

WILD AT HEART

From eco-chic island escapes to luxe African safaris, Sarah Lewis has trawled the lust-worthy list of boutique hotels from Mr & Mrs Smith to bring you the best back-to-nature honeymoon hideaways.





SAFFIRE

Tasmania

Overlooking Coles Bay on Tasmania's Freycinet Peninsula, this striking stingray-shaped resort beckons for a blissful beach-meets-bush retreat. Sleek suites, a seductive spa and a fine-dining restaurant up the indulgence factor.



ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Thailand

At the crossroads of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar lies this mystical Chiang Rai resort. Visit the Opium Museum, take a cooking class or tour the neighbouring elephant camp for a honeymoon that is anything but ordinary.

EL QUESTRO HOMESTEAD

Kimberleys

Away-from-it-all doesn't even begin to describe this haute hideaway, set on 1000 rugged acres in the Kimberleys. Honeymooners should plump for the new Cliff Side Retreats, set on the edge of Chamberlain Gorge, with a romance-rovving outdoor shower, freestanding bathtub and va-va-voom views.

LION SANDS IVORY LODGE

South Africa

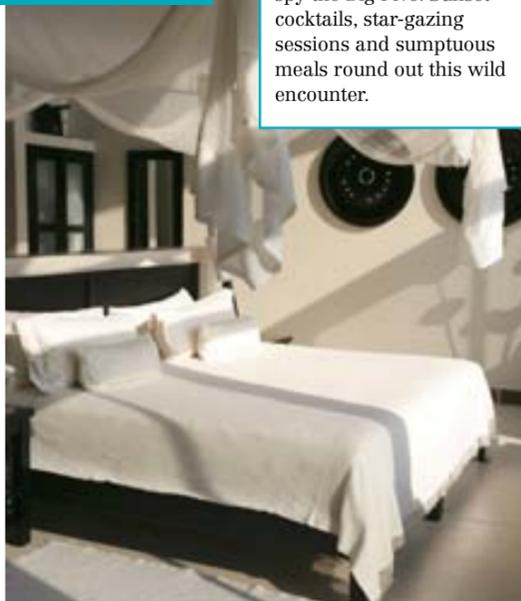
Spot baby elephants, zebras and crocodiles from the comfort of your luxurious villa before setting out on safari to spy the Big Five. Sunset cocktails, star-gazing sessions and sumptuous meals round out this wild encounter.



SUNGAI GOLD

Bali

Tucked away in the charming Balinese village of Cepaka, this plush private villa is fringed by lush jungle. With a net-draped four-poster bed, rustic timber furnishings, an enticing jade-green pool, and a team of whim-catering staff, it's ideal for loved-up couples. Book it together with three-bedroom sister property Villa Sungai for an intimate destination wedding.



QAMEA RESORT & SPA

Fiji

Get back to nature on Qamea Island, blessed with sugar-white sands, hammock-slung palm trees and dreamy thatched bures (cottages). Secluded Honeymoon Bures sport an alfresco dining deck, net-draped bed and jungle-shrouded Jacuzzi.

GOLDENEYE HOTEL & RESORT

Jamaica

Make like James Bond with a stay at this exclusive Jamaican resort, the one-time home of Bond author Ian Fleming. A treetop restaurant, dazzling infinity pool and swim-up spa service the 20 tropical-luxe cottages.



