

# INDIAN OCEAN

*These paradise islands need little introduction... with warm seas, soft sand and endless sunshine it's clear why they're top of the honeymoon hotlist*

*Nothing compares to the feeling of spotting some dolphins while you're snorkelling with tropical fish in the Indian Ocean. The views will take your breath away, and the food is simply divine*

RACHEL DAVID, WEB EDITOR



Swimsuit, £150, Jets White Label at Simply Beach



Baros



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Mirih Island Resort

## THE MALDIVES

✈️ 11h 34m 📷 The atolls from the air  
📅 Dec-April ❤️ A sunset dolphin cruise on a traditional dhooni

### MIRIHI ISLAND RESORT

This tiny island in South Ari Atoll is all about pared-back chic. Don't pack a single pair of shoes (there are sand floors throughout) and stock up on swimwear instead – the lagoon is endless and the house reef will keep you occupied for hours. *Seven nights complimentary half board, incl. flights and transfers, from £1995pp\* (saving £638pp), hayesandjarvis.com*

### HIDEAWAY BEACH RESORT & SPA

Beautiful clear waters and occasional dolphins passing by are just a few of the spectacular sights surrounding this luxury resort, which is completely dedicated to comfort and privacy. You won't want to leave your wow-worthy accommodation with its clever glass panels into the ocean, but you'll be equally blown away by bike rides, snorkelling and the food.

*Seven nights in a deluxe water villa with breakfast, incl. return speedboat transfers, from £4214pp, hideawaybeachmaldives.com*

### BAROS

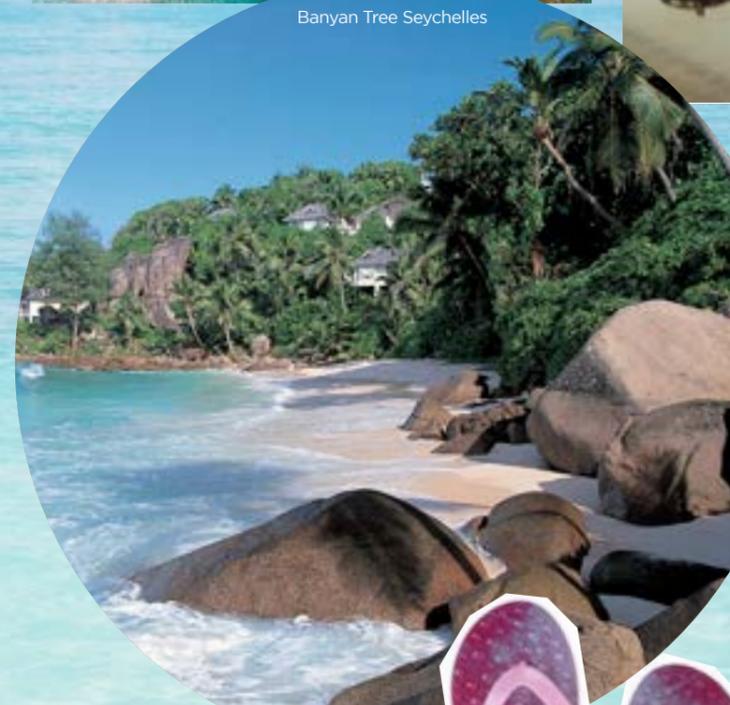
We couldn't have a honeymoon guide without including the beautiful Baros. Three-time winner of the world's most romantic hotel, this island is a no-brainer for newlyweds in search of sun, sea and privacy. The island's house reef is particularly impressive, so underwater adventures are a must. *Honeymoon package for two incl. a private candlelight dinner on the beach, plus seven nights in a deluxe villa on a B&B basis, flights and private boat transfers from £3900, susiefreemantravel.com*

Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa



Constance Ephélie

Banyan Tree Seychelles



## SRI LANKA

✈️ 11h 25m 📷 Adam's Peak 📅 Sept-April  
❤️ Taste freshly picked tea in Nuwara Eliya

### UGA JUNGLE BEACH

For something refreshingly different, rest your heads at this tree-house-like resort in Trincomalee, which was artfully constructed to work in harmony with the native trees and plants. We particularly recommend the jungle cabins for a back-to-nature experience with luxe touches.

