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Emma Simper proposes six honeymoon havens – ideal for a loved-up break, whether you want to stay close by or really get away from it all



India

Ready to jet off on a long-haul adventure with your newly wedded spouse? Arq at Pichola at the Leela Palace, in Udaipur in the north-western Indian state of Rajasthan, promises to be well worth the journey, delivering unparalleled luxury and intimacy. After a 15-hour journey from Scotland, honeymooners are transported by private boat to one of three exclusive villas perched on the banks of the serene Lake Pichola. Each villa boasts traditional thikri artwork, brass-inlaid wooden floors and a private plunge pool, with dedicated chefs on hand to craft delicious dishes for you.

Tailor your stay with morning yoga, floating breakfasts and cultural or religious safaris to temples and artisan workshops. High tea and hand-crafted cocktails enhance the romance, while a programme of activities will immerse you in India's rich traditions. With nightly rates starting at £2,686 for a room, this "palace within a palace" offers an unforgettable blend of indulgence and cultural exploration for an exotic honeymoon escape.

Italy

The newly unveiled Greenhouse Suites at Il Salviatino [below], just outside Florence, offer honeymooners a winning blend of luxury and romance in the heart of Tuscany. Set within a restored 15th-century villa, these light-filled glass-enclosed suites provide serene privacy amid verdant gardens. Each 75sq.m suite features high vaulted ceilings, freestanding baths (big enough for two), double vanities (an argument-free travel essential) and private garden areas, making it an idyllic retreat.

The villa's rich history is reflected in its elegant interiors, which combine contemporary furnishings with timeless period details. Guests can relax in the new wellness area, offering saunas, a plunge pool and a hammam, or enjoy experiences such as hot-air balloon rides, yoga lessons and negroni masterclasses.

Flights from Edinburgh to Pisa take less than three hours, then it's about 80 minutes by train from the airport to Florence. Room rates start at €595 per night on a B&B basis.

Saint Lucia

With its lush landscapes, azure waters and romantic ambience, this gem of the eastern Caribbean offers relaxation and adventure, after a 12-hour journey from Glasgow via London. Sandals Resorts elevates the island experience with three adults-only, all-inclusive properties (Sandals Regency La Toc, Sandals Halcyon Beach and Sandals Grande St Lucian), taking the idea of tranquillity to a whole new level. Thanks to the 'Stay at One, Play at All' programme, couples can access the amenities, leisure facilities and 27 dining options across all three resorts, together with complimentary shuttle transfers.

Whether lounging by a private pool, indulging in gourmet cuisine or taking advantage of free green fees at the Cap Estate Golf & Country Club, your every moment will be filled with luxury. We're especially impressed by the Rondoal Butler Villa with private pool at Sandals Regency La Toc [on the right], where seven nights starts from £3,735 per person in September 2025 (subject to change and availability). The price includes British Airways flights from Glasgow, all-inclusive accommodation, butler service and 24-hour room service. Contact Barrhead Travel online or call 0330 094 8364 for more information.

