

CELEBRITY HIDEAWAYS

For a romantic break that's high on luxury and privacy, choose a destination that's got star status. The holiday hotspots of the rich and famous make for true honeymoon heaven. By Rowena Carr-Allinson

Celebrities – love them or hate them, they live the ultra-glamorous lifestyle many of us have always dreamed of. From New York to LA to Paris – they're all in a week's work for your average A-lister...

They enjoy the best of everything. After all, the expression goes: 'Lifestyle of the rich and famous', right? So the ultimate stamp of approval for a holiday destination must be 'star attraction'. Places where those who can go wherever they want, when they want, choose to escape to.

Read on and find out where the TomKats of this world escape to for some one-on-one romantic time...



Tahiti, South Pacific

Why go?

Bora Bora is an idyllic destination that has been a honeymoon hotspot forever. The blue lagoon-ringed islets are the very incarnation of paradise on earth. What's not to love about it?

Where to stay?

Follow in Nicole Kidman's footsteps and stay at the St Regis Bora Bora. Aside from gorgeous over-water villas with an en-suite Jacuzzi, private swimming pool and 24-hour butler, there's the

glorious view stretching over the water forever.

What to do?

Dive off your villa into the turquoise seas and swim with tropical fish. While he tries fly fishing in the private Lagoonarium, you can go for some indulgence at the Miri Miri Spa with heavenly smelling monoi-based Polynesian treatments. Invest some time in cheeky siestas or try out some cocktails at the swim-up bar. Or venture out of the resort for horse riding, jet skiing or pearl shopping in Viatape.

Any tips?

Book a table for dinner at La Villa Mahana before you make the trip – chef Damien Rinaldi Dovio's French cuisine inflected with tropical flavours is to die for.

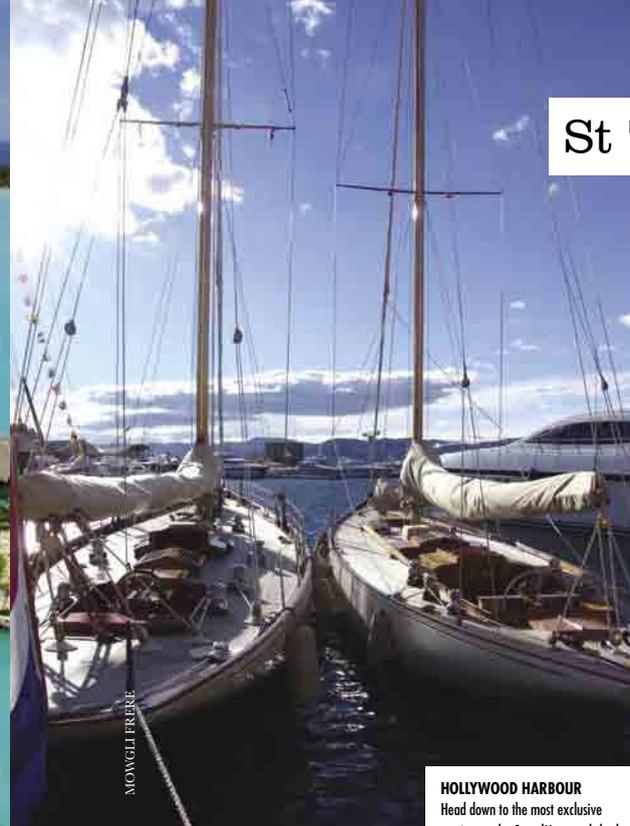
DETAILS

St Regis Bora Bora honeymoon package from £615 per day including over-water villa, champagne, Polynesian canoe breakfast, romantic dinner, boat transfers, breakfast, romantic turndown, Polynesian Taurumi couples' massage. Visit www.starwoodhotels.com Currency £1 = 179 French Pacific Francs



PARADISE PRIME

You can't help but feel peaceful and romantic here, as you float on tropical waters, explore the marine life or just relax at the stylish spa



St Tropez, France

Why go?

Because everyone goes to St Tropez! The internationally renowned harbour town in the south of France is legendary. Everyone from Hugh Grant to Pamela Anderson has spent quality romance time in the glamorous 'St Trop' – still the place to see and be seen.

Where to stay?

Make like a star and check into the exclusive Chateau de la Messadiere, a genuine 18th century castle hidden away from prying eyes. It has the necessary romantic rooms, views over the bay of St Tropez, stylish pool bar and gourmet cuisine.

What to do?

