# Go Into the Wild on Your Honeymoon

Marry your passion for adventure and love of Mother Nature By: Melissa Dutton

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If you and your fiancé are adventure lovers who enjoy escaping to the great outdoors and prefer seeing wildlife rather than living the wild life ... an adventure honeymoon may be just what you crave.

## African Safari

### Mother Nature

Imagine being escorted into a game reserve while aboard an open-air four-wheel drive vehicle by day and unwinding under the stars by night. Whether your African Safari adventure takes you to Mount Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater, Victoria Falls or the Serengeti National Park, Africa's pristine wilderness is sure to delight.

### Animal Encounters

From enjoying a picnic lunch near a hippopotamus pool, searching for the big five—lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalo—or encountering gorillas, cheetahs, hyenas and giraffes in their natural habitat, the wildlife in Africa is impressive.

### **Base Camp**

Accommodation options on an African Safari run the gamut from traditional hotels and resorts to tree houses perched above the African bush to well-appointed luxurious tents, such as those offered on Abercrombie & Kent tours.

### Romance

An African Safari offers a once-in-a-lifetime, memorable experience. What better way to start your journey as husband and wife!











### Memories to Capture on Your Into the Wild Honeymoon

Animals in pairs The two of you with your guide Trying local cuisine Thank you sign in local language Sunrise in paradise A sunset kiss Unique colors of Mother Nature Get a new friend to take a photo of the two of you from behind of you holding hands

And don't forget an underwater camera or waterproof camera case for snorkeling, scuba diving or even on rainy days.



## Belize

### Mother Nature

Belize nestles up against Guatemala, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and the Caribbean Sea. Its coastline is protected by the second largest living coral reef in the world, making this a superb dive spot for avid snorkelers and scuba divers. Belize is an eco-tourism heaven as the rainforests, reef, white sand beaches and Mayan ruins abound with natural and cultural diversity creating an exotic backdrop for romance, adventure and relaxation.

### Animal Encounters

Not only will you find stunning sea life while snorkeling and scuba diving along the reef, or the famous Blue Hole, you will see colorful wildlife in the rainforests and jungles of Belize as well. While you are cave tubing or zip-lining you are sure to encounter monkeys, toucans, hummingbirds, neon green-painted parrots, macaws, heron and more.

### Base Camp

In Belize you will find secluded resorts, thatched-roof bungalows and tree houses that float above the rainforest, like those at the Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort.

### Romance

How much more romantic can it be than to explore the beauty of the underwater world by day and unwind in the seclusion of your own private bungalow at night?





### Alaska

### Mother Nature

The unspoiled wilderness of Alaska showcases Mother Nature at her finest. From the grand glaciers and fjords along the coast to the continent's tallest peak, Mount McKinley in Denali National Park, Alaska offers beauty at every turn. Even at night, you can witness summer's midnight sun or the winter's colorful display of northern lights.

### Animal Encounters

Want to experience firsthand the enormity of a humpback whale? Try whale watching from a kayak where you may also spot orca or beluga whales. Or, you can escape deep into the Alaskan interior by dog-sledding, snowshoeing, snowmobiling or even riding the railroad. The forests are teeming with wildlife ranging from a stately herd of caribou to polar bears and grizzlies to gray wolves and foxes to the largest concentration of bald eagles, and of course, worldfamous Alaskan salmon.

#### **Base Camp**

From wilderness lodges to bed and breakfasts to campgrounds and cabins, if you decide to book a land tour of Alaska, your accommodation options are both plentiful and unique. Traveling to Alaska by cruise ship is also popular. These resorts at sea, such as the ships of Princess Cruises, afford you glorious views glaciers and fjords, from the privacy of your balcony cabin.

#### Romance

What to do when it is cold outside? Cuddle with your new spouse to stay warm!

### **Galapagos Islands**

### Mother Nature

The Galapagos Islands are a natural wonderland situated along the equator, some 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador and are considered by many to be Mother Nature's crown jewel. Here, the crystal-clear turquoise seas are surrounded by beaches with a rainbow of sand colors from pink to volcanic black to powdery white and olive green sand.

### Animal Encounters

The Galapagos are noted for being the home of fearless wildlife—due to the lack of large predators and because they have only recently been inhabited by man. Fueled by clashing arctic and tropical currents, the seas in the Galapagos are swarming with life from the adorable sea lions and giant tortoises to manta rays and an array of sharks such as hammerhead, bull, silver tip, white tip, black tip and gray reef. On land, you will find many stunning creatures, most notably, the blue-footed Booby.

#### **Base Camp**

Between all the hiking, kayaking and snorkeling you will do by day you will be ready to unwind and relax in the evening. Tour operators, such as Abercrombie & Kent, provide you with resort properties and boutique hotels. You will also find private yachts or major cruise lines such as Celebrity, which makes island hopping both easy and enjoyable.

#### Romance

From the dramatic sunsets to moonlit cruises, the remote and exotic setting of the Galapagos will inspire romance. \*



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