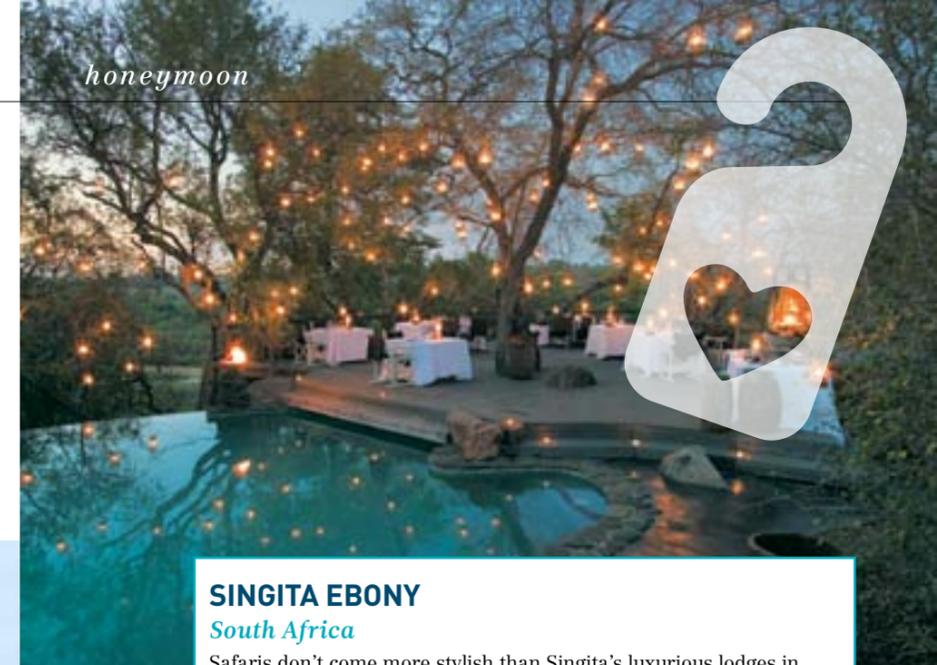
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India

Resembling a giant sandcastle in the heart of the Thar desert, this bijou boutique hotel is decked out with gorgeous Rajasthani furnishings. Individually styled suites sport hand-carved bathtubs, plunge pools and Jacuzzis. Take a camel trek through the dunes, visit local villages or simply sip G&Ts by the sapphire-blue infinity pool.



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SINGITA EBONY

South Africa

Safaris don't come more stylish than Singita's luxurious lodges in Kruger National Park. Singita Ebony works a colonial-chic look, with lashings of leather, hide and carved wood in each of the 12 suites, which offer private pools, open fireplaces and game-viewing decks.

JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU RESORT

Fiji

Water babes will love this Fijian escape, home to scuba diving, sea kayaking and sailing on Savusavu Bay. Honeymooners will swoon over the ultra-luxe Villa, which features a private walled garden with spa tub and waterfall.