During the day, get a tan at the beach, trawl the market on the Place des Lices or

go decadent by splashing out on Crystal champagne at lunchtime at the Nikki Beach. In the evening, start off with an aperitif at Le Gorille's terrace while gawking at the mega yachts, then dine at the excellent low-key La Sardine. Finish off in style at the infamous Caves du Roy, VIP or Papagayo nightclubs.

Any tips?

Hire a car and go cruising along the magnificent coastline to the charming village of Ramatuelle.

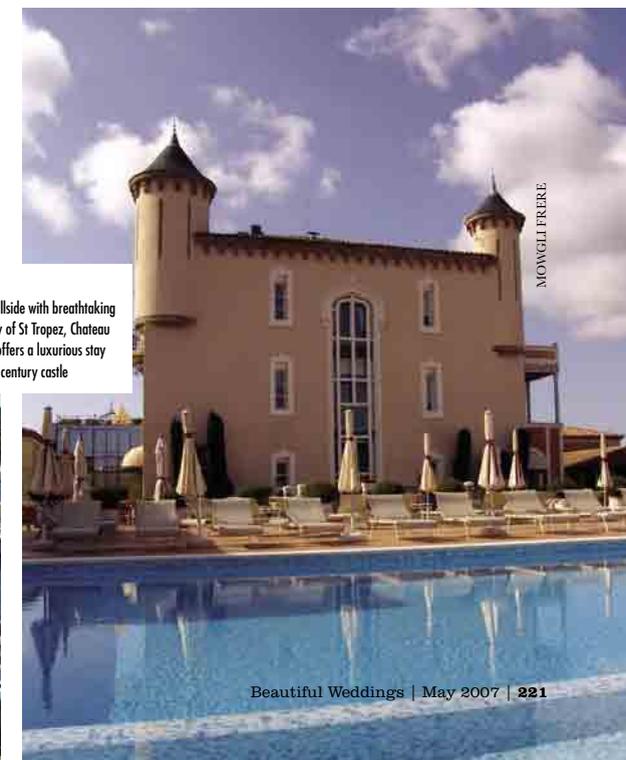
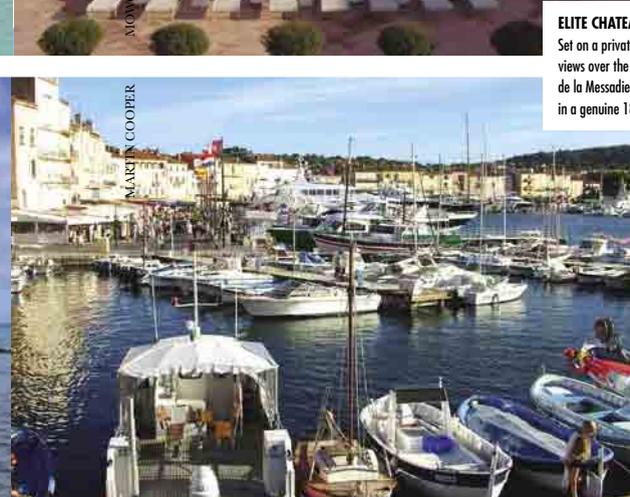
DETAILS

Chateau de la Messadiere honeymoon package from 1,110Euros including three nights, breakfast, dinner for two, mattresses at the Tropezina beach. Find out more at www.chateau-messadiere-saint-tropez.federal-hotel.com Currency £1 = 1.4 Euros



ELITE CHATEAU

Set on a private hillside with breathtaking views over the bay of St Tropez, Chateau de la Messadiere offers a luxurious stay in a genuine 18th century castle





The Maldives, Indian Ocean

Why go?

A classic honeymoon location, these dreamy islands were even TomKat's choice. Admittedly, they borrowed a friend's yacht, but checking into a luxurious hotel is just as good.

Where to stay?

Head to Baros, set on its own private island and surrounded by a pristine turquoise lagoon. The villas are either over the water or nestled amongst the coconut frangipani, and they are all about discreet luxury – even the LCD screens are hidden in upholstered trunks.

What to do?

Go diving or snorkelling around the reef, or to the nearby shipwreck where you might see anything

from turtles to tropical clown fish and even sharks. Chill out in the lighthouse lounge or catch the sunset at the restaurant, which has heavenly 360-degree views of the neighbouring islands.

Any tips?

Check your calendar before you book. The Southwest monsoon from May to October brings rainy weather to the paradise islands...

