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HIDDEN HONEYMOONS

Less than an hour from major air hubs, these hideaways feel worlds away.

by BLAKE MILLER



HIDEAWAY NO.1

Chattahoochee Hills
GEORGIA (30 MINUTES
FROM ATLANTA)

Seek out the sustainable, 1,000-acre rural community of **Serenbe**. Eco-conscious couples will appreciate the organic gardens and 80 percent green space. From cooking classes led by some of the South's top chefs to a restored circa-1905 farmhouse inn that exudes romance, the slower pace and Southern hospitality ensure postnuptial serenity.

HIDEAWAY NO.2

Little Torch Key
FLORIDA (45 MINUTES
FROM KEY WEST)

The petite, five-acre **Little Palm Island** boasts just 30 thatch-roof cottage suites, so luminaries like Scarlett Johansson and several past U.S. presidents have come here to escape the flash of the paparazzi. Relaxation is the unspoken theme: Cellphone use is prohibited, while hammock lounging (and sunset viewing) is highly encouraged.

HIDEAWAY NO.3

Newport Beach
CALIFORNIA (45 MINUTES
FROM LOS ANGELES)

An easy drive from LAX puts you in this swanky Orange County town, where 1930s-era canals with broad side-walks separate seven islands. **The Resort at Pelican Hill**, Newport Beach's chicest spot thanks to its Italian-inspired architecture, sits atop a canyon, so what it lacks in direct beach access it gains in photoworthy Pacific sunset vistas.

HIDEAWAY NO.4

Middleburg
VIRGINIA (60 MINUTES
FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.)

This horse town in Virginia's wine country draws the D.C. suits as much as it does couples seeking a romantic weekend. **Salamander Resort & Spa**, opened August 2013, is the place to hole up, snuggle up and relax — or ride horses through the countryside before enjoying a picnic lunch and tasting at one of the nearby wineries.



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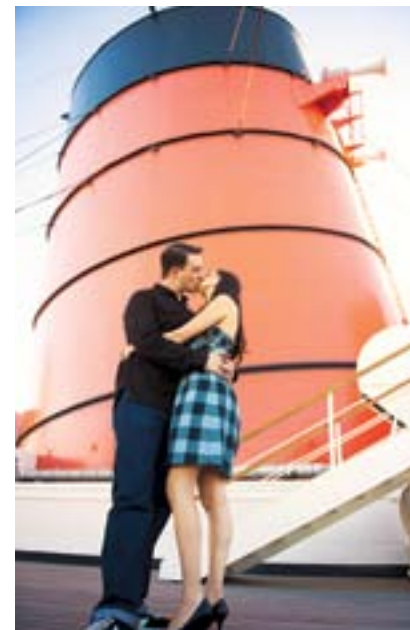
TWO IF BY SEA

SHOW UP, CHECK IN, HAVE A BLAST: THOSE ARE PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FOR A POSTWEDDING CRUISE — AND MORE THAN 15 PERCENT OF NEWLY-WED COUPLES AGREE IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO HONEYMOON. HIT THE WAVES IN THESE BRILLIANT BOATS WITH SOME SERIOUSLY DECKED-OUT DECKS.

FULLY LOADED ➤ Not only was **Princess Cruises** the star of *The Love Boat*, but its fleet of 17 ginormous ships (the *Caribbean Princess* holds more than 3,000 cruisers!) is also fully outfitted with delights like a chef's-table experience (the ship's executive chef guides diners through a tasting menu) and movie nights on the top deck under the stars.

CLUB MOD ➤ The new 18-deck **MSC Divina**, sailing from Miami, positively sparkles — appropriate since the decor is inspired by Italian diva actress Sophia Loren. From the show-stopping Swarovski-crystal staircases in the lobby to the "aqua cycling" classes — think spinning in an Olympic-size pool — and the serene spa, luxury is de rigueur on this floating villa.

LITTLE LUXE ➤ Breaching humpback whales and colossal glaciers are on tap when you sail to Alaska's Inside Passage with **Un-Cruise Adventures**, carrying only 20 to 80 of your soon-to-be closest friends. A smaller boat means plenty of alone time and flexible itineraries combining activity and indulgence like double-kayaking through remote waterways and complimentary massages.
— Holly V. Kapherr and Marla Cimini



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WILD vs. MILD TURKS & CAICOS

by BAZ DREISINGER

THE 200,000-PLUS YEARLY VISITORS TO TURKS AND CAICOS' 40 ISLANDS CAN'T BE WRONG.



PROVIDENCIALES

What do you need to **kitesurf**? Everything Provo has: consistent onshore winds, uninhabited beaches and shallow waters. Zooming across the sea powered by wind is a rush — but it's tough. Enter KiteProvo, offering supervised instruction at an exclusive hidden beach.



