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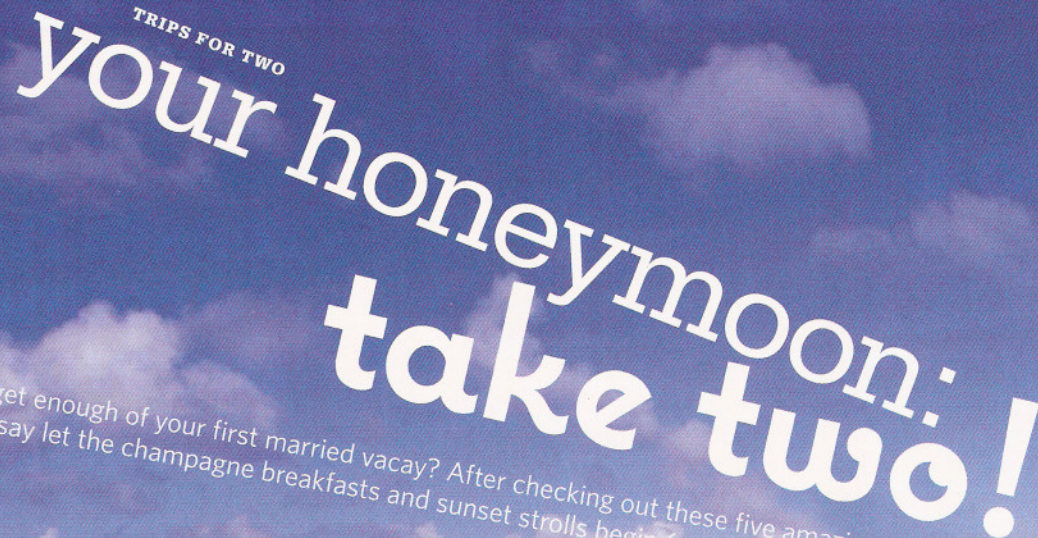
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Take two!

Couldn't get enough of your first married vacay? After checking out these five amazing islands, we say let the champagne breakfasts and sunset strolls begin (again!). By Cemile Kavountzis

jammin' After dinner at the Marley Resort (above), cross the bridge to Atlantis (below). Xanadu meets Vegas at this adult playground!

1 the bahamas

perfect for...the sporty twosome seeking classic island-style luxury

There are two equally sexy sides of the Bahamas: the glitzy, bigger islands like Nassau and the quieter Out Islands like Eleuthera. On the latter, you'll trade cosmopolitan bars and restaurants for quaint colonial towns and rustic bars, but you won't miss out on any exciting outdoor activities.

splurge A brand-new boutique gem, **Marley Resort & Spa on Cable Beach** in Nassau, was the former home of the

Marley family (yep, as in Bob!). It has 16 themed rooms inspired by the singer's songbook, like "Three Little Birds" and "Legend," complete with flat-screen TVs and balconies. Don't miss the Natural Mystic spa (from \$450; MarleyResort.com).



steal On Eleuthera, you'll unwind the moment you set foot inside

The Cove's serene beachfront cottages. The doors don't have locks, but don't worry—the only thing that's likely to wander inside your room is a stray island gecko (from \$245; TheCoveEleuthera.com; 800-552-5960).

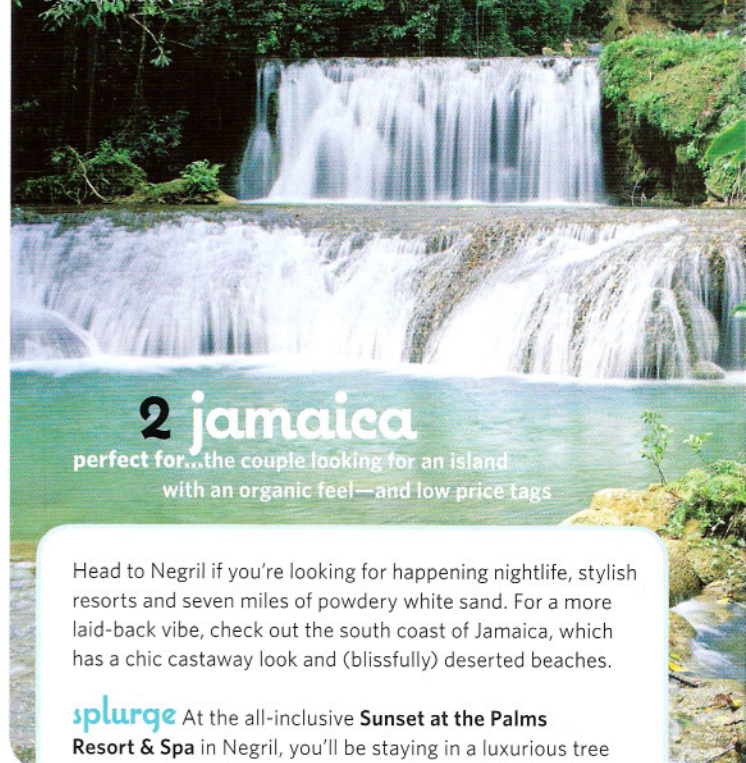
eat here When you've had enough resort food and crave a local joint, head to the cozy, romantic **Café Matisse** in Nassau for its famous homemade pastas, pizzas and Italian classics (Cafe-Matisse.com; 242-356-7012). In Eleuthera, check out **Tippy's Restaurant, Bar & Beach** for seafood served near the sand—if you're lucky, Lenny Kravitz, a local resident, might drop in (242-332-3331 for reservations).