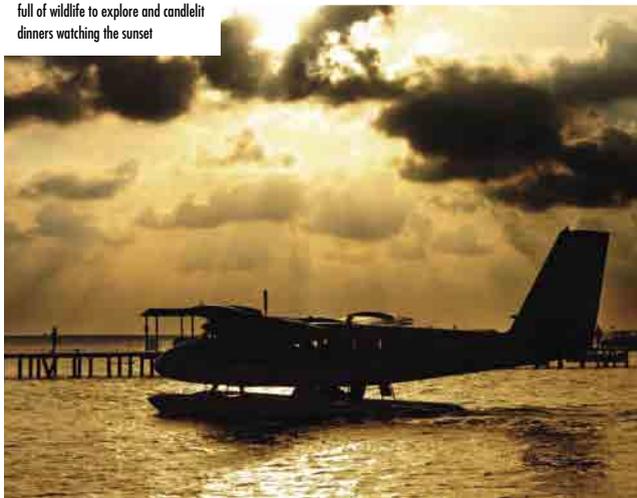
DETAILS

Seasons in Style offer seven nights at Baros from £1,465 per person for a Deluxe Villa, B&B, bottle of sparkling wine and chocolates, honeymoon photo, candlelit dinner on the beach, return flights with Emirates and speed boat transfers. Valid until 31st Oct 2007. For more information, call Seasons in Style on 01244 202 000 or visit www.seasonsinstyle.co.uk
Currency £1 = 26 Maldivian Rufiyah (RF)



SPOTLIGHT ON ROMANCE

The Maldives is still a top honeymoon choice, with luxurious resorts, oceans full of wildlife to explore and candlelit dinners watching the sunset



Anguilla, British West Indies

Why go?

The tiny Caribbean island is 'wrapped in blue' and is best known for being a tranquil island where life goes by at a very slow, leisurely pace. What's more, its beaches are some of the most beautiful in the Caribbean with soft white sand and vibrant turquoise waters.

Where to stay?

If you want star style, Cap Juluca is the perfect place to be. It was chosen by several celebrities in need of TLC, including Courtney Cox for her honeymoon. The sparkling white Moorish-style resort has everything you'd dream of for that perfect honeymoon escape – rooms set back from the beach with gigantic beds and baths with dual tubs, golf carts whizzing around, a gorgeous beach and the lovely Pimms restaurant.

What to do?

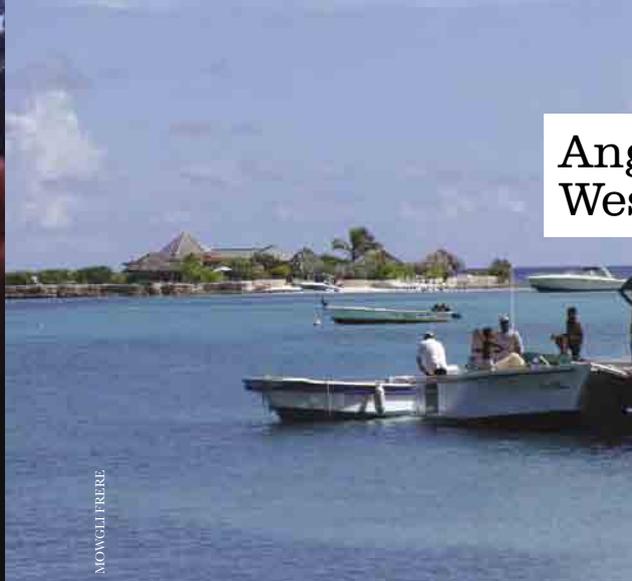
There's the beach, the golf, swimming with dolphins, feasting on fresh lobster at the beautiful Scilly Cay, and even dance lessons in the evening... If you prefer some more spiritual pursuits, the resort also has an in-room spa including consultations with astrologers and past-life regression sessions! Or if you want more action, the bustling shops of St Maarten are only a 15-minute boat ride away.

Any tips?

Don't miss the daily delivery of fresh lemonade – and make the most of the mammoth bathtubs!