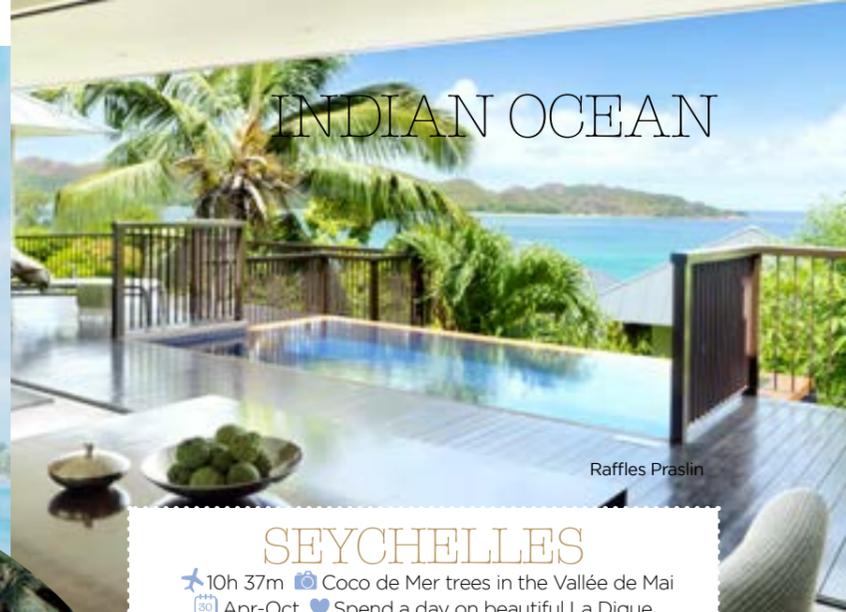
*Seven nights (six at Uga Jungle Beach and one at Jerwing Sea, Negombo), incl. breakfast, flights and transfers, from £1450pp, kuoni.co.uk*

### ULAGALLA RESORT

That thudding sound when you first arrive here? That's your jaws hitting the floor. Ulagalla is stunningly beautiful, from the 150-year-old mansion house at its heart to the 20 exquisite villas set in the gorgeous grounds. And oh, the pool...

*Seven nights at Ulagalla Resort, incl. flights and transfers in resort, from £1728pp, kuoni.co.uk*

\*VALID FOR MAY 2016. \*\*APPLIES TO DEPARTURES ON CERTAIN DATES IN JUNE 2016. SAVE UP TO £1795 PER COUPLE



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Raffles Praslin

## SEYCHELLES

✈️ 10h 37m 📷 Coco de Mer trees in the Vallée de Mai  
📅 Apr-Oct ❤️ Spend a day on beautiful La Digue

### CONSTANCE EPHÉLIE

If you're in need of some pampering after months of wedding planning then head to this Mahé resort, which lays claim to having the Indian Ocean's biggest spa. It's a whopping 5000m<sup>2</sup> (that's five times bigger than the average UK house!) and offers everything from relaxing Shiseido facials to after-sun repair wraps.

*Eight nights half board, incl. flights and transfers, from £1506pp, audleytravel.com*

### RAFFLES PRASLIN

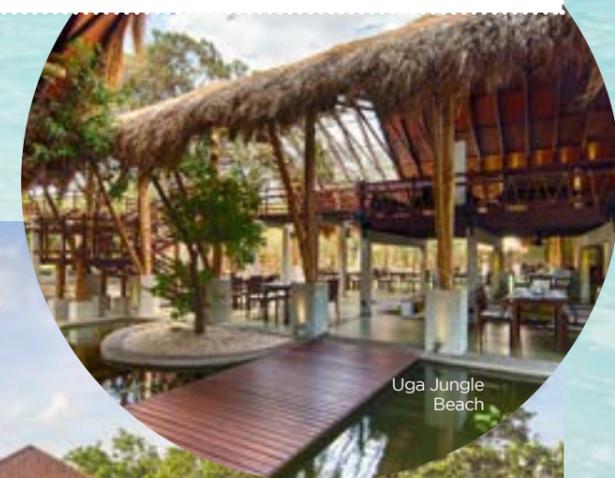
A resort so lavish it blows the rest of Praslin's hotels out of the azure waters. The villas are vast, yet cosy, and perfectly located in the hills for ultimate privacy. We can't get over the bathrooms that have floor-to-ceiling windows looking out over the ocean. *Seven nights, incl. breakfast, flights, private transfers and honeymoon benefits, from £2189pp, turquoiseholidays.co.uk*

### BANYAN TREE SEYCHELLES

Intendance Bay is one of those picture-postcard beaches with low-hanging palm trees just made for sunbathing. Half of the villas at this exotic hotel lead straight out onto the sand, while the other half are high in the slopes with rub-your-eyes views. *Seven nights in a hillside pool villa with breakfast and flights, from £2969pp\*\*, kuoni.co.uk/banyanree*



Siam Flip-flops, £35, FlopZ



Uga Jungle Beach



Ulagalla Resort

Hat, £6,  
Peacocks



The Residence  
Mauritius



Lux Le Morne



Make-up bag,  
£15, Bagsy



Lux Le Morne



The Residence  
Mauritius

## MAURITIUS

✈️ 12h 35m 📍 Pamplemousses Botanical Garden  
📅 Nov-Apr and Jul-Aug ❤️ See Aldabra giant tortoises on Ile aux Aigrettes

### LUX LE MORNE

Everything about this romantic resort is peaceful, from the sheltered location behind stunning Le Morne Brabant Mountain to activities like sunset yoga on the beach. Soak up the serene atmosphere from the emerald-green swimming pools or in the super-size spa with its tome of a treatment list.

