



Short & Sweet

Paris can wait—until the wedding planning is over, that is. Opt for a mini-moon now, and tackle Project Mega-Moon later.

LET'S FACE IT. Planning a honeymoon is hard work. Especially when you're tackling a never-ending wedding to-do list. So why not postpone the traditional lengthy trek in favor of a mini-moon? Think: a two- to three-day respite that doesn't scrimp on luxury or romance. You'll get all the benefits of a honeymoon—once-in-a-lifetime memories, plenty of downtime, and lots of amore—minus the logistical hassle. And you can still plan your dream getaway at a later date. After all, two trips are better than one. Pack your weekend bag after checking out these six mini-moon destinations.

URBAN COUPLES

The Inn Above Tide, Sausalito, CA

ROMANCE FACTOR Embark on a ferry ride to play in the big city during the day, then return to a charming town for some R&R at night.

URBAN OASIS With panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay the Inn Above Tide lives up to its name. Catch a quick ferry ride disembarking from San Francisco's ferry building, and head toward South of Market (SoMa), an edgy neighborhood with an abundance of art galleries and museums. SoMa gets its vibe from the celebrated Museum of

Modern Art, with its soaring atrium and oculus skylight. Glide along its hallways and gaze at the surrealism of Frida Kahlo and the architectural drawings of Mies van der Rohe. Later, climb the steep Filbert Steps that wind past quaint garden cottages to Coit Tower, a 210-foot edifice with panoramic views of the city, Alcatraz, and Angel Island. Back in Sausalito, dine at Poggio, a Tuscan restaurant. Be sure to order the *sformatino*, an antipasto custard made with cauliflower that is as creamy as mascarpone cheese.

THE DIGS The Bay View room's teak-furnished private deck, complete with binoculars for taking in

the sea life around the bay, is perfect for honeymooners. innabovetide.com

GET THERE From Salt Lake City, fly direct to San Francisco and take a taxi over the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito.

CAMPING FOR NONCAMPER COUPLES

The Resort at Paws Up, Greenough, MT

ROMANCE FACTOR Connect with nature without forsaking luxury in tents with wood floors, king beds, electricity, and personal "camping butlers."

GLAMPING Bug- and sleeping-bag-phobes rejoice! Overlooking the Blackfoot River—the river that inspired the novel and film *A River Runs Through It*—the Resort at Paws Up offers a glamorous twist on camping. No tin-can dinners here (though s'mores can be arranged): gourmet meals prepared by a master chef are served in a plush, airy dining pavilion. Share a bottle of Napa Valley chardonnay in front of a roaring fire while feasting on freshly caught Rocky Mountain trout. Should you decide to venture into the great outdoors, take a sunset horse-drawn carriage ride and share fondue for two under the stars before retiring to your private tent.

THE DIGS Stay in Tango Point, the honeymoon tent that includes fluffy feather beds and a claw-foot tub overlooking the Blackfoot River. pawsup.com

GET THERE Fly direct to Missoula from Salt Lake City. Paws Up room rates include a short, 30-minute airport transfer to the resort. »

ADVENTUROUS COUPLES

Shore Lodge: McCall, ID

ROMANCE FACTOR The couple that plays together stays together.

READY, SET, ACTION Imagine waking to the sun rising over a pristine glacial lake as smooth as glass. Now imagine shattering that glassy lake as you and your honey tear across it on water skis. Sound like your idea of a good time? Then the Shore Lodge, set on the southern shore of Payette Lake, is the place for you. Couples can feel the wind in their hair via speedboats, catamarans, and Jet Skis at the lodge's full-service marina. Post-adrenaline rush, lazily explore the lake in a canoe or kayak and share a romantic picnic in a secluded cove, or soak in one of the area's 30 natural hot springs, known for their therapeutic properties. Try Gold Fork.

THE DIGS The Fireside Suite includes a private patio with sweeping lake views, a separate living room, and a cozy bedroom fireplace. shoredogemccall.com

GET THERE After a one-hour direct flight from Salt Lake City to Boise, drive two hours along the scenic Payette River. Or opt for an eight-hour road trip from Salt Lake City.

Sundance Resort's art shack encourages couples to channel their own *Ghost* moment with wheel-thrown pottery.



ARTISTIC COUPLES

Sundance Resort: Sundance, UT

ROMANCE FACTOR Expand your horizons at an eco-friendly resort focused on all art forms.

BE INSPIRED Created by movie star and eco-activist Robert Redford and nestled at the base of Mount Timpanogos, Sundance Resort is a special place. This year's Sundance Summer Theater fills the surrounding mountains with *The Sound of Music*; as the sun sets against a backdrop of pine trees, newlyweds can get cozy under Pendleton blankets and watch the classic love story in the outdoor theater. The same stage showcases concerts from Nashville's Bluebird Cafe by Grammy Award-winning songwriters such as Tom Douglas and Allen Shamblin, who wrote country superstar Miranda Lambert's hit song "The House That Built Me." The rustic art shack encourages couples to channel their own *Ghost* moment by feeling the sensation of wheel-thrown pottery between their hands. Jewelry making, printmaking, painting, and photography workshops ensure plenty of ways to get crafty.

THE DIGS Roaring fireplaces in the River Run cottages' oversize living rooms and bedrooms will undoubtedly prompt plenty of snuggling. sundanceresort.com

GET THERE From Salt Lake City drive 45 minutes south to Provo, then wind your way up scenic Provo Canyon. From Park City, drive through Heber City and turn onto Highway 189, and proceed toward Provo.

FOODIE COUPLES

Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi: Santa Fe, NM

ROMANCE FACTOR Share your love of food with restaurant tours and private cooking classes.

FEED THE BODY AND SOUL Overlooking the historic Santa Fe plaza, the Rosewood Inn of the

Anasazi is a foodie's delight. Guests participate in walking tours that highlight top Santa Fe restaurants, tasting dishes along the way. The inn's chef, Oliver Ridgeway, concludes the journey with a personal tour of the Anasazi kitchen, complete with specially prepared small bites and wine pairings. Couples can also arrange private cooking demonstrations and tastings with Chef Ridgeway in the inn's library. Surrounded by books on Southwestern art and culture, diners feast on delights like blue corn-crusted salmon with citrus jalapeño sauce.

THE DIGS The superior-class rooms have plush four-poster beds and balconies that beckon with comfy chaise longues and prime views of the plaza. innoftheanasazi.com

GET THERE Santa Fe is a 1 1/2-hour drive from Salt Lake City, so maximize your time by flying direct to Albuquerque and driving 55 minutes to Santa Fe.

ZEN COUPLES

L'Auberge de Sedona: Sedona, AZ

ROMANCE FACTOR Bliss out at an 11-acre respite in the shadow of Sedona's breathtaking Red Rock. **OM AND AH** Decompress with daily yoga classes and leisurely hikes, then swap your workout gear for a bikini and trunks and make your way to a private poolside cabana. Later, drift away to the sounds of a babbling brook during an intimate creekside couple's massage. Dine alfresco beneath shady trees at L'Auberge Restaurant on Oak Creek. Veg out on dishes made with blackberries, plums, and apples, all of which grow wild on the property. In the evenings, throw a blanket over your shoulders and stargaze with your sweetie through a telescope under the guidance of a resident astronomer.

THE DIGS New vista cottages invite romance with floor-to-ceiling views of Sedona's red rock country. lauberge.com

GET THERE Take an hour-and-a-half flight from Salt Lake City to Phoenix, then drive two hours from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. ■