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## BEAUTIFUL DETAILS

- ♥ SPARKLY JEWELLERY
- ♥ WOW-THEM SHOES
- ♥ GLAM HAIRSTYLES

### #BRIDALBEAUTY

The *best* foundations  
– tested by you

# The ultimate A-Z of CAKE

From floral to rustic, jewelled to naked!

## WE STYLE MEGHAN!

4 looks you'll love



*Peach tones  
bring all the  
pretty*

## “HELP! Can I sack my bridesmaid?”

### THE BUSY BRIDE'S GUIDE TO PLANNING

Expert tips and tricks

# THE ULTIMATE HONEYMOON GUIDE

A man and a woman in scuba gear are climbing a white boat in clear turquoise water. The man is in the foreground, stepping up with his right foot, while the woman follows behind him. Both are wearing masks and fins. The boat has several scuba tanks on the back. In the background, there's a small island with a thatched-roof hut under a blue sky with light clouds.

CHILL OUT!  
LUXURIOUS  
CARIBBEAN  
RESORTS

**INDIAN OCEAN**

**HOTSPOTS**

**YOU'LL LOVE**

**SHORT-HAUL**  
IDEAS FOR  
GORGEOUS  
MINIMOONS

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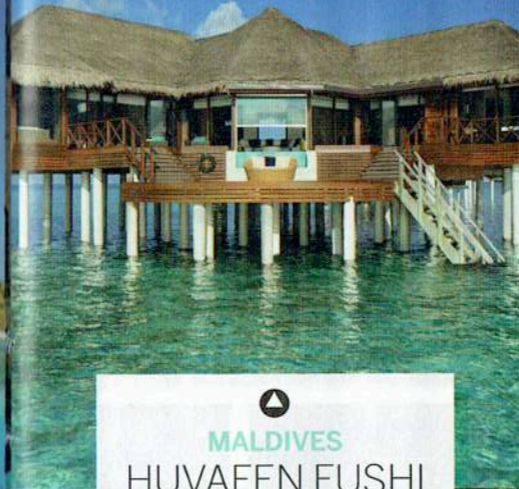
**TIME TO BOOK YOUR BEST HOLIDAY EVER!**

*Sandals*  
Love Is All You Need

### MAURITIUS MARADIVA VILLAS RESORT & SPA

With a focus on five-star service and romance, we can't think of anywhere we'd rather spend our first holiday as Mr and Mrs. Lounge around by the infinity pool which overlooks the Le Morne mountain and Indian Ocean, before dining on fresh seafood outside on the terrace. For the ultimate honeymoon experience, book a Raj tent on the beach and dine under the stars together.

Prices from £329 per night for a Standard Room. [maradiva.com](http://maradiva.com)



### MAURITIUS 20 DEGRES SUD

Tucked away behind a grove of coconut palms, this small but perfectly formed hotel has rooms right on the beach, plus its very own boat restaurant where you can dine with 360-degree sea views. What's more, it's over 12s only, so you won't have to contend with splashing toddlers while you sunbathe. Watersports are included too, so you can give paddle boarding, snorkelling, windsurfing and sea kayaking a go.

Prices from £326 per night. [mrandmrsmith.com](http://mrandmrsmith.com)

### MALDIVES HUVAFEN FUSHI

Barefoot luxury is what it's all about at this indulgent retreat, where contemporary bungalows and pavilions feature private plunge pools, al fresco dining and their own 'Thakuru' (butler) service. Take an expedition with the resident marine biologist to spot whale sharks and manta rays, or try PADI-accredited scuba-diving and kitesurfing.

Prices from £331 per night based on two people sharing on a B&B basis. [huvafenfushi.com](http://huvafenfushi.com)

### SEYCHELLES SUNSET BEACH HOTEL

Situated on Mahé, this laid-back, friendly hotel offers an affordable way to do paradise. With its own secluded beach and 29 suites that all face the endless blue of the Indian Ocean, it's a dream honeymoon setting. Grab a snorkel and spend the day exploring the rocky inlets and colourful marine life. From £1,615pp for seven nights in an Ocean View Room including breakfast. [thesunsethotelgroup.com](http://thesunsethotelgroup.com)

DON'T MISS!  
A SUNSET CRUISE  
ON BOARD  
THE RESORT'S  
TRADITIONAL YACHT

### SEYCHELLES FREGATE ISLAND PRIVATE

For a very unique getaway, head to this private island resort and holiday among 3,000 free-roaming Giant Tortoises! With 16 Private Pool Residences, each with their own terrace, large infinity pool and Jacuzzi, it's hard not to feel spoilt, plus there's seven stunning beaches to choose from (one for each day of the week).