*Seven nights, incl. flights, from £1197pp, hayesandjarvis.co.uk*

### THE RESIDENCE MAURITIUS

This Belle Mare beachfront hotel is as grand as the name suggests and has instant wow factor with its colonial pillared lobby, glittering sea views and huge central swimming pool. The service is stately, too, with a your-wish-is-my-command attitude from all the lovely staff, especially the personal butlers.

*Seven nights half board, incl. flights and private transfers, from £1495pp\*\*, westernoriental.com*

# ITINERARY INSPIRATION...

*We've done the hard work for you with two ready-made Indian Ocean honeymoons*

## FRENCH CONNECTION: LA RÉUNION & MAURITIUS

From the experts at Kuoni

*Head to the dramatic volcanic peaks, lush tropical wilderness and epic real-life Jurassic Park backdrop of La Réunion to explore, before relaxing in Mauritius, a spectacular island of white-sand beaches, sugar-cane fields and mountains*



FIRST STOP

Start your honeymoon in chic French style at Lux Ile de la Réunion, the only luxury resort to have access to beautiful L'Hermitage beach and its coral-sheltered lagoon. It's all about the little extras here, like the retro ice-cream hut serving fresh local flavours and homemade waffle cones baked as you wait; "message in a bottle" gifts hidden along the paths; and beanbags for watching films under the stars.



SECOND STOP

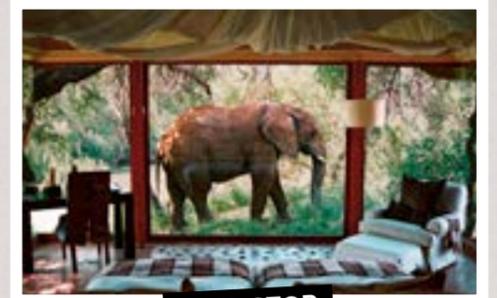
Head north-east to soak up the sun on honeymoon favourite Mauritius, where you'll stay at Long Beach, a quirky and cool hotel on Belle Mare beach. Forget your pre-wedding diet and indulge in the gourmet offerings at the resort's four restaurants, which are all set around a charming piazza. There's even a small nightclub if you want to continue the wedding party!

*Ten nights, incl. three nights at Lux Ile de la Réunion in a superior room with breakfast, seven nights at Long Beach Mauritius in a standard garden view room half board, flights and transfers, from £2238pp, kuoni.co.uk*

## SAFARI AND BEACH: THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

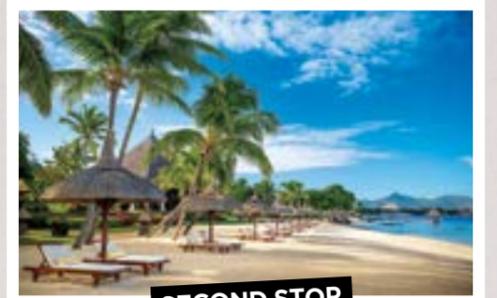
From the experts at Turquoise Holidays

*Experience the excitement of game spotting in the lush forests of Madikwe Game Reserve, followed by luxuriating on the paradise beaches and soaking up the wonderful relaxed charm of beautiful Mauritius*



FIRST STOP

Jet off to Johannesburg, then take a short hop by light aircraft to Makanyane Safari Lodge with its dramatic setting and views over the lush forest. Madikwe Game Reserve offers superb opportunities for predator viewing and is home to the Big Five – the elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard – as well as abundant plains game. When you're not tracking animals, relax with a treatment or two in the bush spa.



SECOND STOP

A quick flight back to Johannesburg allows you to connect with your flight to Mauritius, and short transfer to your exclusive retreat, The Oberoi. Surrounded by lagoon, ocean and white sand, the serene style of The Oberoi means you can relax to your heart's content, soothe yourself in the spa or take advantage of the watersports and tennis.

*An 11-night itinerary, incl. three nights in Makanyane on an all-inclusive basis (enjoy a wonderful offer exclusive to Turquoise – brides go free), followed by eight nights at The Oberoi Mauritius on a bed and breakfast basis, international flights and all transfers, from £3400pp, turquoiseholidays.co.uk*

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