must-dos

- Sign yourselves up for kite-boarding lessons together. It's surfing, waterskiing and windsurfing all rolled into one—fun!
- Go kayaking à deux. Kayaks are pretty standard at resorts in the Bahamas because the water is easy to navigate—even if you haven't been in a kayak since summer camp.
- Get your snorkel on! Throughout the Bahamas, you'll find offshore snorkeling that you can literally walk right out to. (Hint: Ask the locals for the best spots to go.)
- Be James Bond high rollers and gamble—or just kick back and people-watch—at Atlantis (Atlantis.com).



natural attraction
Go to YS Falls. Jump in the pools, go tubing or fly high over the falls on a canopy ride!



2 jamaica

perfect for...the couple looking for an island with an organic feel—and low price tags

Head to Negril if you're looking for happening nightlife, stylish resorts and seven miles of powdery white sand. For a more laid-back vibe, check out the south coast of Jamaica, which has a chic castaway look and (blissfully) deserted beaches.

splurge At the all-inclusive **Sunset at the Palms Resort & Spa** in Negril, you'll be staying in a luxurious tree house-style room tucked away in a Garden of Eden-like setting—the resort serves luscious fruit that's grown right on the property (all-inclusive rates start at \$365 per room; SunsetatthePalms.com; 876-957-5350).

steal **Jake's** boutique resort in Treasure Beach on the southern coast of Jamaica feels like the middle of nowhere—in a good way. You can kick back and relax at the oceanfront pool or walk over to the pristine beach next door. And don't miss the resort bartender's signature Duggie's Special Rum Punch (from \$115 per night; JakesHotel.com; 800-688-7678).

eat here The open-air **Rockhouse** restaurant is one of Negril's top eateries. Order the Red Stripe-battered snapper (RockhouseHotel.com; 876-957-4373).

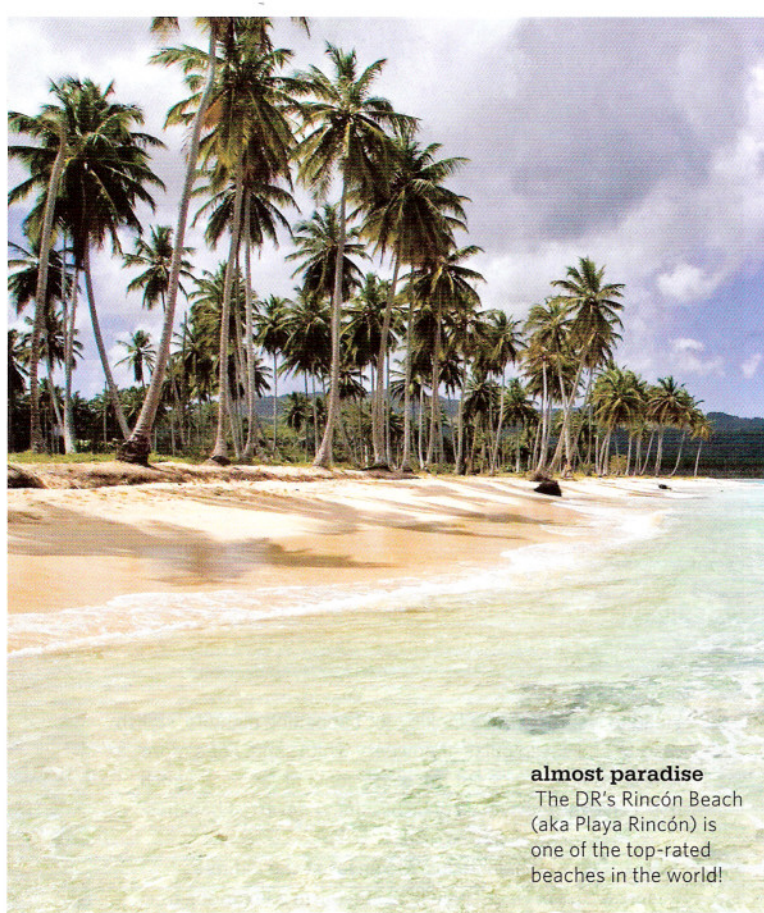
In the south, go for a casual island meal at **Jack Sprat**. Its relaxed menu of pizzas and curried shrimp is served picnic table-style by the beach (JakesHotel.com).

