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HONEYMOON GUIDE

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100 of the best TRIPS ON EARTH

Beach, desert, spa,
mountain and every patch
of paradise in-between

Arrive fabulous... *and stay that way!* **20 HOT-RIGHT-NOW
LOOKS THAT TRAVEL ANYWHERE + LUXE MUST-PACK BEAUTY**



ANANTARA PHUKET LAYAN

Phuket, Thailand

PURE HONEYMOON MAGIC. That's the phrase that you'll keep repeating to yourselves during your time here. Shiny, new and now fully functioning (cranes were constructing the much-lauded spa when we visited), this is pure understated elegance with not a hint of bling. Far enough from the sequined slipper shops and ping-pong party pads of Phuket town to feel tranquil and tucked-away, this space has oodles of spots to chill out and flop. The private beach is a real joy – in fact, it's probably one of the last beaches on the island that is still splendidly quiet – and there's also the infinity pool to laze by, the day beds to doze on, or silk cushions to relax on. When it comes to the service, the little touches are as impressive as they are super subtle –

a foot-scrub in your villa when you arrive, delightful gifts after the Thai cooking classes at Spice Spoons (that are *actually* useful), and creative snacks at turndown. Of course, you *could* venture outside the resort, but with some of the best dining at your fingertips (there's a salt sommelier at the Sala Layan, who'll help you choose which Himalayan salt goes with your seafood), there really is no need.

WOW FACTOR: Umberto, the talented executive chef. It's all to do with his Heston-style foodie surprises and his larger-than-life character.

GO: A Deluxe Pool Villa costs from £159 per night, B&B; phuket-layan.anantara.com



13 HOURS, 30 MINUTES

CAP MAISON St Lucia, Caribbean

UNLIKE OTHER HIGH-END RESORTS ON ST LUCIA, Cap Maison is privately owned (the family spend winter at the hotel, which is open all year round), so it feels more like a home. No troublesome check-in here – you're greeted with



champagne and taken straight to your room. Living spaces are ample, with fully fitted kitchens, huge bedrooms, and a private pool on your terrace. Despite the French-sounding name, Cap Maison's style is more chic Spanish Caribbean, with a hacienda-like setting of elaborate arches, fountains and courtyards. The beach, a secluded cove, feels like a secret hideaway with powdery white sand and unspoilt horizon views. You'll find The Naked Fisherman Beach Bar & Grill here, too, serving the best rum punch on the island, with just-caught fish and juicy burgers.

WOW FACTOR: At The Cliff at Cap restaurant, champagne arrives by zip-wire.

GO: The Turquoise Holiday Company (turquoiseholidays.co.uk) offers seven nights from £2,085 per person, B&B. Includes flights and transfers.



9 HOURS

GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO Lake Como, Italy

WITH ITS WATERFRONT SETTING, OLD-SCHOOL GRANDEUR and the chance of bumping into local resident George Clooney, this hotel couldn't sound any more appealing. An hour's drive north of Milan, it has been run by the same family for the past 40 years and is ideal for a mini-moon getaway: think modern interiors sitting alongside art nouveau architecture. Most sought after are the waterside rooms with their own balconies – breathtaking views of the lake guaranteed. Alternatively, head to the glass-fronted T Spa (try the ESPA Grand Detox) where the views are even better. Or grab a lounge on T Beach, the hotel's own lakeside stretch of sand. If you're feeling adventurous, take a dip in its famous floating pool (submerged in the lake, its temperature peaks at a chilly 15°C), or take a tour in a vintage '60s 'water limo' (a Venetian period motor boat). Dock at Bellagio, a village famed for its ancient buildings and gelato.

WOW FACTOR: Book a rooftop suite with an outdoor Jacuzzi for a night of stargazing, personalised chocs included.

GO: A double room costs from £316 per night, B&B; grandhoteltremezzo.com →



1 HOUR, 46 MINUTES

