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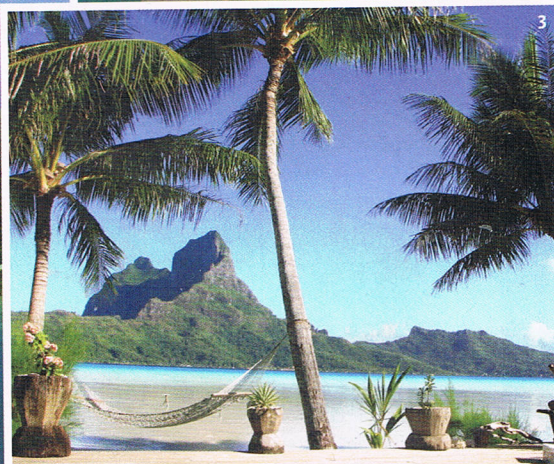


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honeymoon trends

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resort buzz

ROUGHING IT IN STYLE

There's a new crop of eco-resorts—and they're a far cry from the crunchy campsites and cabins of the past. And while these posh properties may be out-of-this-world, they're also incorporating green practices to save our world.

1 eco serendib villa and spa, st. john, us virgin islands

Wine tastings, cooking classes and a luxe spa, plus sleep and soap butlers (who will bring your choice of bath products, sleep aids and pillows) are among the standout extras this Caribbean newcomer offers. You won't have to worry about competing for views—the retreat's spacious accommodations look right out onto the water. But for the ultimate in privacy, book the entire villa (private chef service optional). While all that pampering might make you forget that you're at an eco-property, you'll be invited to join their local conservation efforts while you're there, and as a lasting reminder, they'll plant a tree in your name (from \$2,500, [EcoSerendib.com](#)).

2 gaia hotel & reserve, manuel antonio, costa rica

Fusing five-star luxury with a gold star for planet-friendly practices, this adults-only boutique hotel and spa is situated in the middle of a nature reserve, so we'll start with the scenery: From your terraced suite or villa, you'll look out onto 14 acres of tropical jungle, which the hotel is committed to preserving. But the one-of-a-kind property's care for its surroundings extends far beyond going green—a strong focus on social responsibility means you'll earn double the karmic points for your stay. And you'll start feeling the rewards right away—all room reservations come with a free 20-minute spa treatment (from \$220, [GaiaHR.com](#)).

3 eden beach hotel bora bora, bora bora, tahiti

Powered completely by the sun, this eco-sanctuary earns top nods in the green department for its Earth-friendly initiatives (like purifying its own water and protecting local turtles). But don't think all that attention to Mother Nature means they're skimping on the service or amenities. No matter what type of honeymoon you have in mind, the eager-to-please staff will hook you up. Active options include an array of water sports and jungle safari tours, or if relaxing on the beach is more your style, you'll have your pick of private spots to unwind: two beaches, a palm-tree-lined pool or one of 12 private thatched-roof bungalows (from \$379, [BoraBoraHotel.com](#)).