must-dos

- Stop at a roadside grill for jerk chicken. The dish's "attitude" comes from a mix of allspice, habanero peppers and thyme.
- Tour the Appleton Estate rum distillery and enjoy a bottle on the house (AppletonRumTour.com; 876-963-9215-7).
- Swim under a waterfall at YS Falls (YSFalls.com).
- Catch a reggae show at Rick's Cafe in Negril—arrive before sunset for the view (RicksCafeJamaica.com). >



"One of our favorite experiences was horseback riding. At the end, we rode our horses bareback in the ocean!"
FAITH & JOHN



almost paradise

The DR's Rincón Beach (aka Playa Rincón) is one of the top-rated beaches in the world!

3 dominican republic

perfect for...savvy travelers who want to try something off the typical Caribbean path



culture vultures?

Head to the Cathedral of Santo Domingo (locals call it "Cusco Cathedral"). Or practice your putt at Teeth of the Dog (right) on Casa de Campo.



The Dominican Republic's Hispanic roots set it apart from much of the Caribbean's British, Dutch and French colonial feel. Known for its great deals on silver and gold, as well as its beaches, the island's main resort areas center around Puerto Plata in the north and Punta Cana in the east.

splurge On the Dominican Republic's northeast coast, the **Agua Resort & Spa in Punta Cana** feels hidden away with thatched roofs that blend into the lush landscape. You'll feel like you're on a desert island away from the bigger resorts. Top off your escape with massages at the Yarari Spa (from \$350; AguaResort.com; 866-757-2482).

steal Staying at **Victoria Golf & Beach Resort** in Puerto Plata, you'll lose the beachfront and about half the price tag but still get access to its sister resort's beach and five-star Bagua Spa, plus 10 percent off services (from \$160, with an upgrade option of \$40 per night for an all-inclusive meal plan; VictoriaGolfHotel.com; 809-320-3232).

eat here For no-frills, fresh-as-it-gets seafood, head to **Capitan Cook** on Playa El Cortecito in Punta Cana (809-552-1061). In Puerto Plata, go to **Lucia** at the Casa Colonial Beach & Spa for a romantic dinner. Start off with the fresh lobster Cobb salad and then sample the delicious blackened salmon fillet over wakami. (CasaColonialHotel.com).

must-dos

- Explore the beautiful Santo Domingo. It's one of the Caribbean's most vibrant and historic cities and is definitely worth the trip if you can squeeze it in as a layover.
- Get winded! Less than 30 minutes from the Puerto Plata Airport, you'll find some of the world's best windsurfing schools, such as Carib Wind Center (CaribWind.com) and Fanatic Center Cabarete (Fanatic-Cabarete.com).
- Party like rock stars during Carnaval, which often coincides with DR's Independence Day (February 27), resulting in a huge nationwide bash that's almost as crazy as Rio's.
- Tee off at premier Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog golf course (CasadeCampo.com), which is named for the jagged coral it's built on that resembles canine teeth. Head over to hole 17 for the amazing sunset view.

4 turks and caicos

perfect for...the busy pair that hasn't been getting enough, well, nooky!