A Private Pool Residence costs from £2,891 per night all inclusive. [oetkercollection.com](http://oetkercollection.com)

### MAURITIUS SHANTI MAURICE

With a focus on escapism and wellness, this beautiful resort is spread across 35 acres of tropical gardens and white sands. Its world-class spa combines age-old rituals with contemporary treatments, plus there's cooking classes, water-sports, jogging and yoga and even finger painting to keep you busy!

Prices from £2,480pp including half board, flights and transfers. [healthandfitnesstravel.com](http://healthandfitnesstravel.com)

# INDIAN OCEAN

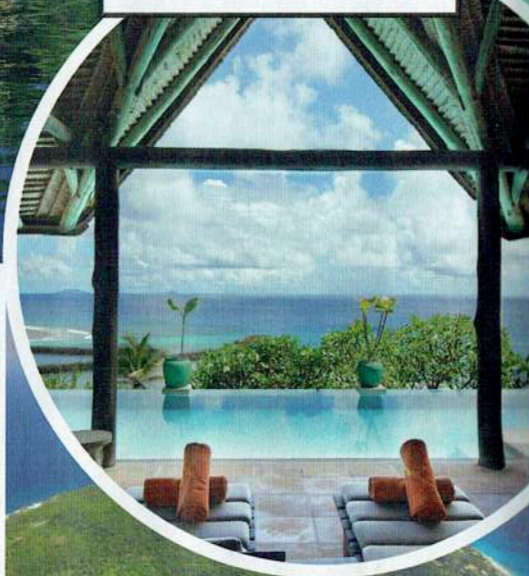
DON YOUR BEST BIKINI AND HEAD TO WHERE PIERCING BLUE SKIES MEET THE ENDLESS BLUE SEA. WELCOME TO PARADISE!

DON'T MISS!  
TAKE TO THE SEAS  
IN STYLE WITH A  
JET-SKI OR SEABOB  
- SO 007!

### MALDIVES FINOLHU

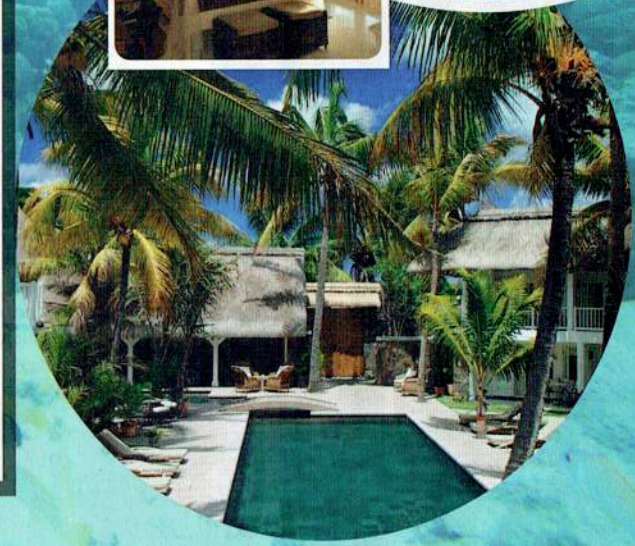
This retro-inspired island paradise is the Maldives' answer to a trendy hipster hangout. Think mermaid acrobat performers, beach bar DJs, live cooking stations serving tacos and seafood, and an old-school cinema screen. The colourful overwater villas, inspired by the French Riviera,

