

the top spots to spend your wedding night

The poshest penthouses and sexiest suites for your first night as newlyweds. BY AMY EISINGER



biltmore

1200 ANASTASIA AVE., CORAL GABLES;
(800) 727-1926; BILTMOREHOTEL.COM

You'll be far enough away from it all to relax alone but close enough to the action (South Beach is just 10 minutes away) should you want to keep the party going. When it comes to amenities, this Coral Gables institution can't be beat: Poolside cabanas and three signature restaurants mean you might not want to get into the limo the staff will arrange to take you to the airport for your honeymoon. And once you set foot in the Tower Suite (from \$459), with its 180-degree views, private elevator access and plush four-poster bed, you definitely won't want to leave. If you're getting hitched on a Saturday, don't miss the Sunday Champagne Brunch, featuring live entertainment and a buffet to end all buffets (we're talking caviar, fresh omelets and sushi).

**the reach,
a waldorf astoria resort**
1435 SIMONTON ST., KEY WEST;
(305) 296-5000; REACHRESORT.COM

The Reach offers the best of both worlds: It's set on the only natural beach in all of Key West, and it's just a block from a bustling nightlife scene. But even with those distractions, you'll still find plenty of reasons to stay in your Ocean View Boutique Suite (from \$329). First, there's the gorgeous view of the ocean (sleep with the curtains open to wake up to it). There's also just a tranquil, Caribbean vibe that's perfect for relaxing after a long night. If you have time in the morning, head over to The Reach's sister resort, the Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club, for a much-needed massage.

fontainebleau miami beach
4441 COLLINS AVE.,
MIAMI BEACH; (800) 548-8886;
FONTAINEBLEAU.COM

This hotel may very well be the sexiest spot in South Beach (and that's saying a lot). Hey, it was even in a James Bond movie (*Goldfinger*, in case you were wondering). So it's got the whole "perfect for your wedding night" thing covered. But it also has super-luxurious amenities like a private bar and plush bathrobes. And then there's the jaw-dropping Frank Sinatra Presidential Suite (from \$2,500). Think: a private wraparound balcony—with views of the Atlantic—for sipping a nightcap together, and an oversize master bath complete with a whirlpool tub and separate shower. Total bliss.

**naples grande beach resort,
a waldorf astoria resort**
475 SEAGATE DR.,
NAPLES; (239) 597-3232;
NAPLESGRANDERESORT.COM

Two words: poolside bungalows. Get a jump start on your honeymoon in one of these tranquil retreats. Each bungalow suite (from \$179) has its own fully furnished private terrace overlooking the pool, which means you can lounge outside together late into the night (probably opening up all those envelopes) without being spotted by anyone else. They're all surrounded by Zen-style gardens, so you'll start feeling relaxed even before you set foot inside. And staying at this eco-friendly resort on the water will help ease any green guilt you may have over your wedding footprint. >>



delano

1685 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH;
(305) 672-2000; DELANO-HOTEL.COM

Located among a sea of cooler-than-cool boutique hotels and resorts, it doesn't get much more chic than this Miami Beach hot spot, known for its striking all-white exteriors and swanky interiors featuring art by greats like Man Ray and Salvador Dali. Continue celebrating over cocktails by the pool, also known as the "Water Salon," or simply step outside the hotel to hit up the area's hottest bars. The Delano is also right on the ocean, if you prefer to end the night on a quieter note with a romantic stroll on the sand. Honeymooners love the poolside bungalows (from \$1,500) for the private patios, rainfall showers and Roman-inspired marble soaking tubs for two, making one the ideal place to spend your first night as Mr. and Mrs. Or go all out and stay in the South Beach Penthouse (from \$5,000), which has, among other couple-friendly amenities, a walk-in bar and a totally private balcony, where no one will spy you sunbathing or enjoying as much bubbly and PDA as your newlywed hearts desire.

the ritz-carlton, amelia island

4750 AMELIA ISLAND PKWY.,
AMELIA ISLAND; (904) 277-1100;
RITZCARLTON.COM

The name tells half the story: It's a Ritz, so you know it's going to be nice. You'll feel pampered from the moment you arrive. No matter what time you check in (yes, even *after* the after-party), you can still get a snack—and since you may not have time to eat at your wedding, all-night room service is pretty key. Every room also has a private balcony and a marble bathtub, but book the Presidential Suite (from \$1,500) to get three ocean-view balconies, plus a fireplace.



the breakers palm beach

1 SOUTH COUNTY RD., PALM BEACH;
(888) 273-2537; THEBREAKERS.COM

With private beach access, five pools, five bars, nine restaurants and 36 holes of golf, you may be tempted to stay and honeymoon at this oceanside palace. But even if you're only in town for one night, the Imperial Suite (from \$2,200) will leave enough of an impression. Think: wraparound views of the Atlantic Ocean on five (yep, five!) separate balconies, plus a personal concierge to cater to your every whim (bubbly and rose petals? check. breakfast in bed? check). >>



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grand bohemian hotel

325 S. ORANGE AVE., ORLANDO;
(407) 313-9000; GRANDBOHEMIANHOTEL.COM

Don't let the name fool you—it's not (we repeat, not) more hostel than hotel. It is *the* boutique hotel in Orlando. The décor is dark and sexy (burgundy velvet curtains, deep mahogany accents), and there are literally over 100 works by local and internationally recognized artists hanging on the walls. Have your after-party here and then mosey on upstairs to your concierge-level (read: VIP) room (from \$279) when it's over. Sign up for one of the romance packages, which include things like "Breakfast Between the Sheets" and champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries on arrival.

song of the sea

863 E. GULF DR., SANIBEL ISLAND;
(866) 565-5101; SANIBELCOLLECTION.COM

With its charming French-country interiors and romantic touches like the sound of a bubbling fountain and welcome wine waiting for you on arrival, this intimate seaside retreat was basically built with couples in mind. Stay in the Beachfront Boutique Suite (from \$199) and enjoy your vino on your private porch overlooking the ocean. Refuel after a long night of celebrating with an alfresco breakfast served on the hotel's terrace. Then, if you're sticking around for a bit, lounge by the heated pool or take the hotel's complimentary bikes for a spin.



casa monica hotel

95 CORDOVA ST.,
ST. AUGUSTINE; (904) 827-1888;
CASAMONICA.COM

If you read the whole *Twilight* series, were into *The Tudors* and have a penchant for all things Spanish, this place is for you. Even with all its antique details, Casa Monica, which is in the heart of St. Augustine, still has every modern luxury you could want. Stay in the Anastasia (from \$459) or Kessler (from \$699) Suites: These multifloor rooms have panoramic views of Flagler College or Matanzas Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, plus other romantic musts like four-poster king beds and imported chandeliers. If you're staying on a Saturday night, don't leave without trying the famed Sunday brunch—complete with Casa Monica's signature cranberry and champagne Poinsettia cocktail.