"Hop a ferry to Grand Turk for a day to take in the famous ocean wall. Whether you're a diver, snorkeler or swimmer, seeing the ocean floor go from 25 feet to almost 7,000 is awe-inspiring."
ALYSIA & DAVID

A celeb favorite, Turks and Caicos is a hot but still relatively under-the-radar destination (get down with the local lingo and refer to the flight hub Providenciales as "Provo"). The water is so crystal-blue here, you'll pinch your bikini-clad self. That is, if you're even wearing one.

splurge As multimillion-dollar beachfront resorts in Turks and Caicos go, **The Somerset on Grace Bay** has tons of VIP touches: an infinity pool, white-glove services and cool marble flooring. Feel like an Olympian as you swim laps in the giant pool or kick back in your posh room until dinner (from \$300; TheSomerset.com; 877-887-5722).

steal The twin resorts **Ocean Club** and **Ocean Club West** on Grace Bay Beach offer a casual Caribbean vibe amid the high-end resorts that dominate Provo. What you give up in marble you'll gain in chill, laidback island ambience (from \$179; OceanClubResorts.com; 800-457-8787).

eat here Can't afford the \$595+ rooms (per night!) at the plush Regent Palms? That doesn't mean you can't make like rock stars and book a super-swank dinner at **Parallel23** (RegentHotels.com; 800-545-4000). If you're in the mood for a casual beach lunch, head to **Hemingway's** for mango shrimp salads and cap 'em off with Key lime pie (TheSandsResort.com; 649-946-5199).

must-dos

- Visit The Conch Farm in Caicos, which is the only conch farm in the world. They'll give you tips on where to dine on queen conch. It can be prepared as anything from fritters to ceviche-like salads (CaicosConchFarm.com).
- Deep-sea fishing, anyone? Local Chris Stubbs will take you out for full- and half-day charters so you can reel 'em in (FishingTCI.com).
- Take a dive and see the awesome marine life of Turks and Caicos (OceanVibes.com).
- Treat yourself to a beachside massage at your resort, where you'll be pampered to the sound of ocean waves. You may even fall asleep! >



Tell resorts you're on your second honeymoon and you may snag VIP perks!

splish splash Swim a few laps at The Somerset's sparkling pool and work up an appetite for Key lime pie (two forks!) at Hemingway's.

tip [Feeling lucky? Bid on stays at all-inclusive luxury resorts in the Caribbean at LuxuryLink.com]

twin peaks See the famous volcanic Pitons on Soufrière Bay. St. Lucia's local beer is named after them!



"A great way to see the beauty of St. Lucia is from the water. We got a local fisherman to take us out on his boat."
MEGAN & SIMON

5 st. lucia

perfect for...the trendy duo who wants to stay on the "it" island of the Caribbean

Everyone's buzzing about St. Lucia's gorgeous beaches, mountainous landscape and Piton peaks that rival those in Hawaii. Top resorts have cropped up around Rodney Bay in the north and Soufrière in the south, and more in-the-know couples are quickly catching on to this lush paradise.

splurge Built into a hillside looking out over the Pitons, **Anse Chastanet's** 49 rooms wind down to the beach. The rooms are decked out in traditional madras fabrics that are so cool, you might be tempted to redo your apartment (from \$450 with a special promo: sixth-night free from January 3 through April 19, 2009, plus a \$150 per person food and beverage credit; **AnseChastanet.com**; 800-223-1108).

steal At the colorful **Coco Palm**, you're just minutes from Rodney Bay Village's hopping, trendy bars and eateries as well as the gorgeous Reduit Beach. In fact, you're so close to the sand, the resort will deliver a picnic-basket lunch and wine right to you (from \$145; **Coco-Resorts.com**; 758-456-2800).

eat here Among Rodney Bay's numerous food joints, the lively **Ku' de Ta** is a stand-out for its delicious French-Thai fusion cuisine, exotic Indonesian décor and garden dining (758-458-4968 for reservations). At Anse Chastanet, the resort's **Treehouse Restaurant** serves tropical dishes from around the world (**AnseChastanet.com**; 800-223-1108).

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must-dos

- See the amazing Pitons. If you're staying in Rodney Bay, take a catamaran cruise down to Soufrière that stops for snorkeling in Marigot Bay.
- Go on a guided tour of the rain forest. Local guides know just what trails to hike and what waterfall pools to swim in, so ask around.
- Scuba, baby! Set on the tip of an underwater volcano, St. Lucia's oceanic scenery is amazing (**ScubaStLucia.com**).
- On such a mountainous island, you're guaranteed to find some awesome mountain biking trails (**BikeStLucia.com**). [n]



hut nuts Toss your BlackBerrys in the water and order rum drinks on Anse Chastanet's private beach.

win it!

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