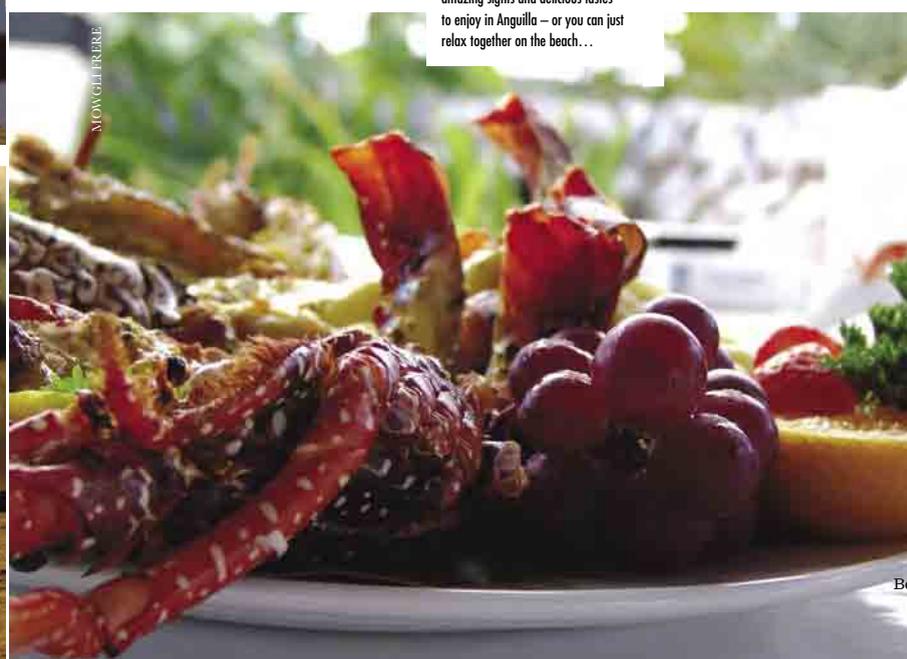
DETAILS

Cap Juluca room rates from £220 per night including welcome punch, breakfast, complimentary mini bar and more. For more information visit www.capjuluca.com
Currency £1 = 5 East Caribbean Dollars



STAR SENSES

There are so many fantastic activities, amazing sights and delicious tastes to enjoy in Anguilla – or you can just relax together on the beach...



Baja California Sur, Mexico

Why go?

Mexico's Baja peninsula is a big celebrity holiday spot. The hot, exotic coastline is just a couple of hours flight from Hollywood, so it's become the resort of choice for everyone from Madonna to J-Lo and Paris Hilton. Jennifer Aniston regularly spends her birthday here to get away from it all.

Where to stay?

If money is no object, head for the tip of the peninsula and check into the gorgeous Esperanza resort where Gwyneth Paltrow chose to spend her honeymoon or at the neighbouring Las Ventanas, the last word in luxury. Marble bathrooms, views over the Sea of Cortez and impeccable service are all part of the experience.

What to do?

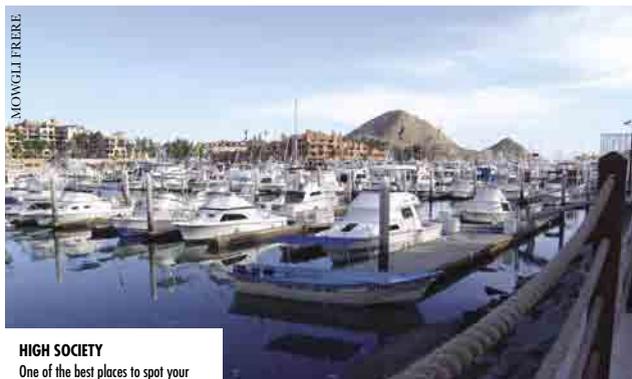
Listen to your iPod by the pool, sample the Ceviche, try the Tequila or venture into Cabo San Lucas town for some souvenirs. Pick up colourful blankets, cigars for him, silverware or the all-essential sombrero.

Any tips?

To really live it up, push the boat out – literally, by borrowing the hotel's yacht for a glorious day of fishing, diving and sunbathing.