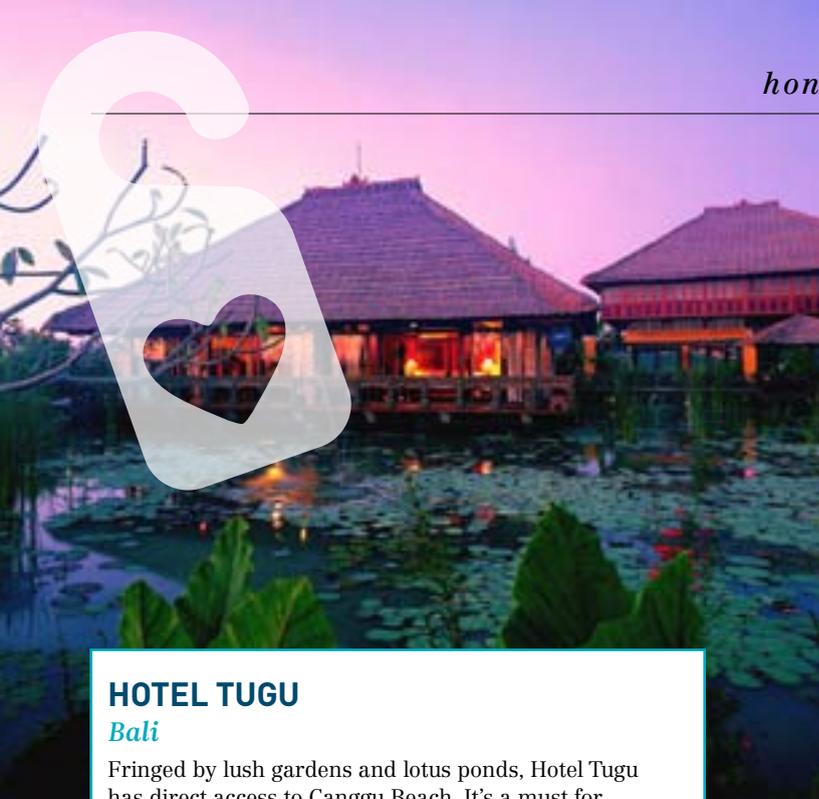


BLANCANEUX LODGE

Belize

The exotic island escape of filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola, this A-list hideaway in the jungles of Belize promises off-the-beaten-track adventures, romantic waterfall pools and seductive Honeymoon Cabanas.





HAPUKU LODGE & TREE HOUSES

New Zealand

You'll be on a natural high with a stay in one of the mod treehouses at this Kaikoura resort. These lofty lodges are perched 10 metres high, offering wow-worthy views of the mountains and sea, plus a wood-burning fireplace for cosy cuddling.



HOTEL TUGU

Bali

Fringed by lush gardens and lotus ponds, Hotel Tugu has direct access to Canggu Beach. It's a must for honeymooners in search of a chilled-out Balinese beach escape, away from the hustle of the main tourist hubs.



MOOREA PEARL RESORT & SPA

French Polynesia

Set on a dazzling cobalt lagoon on the island of Moorea, this laid-back Polynesian resort offers overwater bungalows (a must for newlyweds), a pampering day spa and an endless list of aquatic pursuits, from canoe tours to sunset catamaran cruises.

SAL SALIS

Ningaloo Reef

A remote wonderland on the coast of Western Australia, this glamping getaway boasts luxe tents dotted among the dunes, bush-influenced fare in the communal dining room, and the chance to swim with majestic whale sharks from April to July.

WILSON ISLAND

Queensland

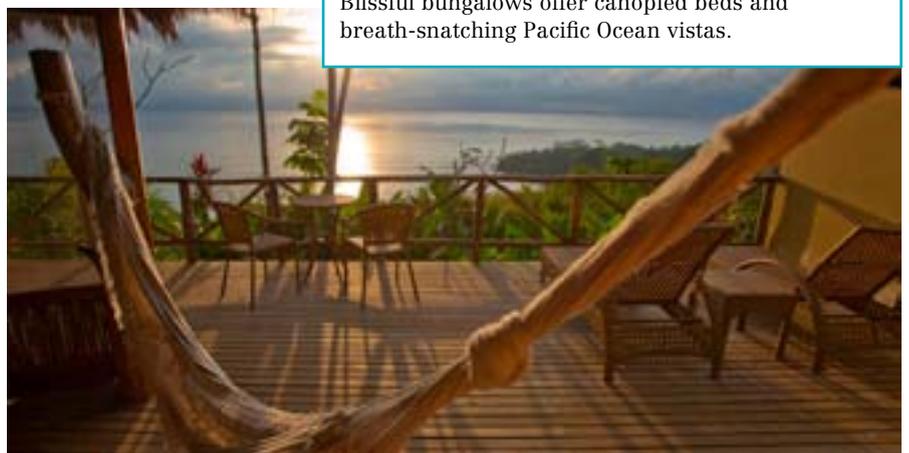
Play castaway on Wilson Island, a romantic Great Barrier Reef escape with just six rustic-luxe tents. This back-to-basics beach stay is perfect for newlyweds who want to get away from it all, with snorkeling, hammock-slouching and barefoot dining de rigueur.



LAPA RIOS

Costa Rica

An eco-chic, rainforest-meets-beach retreat on Costa Rica's idyllic Osa Peninsula, this romantic hideaway promises pindrop-peaceful seclusion. Blissful bungalows offer canopied beds and breath-snatching Pacific Ocean vistas.



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