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THE 60 MOST STUNNING GOWNS

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SHORT,
SWEEPING &
MORE

GORGEOUS HAIR

THAT LASTS
THROUGH THE
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HOW MUCH
DOES A
YEARLONG
HONEYMOON
COST?

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HEIRESS
SAYS "I DO" }

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FOR THE GADABOUTS

Indagare plots an
extravagant trip for two.

KICK OFF A ROMANTIC HONEYMOON in Italy in August at the Amalfi Coast's legendary Le Sirenuse, and spend a week exploring Pompeii. In France, move from the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, on the Côte d'Azur, to antiquing in Provence to a behind-the-scenes tour at Chanel in Paris. Get an exotic fix in India, sleeping in historic palaces and at tented tiger camps. Spend a month in South Africa's winelands and game preserves. Cross the South Atlantic in December, in time to see Buenos Aires veiled in violet jacaranda blooms. Zip over to Uruguay to catch the southern sun. Ring in the new year in Australia, and hop a chartered flight to utter seclusion on Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef. Repair to a private Amanpuri villa in Phuket, and cross into Myanmar. Play golf at Kauri Cliffs in New Zealand and hike glaciers outside Queenstown. Next stop: Fiji, and then a private villa on a Bali beach. End your journey with a cruise along Turkey's coast and a week in Istanbul, crossroads of East and West, old and new: a perfect place to go from honeymoon days to marriage. *Melissa Biggs Bradley, of Indagare, indagare.com*

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F ALL THE DECISIONS A COUPLE WILL make about their honeymoon—when and where to go, what to do, where to stay—the trip's length is often the easiest, as it's mandated by how long they can be away from home and work, family and friends. But what if that weren't the case? What if time were no object? A certain set of creative couples wondered just that—and turned their honeymoons into multimonth marathons

of exploration and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Putting aside fears of too much romance-killing togetherness, these couples seized the opportunity, before they dealt with kids and other epic responsibilities, to travel the world together.

"It's simultaneously a very modern and a very antiquated way of honeymooning," says Tom Marchant, of the New York- and London-based trip outfitter Black Tomato, which recently planned a year-long honeymoon to Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia for a Los Angeles couple. "Newlyweds traditionally went on extended journeys to explore distant countries." Indeed, 19th-century honeymoons were grand tours of a sort, opportunities to not only travel the world but introduce new spouses to relations in far-flung corners of the globe. Family members sometimes came along for the ride.

Letting one's mother-in-law join in the fun isn't de rigueur anymore, thank goodness, but there are other hurdles to get over when it comes to planning a mega-moon. The biggest? That pesky matter of time. To take such a big trip, couples have to be in a position to leave it all behind. Jamie Anthony, a New York real estate developer who traveled for 18 months with his new wife Sara a few years ago, was about to start his own company. Sara, a Madrid-born lawyer, was also at a transitional point in her career. "We realized two weeks wouldn't be