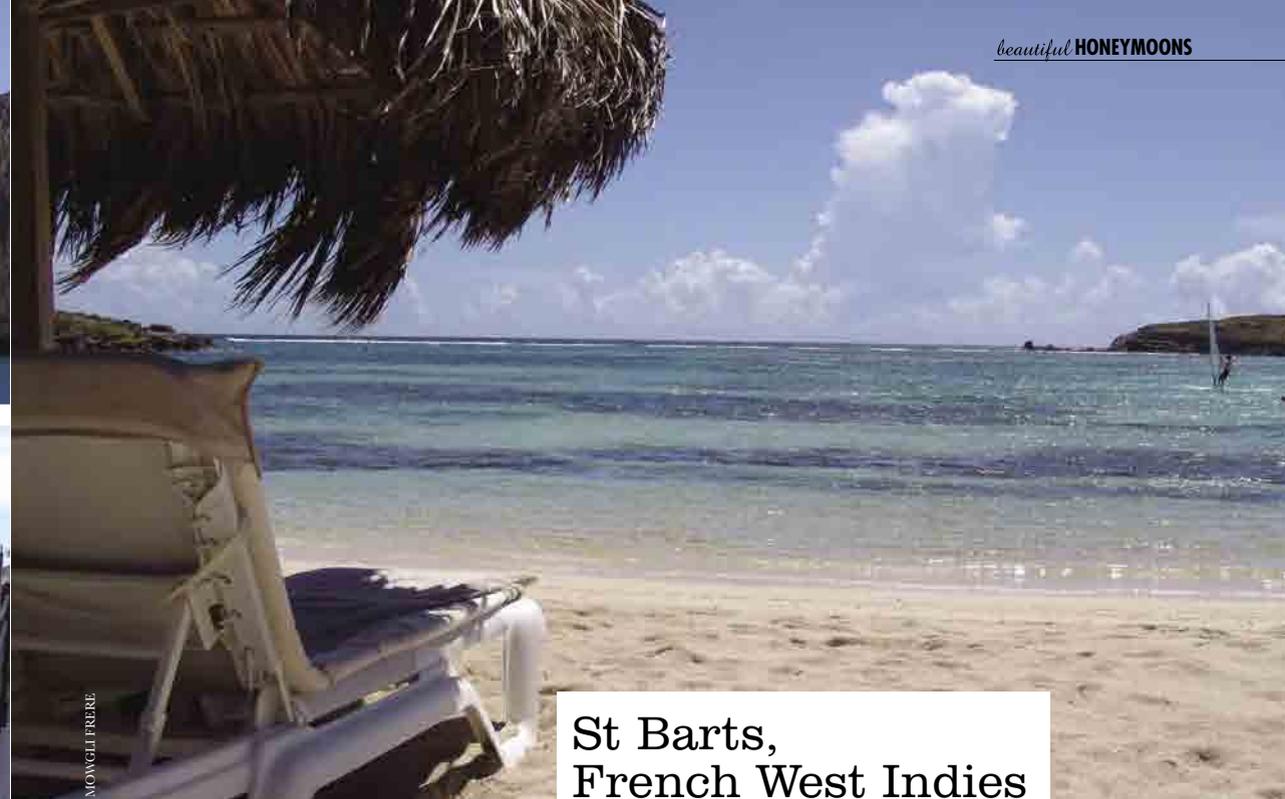
DETAILS

I TC Classics offers seven nights at Las Ventanas al Paraiso in a Garden View Junior Suite, room-only basis, including return flights and transfers, from £1,988 per person, based on two sharing. For more information call 01244 355527 or visit www.itclassics.co.uk Currency £1 = 21.44 Mexican Pesos (MXN)



HIGH SOCIETY

One of the best places to spot your favourite Hollywood superstar, the Baja coast boasts some of the most luxurious hotels on the planet



St Barts, French West Indies

Why go?

The tiny, eight square mile Caribbean island has always been a celebrity magnet, and the best reason to visit St Barts is that there's nothing there! The only thing to do on the island is relax, and enjoy the 22 fantastic beaches and 100-odd restaurants. And it works: everyone from Uma Thurman to Kirsten Dunst escape to its beaches for some slow living.

What to do?

Explore the volcanic island in the soft-top white Jimmy Jeep (the island's most popular mode of transport) or spend long, lazy days at the Anse de Grande Saline beach. For a bit of a thrill, try jet skiing, windsurfing, snorkelling, parasailing or a day's yachting.

Any tips?

Mind the Planteur cocktails – the rum punch is lethal and comes in a glass the size of a goldfish bowl.

Where to stay?

The Guanahani Hotel is Kate Moss's hideout of choice and it's easy to see why. Its gorgeous beach and gingerbread-style pastel cottages have a true, cosy Caribbean feel. And because St Barts is in the French West Indies, the hotel's Indigo restaurant has a mouth-watering menu.

DETAILS

Guanahani Hotel honeymoon package from approx £3,100, for seven nights, daily breakfast, grilled lobster lunch, dinner at Indigo, two spa treatments, cooking class and wine tasting, seven days car rental, half-day cruise with picnic, and champagne on arrival. Find out more at www.leguanahani.com Currency £1 = 1.4 Euros

RICH RELAXATION

Everything in St Barts is designed around one concept: doing nothing. Slow living is its forte and so many a jetsetter flock here to unwind

