

GREAT ESCAPES

SPOTLIGHT ON:
THE NEW CLASSICS

You can't go wrong with a tried-and-true vacation spot. But if you've already been there, done that, then consider one of these amazing alternatives for your honeymoon.

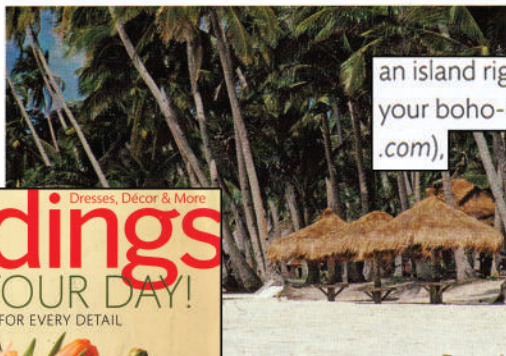


**IF YOU LOVE MEXICO
TRY BELIZE**

With spectacular ruins and beaches, this Central American country is essentially our Latin neighbor's twin. Kick off your trip at the remote **Lamanai Outpost Lodge** (from \$550 per person for 2 nights, all-inclusive, lamanai.com), located on the grounds of Lamanai (left), an ancient Mayan city. You can take a guided tour of the site, trek through the jungle, and even go crocodile-spotting. Then log some beach time on Ambergris Caye, an island right off the coast. When you're not lounging in the hammock of your boho-chic casita at **Matachica Resort & Spa** (from \$195, matachica.com), walk the sandy streets, stopping at DandE's for soursop (a regional fruit) frozen custard or a Belikin, the local beer, at BC's Beach Bar.

WHEN TO GO The sweet spot is late April through May.

HOW TO GET THERE For Lamanai, fly into Belize City, and the lodge will pick you up. From there, transfer from Belize City to Ambergris by air or ferry.



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or a plug-in a few key islands and never take on your trip, this archipelago—like the Pineapple State—has you covered. For skyscrapers, temples, cathedrals, and bustling marketplaces, spend a couple of days in Cebu City on Cebu Island at the **Montebello Villa Hotel** (from \$57, montebellovillahotel.com). There are beaches here, but to really step into a postcard, island-hop to Boracay (left). Check into **Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa** (from \$400, shangri-la.com), and thank your lucky stars.

WHEN TO GO Avoid typhoon season's nasty weather (June through November) and the crowds during Holy Week (around Easter).

HOW TO GET THERE Arrive at Cebu's main airport. To get from there to Boracay, take an hour flight to Caticlan, where the resort will pick you up.

**IF YOU LOVE VENICE
TRY COPENHAGEN**

Nothing makes us want to jump on a plane quite like a canal city. And though there are no crooning gondoliers à la Italia, the Danish capital is crossed by picturesque waterways. Drop anchor at the **Copenhagen Admiral Hotel** (from \$275, admiralhotel.dk), a converted 18th-century warehouse on the harbor. When you're ready to cruise around town, book with **DFDS Canal Tours** (canaltours.dk) and drift down canals like the 17th-century Nyhavn (left), once a rowdy sailors' haunt. But this is design-forward Scandinavia, after all, so not everything is historically quaint. Many hoods house avant-garde architecture, public art, and restaurants like **Noma** (noma.dk), voted the world's best in 2011. There's a lot to explore, so grab a couple of the city's **free bikes** and pedal away (bicyklen.dk).

WHEN TO GO Summertime for warm weather, long days, and festivals.

HOW TO GET THERE Most major carriers fly here, but if you travel via Iceland Air (icelandair.us), you can stop over in Iceland at no extra charge.



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