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Between paying for the wedding and setting up a new household, many couples find there's not much money left in their budget for the honeymoon. But who says you have to spend a fortune to enjoy a romantic honeymoon at your dream destination? Here are eight ideas for a more affordable, yet still romantic, honeymoon.

1. Ask for the gift of a honeymoon

You can defray the cost of your honeymoon, or perhaps even cover the cost entirely, by listing it on a honeymoon gift registry. A honeymoon registry works just like a wedding registry, but instead of buying you china your wedding guests buy you a trip to China (or the honeymoon destination of your choice). Yes, your guests could just contribute cash toward your honeymoon, but giving a particular portion of the honeymoon (dinner at a fancy restaurant, or a carriage ride through the historic district of a far-off city, for example) is somehow more meaningful. You'll find a number of honeymoon registries online; theBigDay.com and theHoneymoon.com are two of the most established.

2. Exchange homes

If you prefer to mingle with the locals rather than other tourists, look into a home exchange for your honeymoon. In a nutshell, you go stay in someone else's house while they stay in yours. Sound risky? Maybe—but tens of thousands of people have exchanged homes since the 1950s. For an annual membership fee (usually around \$50), home exchange clubs open the door to thousands of people from around the world who are interested in swapping homes. You could probably find a home exchange partner on your own, but the home exchange clubs offer tools to help the exchange goes smoothly. According to ExchangeHomes.com, a home exchange can cut your travel costs by as much as half. More importantly, though, you'll get to live like locals, and perhaps make life-long friends.

3. Rely on the hospitality of others

Hospitality clubs can hook you up with people who are willing to host you in their private homes; the largest such club has more than 23,000 members in 148 countries. Membership is usually free, although you're asked to provide hospitality to others (on a voluntary basis) sometime in the future. In addition to saving you money, it's a great way to meet locals who can give you an insider's perspective

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on your honeymoon destination. Other places you can look for free or reduced-cost accommodations include hostels (they're not just for the young and single anymore) and monasteries and convents, some of which open their doors to guests for little or no charge.

4. Win a free honeymoon

"Nothing in life is free"—unless you win a free honeymoon vacation in a promotional sweepstakes or contest. Quite a few travel agencies and other companies run contests giving away honeymoon vacations as a way of promoting their services.

The odds of winning a free honeymoon may be remote, but the cost of entering is usually just the time you spend searching the web for "honeymoon contest" and filling out online entry forms.

5. Go camping

Firelight and shooting stars every night . . . breathtaking natural beauty . . . snuggling with your honey in a cocoon of zipped-together sleeping bags . . . Yes, camping can be romantic, as long you're well prepared and have the right equipment (warm sleeping bags, a comfortable mattress pad, and a waterproof tent are a must). Plus, it's pretty cheap—\$10 to \$20 per night at most locations. It's even cheaper if you cook your own food. You can mix a few nights of camping with a few nights in hotels to make your honeymoon more affordable. And don't overlook the rustic (but cheap) cabins available for rent at many state and national parks. Some even offer a honeymoon cabin!

6. Travel in the off season

It may be obvious to seasoned travelers, but those with less experience may not be aware of how affordable it can be to honeymoon in the off season: basically, any time other than when most people travel to your destination. Certain destinations' accommodation and airfare prices may be slashed by 30 percent or more during the off-season compared to the peak travel season. Traveling in the off season doesn't necessarily mean enduring wintry weather. Fall and spring usually offer discounted rates as well.

7. Consider your airline alternatives

When booking airfare online, don't overlook the discount airlines (Southwest, Song, jetBlue, and so on); some are not listed on the big travel portal websites, even though they might have a lower fare to your destination. Also be sure to compare rates for alternate airports within a reasonable traveling distance. You might live half an hour from a major airport, but the smaller airport a couple hours away might have substantially lower fares, perhaps saving you hundreds of dollars. Finally, be flexible about your arrival and departure dates; the major travel portals all have options to search for the cheapest flights within a range of dates. Any one of these alternatives could potentially save you hundreds of dollars.

8. Check budget travel newsletters

If you're not picky about where you honeymoon, you can probably cash in on promotional deals offering deep discounts on airfare and lodging—if you know about them. To stay abreast of the latest offers, sign up with as many free budget travel newsletters as you can. Start by signing up with the budget travel newsletters offered by Frommers.com, About.com, and MSNBC.

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Choosing The Right Honeymoon Vacations Package

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After the long wedding with family and friends, a honeymoon is a time for you two alone, away from everything else and just focus on the special moments. Thus, planning a honeymoon is very important and can make a big difference on how you enjoy your time together.

Make sure both of you will enjoy the honeymoon spot. Talk together and look over honeymoon spots within the states or internationally. Many couples decide to take a honeymoon in the breathtaking New York City or the entertaining Las Vegas. However, if both of you like beaches Miami is a great honeymoon spot to enjoy the sun and spend time together. These are some places in the states, but there is an array of other exciting honeymoon vacations abroad.

Planning with a budget is common. If you don't have a budget than go for it all! Your honeymoon is a one in a life time experience and the best time to pamper yourself. However, if you're on a low budget you can still save on some expenses and still spend a wonderful honeymoon with out any hassle. Instead of staying at a luxurious hotel, you can choose a less expensive hotel with the same service. The most important thing is that you keep your privacy and enjoy your honeymoon without having to worry about prices and checking to see if there are vacant rooms. Always plan ahead, the last thing you want on a honeymoon is a headache.

According to your budget, choose your transportation to your honeymoon spot. Remember to always ask if there are any honeymoon packages, these are very common on airlines and cruises. Even driving is a great way to travel if your honeymoon destination is near. However, if you will be traveling farther away always ask for honeymoon vacation packages, they are very popular and you can get great deals with special packages.

If you're not sure where to go there are always travel agents that are more than helpful. Ask about honeymoon vacation spot that are within your budgets, look thru brochures and ask all the questions you need before choosing. Also, travel agents will inform you about the latest honeymoon vacation packages that will fit right into your budget. Last but not the least avoid taking heavy luggage with you. This gives a chance to shop around and buy memorable things from your honeymoon destination. If you are making a trip overseas get travel insurance done to have a carefree and happy journey. Also keep all the essentials like your credit cards, medicines, creams, camera, some foodstuff and the like for it is better to have your own things than to hunt for them at a new place.

To assure a complete hassle free honeymoon, avoid taking heavy or too much luggage. Having to carry heavy bags and unnecessary items will be a hassle. Take only what's necessary for the trip and remember that you will most likely buy memorable things to take back. Also, keep all your important documents and medicines near your and organized for easy access, this will be very helpful especially

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if you will be traveling abroad.

Plan ahead, travel light, keep organized and take advantage of honeymoon vacation packages! Have a care free honeymoon and savor every moment!

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