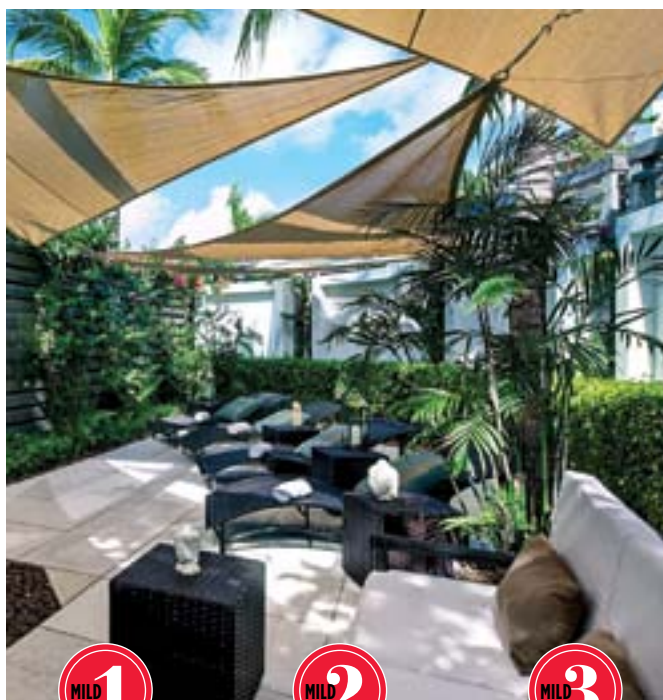
BLUE HILLS

Conch is Turks and Caicos' unofficial national dish — and an aphrodisiac. Get a taste at Da Conch Shack (above); during its **Conch Theatre presentation**, the staff provides pistol samplings.

WILD 3

PROVIDENCIALES

If you brought a little extra scratch with you, the new Casablanca Casino might be the place to try your late-night luck — it's open until 5 a.m. daily. First-timers can take **lessons in baccarat or Caribbean stud poker**, and all gaming is in U.S. dollars, so you won't have to worry about exchange rates.



MILD 1

LONG BAY BEACH

Indulge a classic romance-novel-worthy fantasy: you, your sweetheart, a beach and a **horseback ride**. Make a reservation with Provo Ponies, offering 60- or 90-minute rides beachside on indigenous horses from neighboring Grand Turk through a stunning 4-mile stretch of white sand.

MILD 2

PROVIDENCIALES

The Gansevoort, Provo's trendiest address, is home to the impeccably serviced Exhale Spa (above). Relax with the **tandem Provo Flow massage**, which invigorates like a deep-tissue massage and then soothes Swedish-style with choreographed kneading.

MILD 3

CAICOS BANKS

After a full moon, take a **night sail** with Sun Charters off the Caicos Banks to see female glowworms release bioluminescent egg masses that glow green in the calm waters.



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9 a.m. BRUNCH OF CHAMPIONS In NOLA, breakfast is all about the three B's: booze, Benedict and some boogie. Make a reservation at the **Court of Two Sisters** for the daily jazz brunch in the largest courtyard in the French Quarter. More than 80 items include fresh boiled crawfish, shrimp-Creole omelets and bread pudding.

10:30 a.m. CULTURE VULTURE Roam New Orleans' coolest neighborhood, the Bywater, inhabited by artists and writers. The **St. Claude Arts District** is one of the fastest-growing underground art scenes in the country, so pick up a souvenir with a story from one of the 30-plus galleries. Lunch at Frady's, a local favorite that serves up the best oyster po' boy sandwich in town.

A perfect DAY IN ... NEW ORLEANS

*There's more than
enough to pack
24 hours of big fun in
the Big Easy.*

by ALLYSON REEDY

12:30 p.m. POOL PARTY Insiders know the **Country Club** is the place to soak up rays. Day passes are \$10 on weekdays and \$15 on weekends. Lounge around the salt-water pool, or sip Hurricanes in the hot tub. Just prepare to see more of fellow sunbathers than you expected: The pool's clothing-optional policy may leave you blushing.

3 P.M. WALK IN THE PARK Take the Canal Street streetcar to City Park. Snap newlywed kissy pics and say "cheese!" in the iconic "Love" sculpture in the New Orleans Museum of Art's sculpture garden.



5 p.m. THINK DRINK Out of all of New Orleans' watering holes, only the **Napoleon House's** 200 years of colorful history have cemented it as one of the world's great bars. Grab a pre-dinner cocktail and marvel at Napoleon Bonaparte's would-be digs — the little emperor was offered refuge here during his exile, but he never made it.

6:30 P.M. TOP CHEF *Half of New Orleans' food scene is Creole — a cross between classic French and Caribbean cuisines — and the ornate rococo dining room **Commander's Palace**, helmed by James Beard Award-winning chef Tory McPhail, is the place to sample it. Try the turtle soup, or go all out with the indulgent seven-course tasting menu.*

8:30 p.m. ALL THAT JAZZ Stop into a shabby, dimly lit jazz club and catch one of the greats giving an off-the-cuff performance.

Preservation Hall and **Sweet Lorraine's** always put on a good show, and stars like trumpeter Wynton Marsalis show up regularly.

10:30 p.m. SUGAR HIGH Pick up a nightcap and beignets at **Café du Monde**, and hop into a horse-drawn carriage for a late-night ride around **Jackson Square**. Your guide will surely have plenty of stories to share about the French Quarter's haunted history.

11:30 p.m. RAISE THE BAR Toast your perfect day at **Hotel Monteleone's** revolving **Carousel Bar & Lounge** with a coupe of champagne.

FROM TOP: Musicians play jazz and blues nightly at Preservation Hall. Sculptures pose under hanging Spanish moss and 100-year-old live oaks at City Park. Café du Monde is always busy in the early morning for coffee. Beignets dusted liberally with powdered sugar. Wrought-iron balconies in the French Quarter.

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