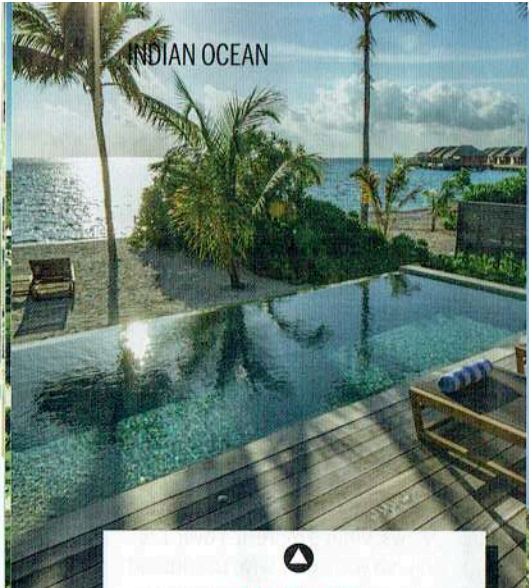
have top quality sound systems and a freshwater pool offers down time overlooking the big blue. Prices from £553 per room per night including breakfast. [finolhu.com](http://finolhu.com)



### SRI LANKA KALUNDEWA RETREAT

Fancy a week of total seclusion, surrounded by trees, paddy fields, lakes and mountains? The Kalundewa Retreat is set over 100 acres, with a focus on nature and eco-tourism. Each of its luxury chalets has unique features such as Jacuzzi plunge pools, floor-to-ceiling panoramic views and rain showers. Off site, you can explore the cave temples in Dambulla or climb the mighty Sigiriya Rock. Oh, and there's free bike hire too. Prices from £213 per room per night including breakfast. Can be booked from [i-escape.com/kalundewa-retreat](http://i-escape.com/kalundewa-retreat)





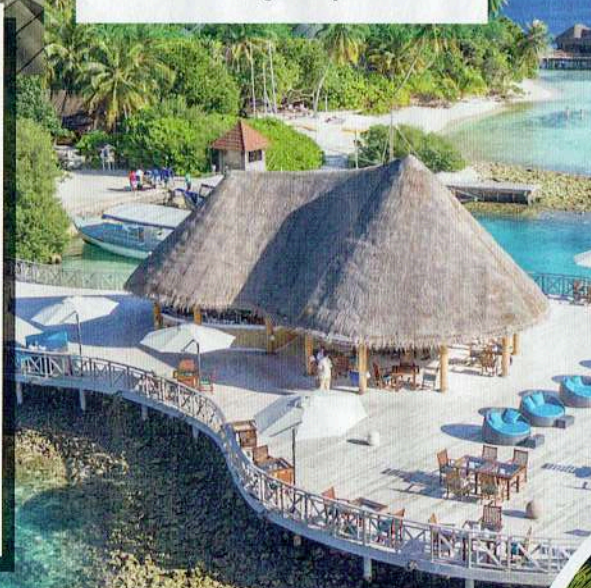
### MALDIVES BANDOS MALDIVES

If 'honeymoon' to you means jetting off to a paradise island, then Bandos should be on your wish list. Arrive by speedboat before checking into your own little thatched-roof villa, then head straight to the beach where you'll find the whitest sand you've ever seen. Spend the week doing nothing, or get busy with watersports, workouts and sea cruises... it's up to you. **Prices from £1,215pp for eight nights including flights from London Heathrow, breakfast and transfers. virginholidays.co.uk**



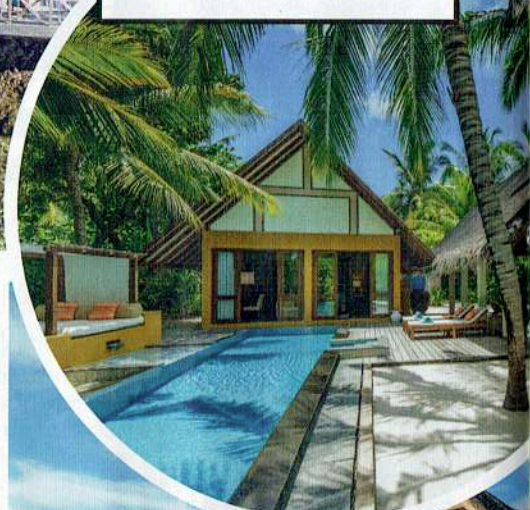
### MALDIVES HURAWALHI ISLAND RESORT

Reached by seaplane, this breathtaking all-inclusive resort is home to beachside and overwater villas with their own pools as well as the world's largest all-glass undersea restaurant (cameras at the ready!). Set on a private coral island, it's pretty much paradise found. Head to the Coco Bar at sunset and soak it all in... this is as luxe as it gets. **Prices from £448 per night. hurawalhi.com**



