West

Park City, Utah | For mountain luxury lovers

The ultimate luxury mountain trip, head to Park City, Utah, for amazing food, scenery, service and outdoor adventure. Resorts West will take care of everything with their signature Private Concierge service. They will stock your rental home's refrigerator ahead of arrival with all your favorite foods (and even favorite beer, wine and spirits). You can ship your gear early to avoid having to check bags, and even have ski rentals and fittings done in the comfort of your rental. Experience a romantic private helicopter ride over the Wasatch Mountains, a hot air balloon ride or a private couples ski instructor followed by an in-home massage and gourmet dinner prepared in-home by a private chef and paired with fine wine.

Dunton Hot Springs

Dunton, Colorado | For hot springs lovers

Deep in the San Juan Mountains of the Colorado Rockies, you will discover a restored romantic ghost town with exquisitely furnished log cabins, breathtaking trails, pampering massages and therapeutic soaks in hot springs. In summer and fall, experience horseback riding, hiking, fly-fishing, rock climbing and rafting. In the winter, enjoy the groomed cross-country ski trails, or snowshoe through the vast surrounding meadows. You will find skiing, heli-skiing, hiking and even winter horseback riding in the canyon country surrounding the vineyard at Dunton Hot Springs. Indulge in holistic and therapeutic healing, specializing in totally natural treatments, in a relaxing and rejuvenating setting.