### MALDIVES FOUR SEASONS LANDAA GIRAAVARU

Take your pick from a water villa with its own private jetty right into the sea, or a Beach Bungalow with its own pool and gardens. Then, enjoy a complimentary wellness consultation at the spa, before dining on Moroccan cuisine in the rooftop Shisha Bar. **Prices from £4,500pp for seven nights in a Beach Bungalow with pool, including breakfast, seaplane transfers and flights from the UK. scottdunn.com**



### SRI LANKA ULAGALLA VILLAS SRI LANKA

This 150-year-old former Chieftain's mansion is now an eco-resort, complete with 20 villas set in 58 acres of lush green oasis. Each accommodation has floor-to-ceiling windows, so you can really immerse yourselves in the beautiful scenery after a day out exploring Sri Lanka's ancient sites and tropical national parks. **Prices from £390 per night. ugaescapes.com**



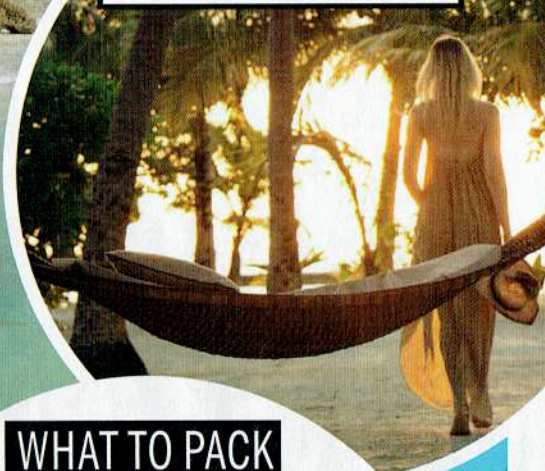
### ZANZIBAR ESSQUE ZALU ZANZIBAR

Golden sunsets and crystal clear waters make up the breathtaking backdrop to this tropical island sanctuary. Get out and explore the local spice plantations and the historic Stone Town before finding a shady spot by the pool to unwind with your other half. After dark, head into nearby Ras Nungwi for some beach bar action. **Prices from £353 per night based on two people sharing a Garden Suite on half board basis. essquehotels.com**



### MALDIVES KURUMBA MALDIVES

As the first private island resort in the Maldives, the hotel is proud of its heritage and promotes an authentic Maldivian experience. Plus, it's just 10 minutes via speedboat from the airport, so you can dip your toes into that powdery sand almost straight from the plane! **Prices from £1,468 per person for seven night including breakfast, flights from Heathrow and transfers. kuoni.co.uk**



**DON'T MISS!**  
THE CHANCE TO  
RELEASE A BABY  
TURTLE INTO THE  
OCEAN

### SEYCHELLES CONSTANCE LEMURIA

Situated on the quiet and unspoilt island of Praslin, this exclusive resort is built into the hillside, with suites and villas dotted throughout 250 acres of palm tree forest that slopes gently down to the sea. Petite Anse Kerlan is a swimming paradise, with shallow warm waters and pristine sands, while Grand Anse Kerlan is a popular turtle nesting ground. There's also a golf course, tennis courts and a spa to keep you busy.

**Prices from around £547 a night for a Junior Suite in July, including breakfast. lhw.com**



### MAURITIUS HERITAGE AWALI GOLF & SPA RESORT

Offering unlimited free champagne and a choice of Mauritian, Indian, French and Mediterranean food on tap, we can't think of a reason why anyone wouldn't love this five-star, all-inclusive resort. There's a huge range of activities to keep you busy, plus beach- or garden-view rooms to choose from.

**Prices for two in a Deluxe Garden View Room from £1,511pp for eight nights including flights, all-inclusive accommodation and transfers. virginholidays.co.uk**



### WHAT TO PACK



RED TIE BIKINI TOP **£12.99**  
HIGH WAISTED BRIEFS **£12.99**, H&M

BLUE WOVEN CHARMS BRACELET  
ASHIANA LONDON **£67.50**

BED HEAD TIGI  
BEACHFREAK DETANGLING SPRAY  
ESSENTIAL.COM **£11.35**