

Hot Honeymoon Escapes in Africa

**MONT
ROCHELLE**
HOTEL & MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS



Mont Rochelle Hotel & Mountain Vineyards - Franschhoek, South Africa

Mont Rochelle Hotel & Mountain Vineyards combines the best of the Cape Winelands with luxurious 5-star accommodation, fine wines, gourmet cuisine and some of the best views in Franschhoek. Honeymooners can enjoy romantic picnics in the vineyards, cellar tours, long walks and horse riding - not to mention relaxing in one of the most romantic settings imaginable. They also offer spa treatments. All rooms in this boutique hotel are spacious with king sized beds – but the expansive Cap Classique Suites are perfect for honeymooners seeking the ultimate indulgence as they each have a large private terrace and plunge pool for the ultimate in romantic seclusion.

Honeymooners at Mont Rochelle are given an extra special welcome with glasses of bubbly on arrival before being shown to their suite which has been filled with lovely surprises including a fresh fruit basket and handmade wine-filled Huguenot chocolate truffles! They also enjoy a romantic turndown on their first night. Honeymooners are given a complimentary upgrade to a luxury room or suite, subject to availability at the time of arrival.

Website www.montrochelle.co.za


AMAKHOSI
Safari Lodge

A King's Pride



AMAKHOSI SAFARI LODGE– KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Amakhosi, 'The Place of the Kings' is a boutique 5 star safari lodge that is renowned for its attentive service and absolute luxury in the dramatic surroundings of Zululand. Boasting 12,000 hectares, the Amakhosi Private Game Reserve offers a diverse ecosystem that is home to the Big 5 as well as giraffe, warthog and hyena, hippopotamus and crocodile - not to mention over 400 bird species. This allows Amakhosi to offer something unique and special in terms of wildlife experiences - including frogging and micro (insect) safaris! Amakhosi has 2 Umntwana Honeymoon suites (meaning 'a child of Royalty' in Zulu). These have high ceilings and an indulgent bathroom along with spacious viewing deck, private plunge pool and hammock overlooking the Mkuze River.

Honeymooners will enjoy sparkling wine and chocolates on arrival plus they can enjoy a private dinner on their viewing deck or in their private lounge for one of the evenings during their stay.

Website www.amakhosi.com

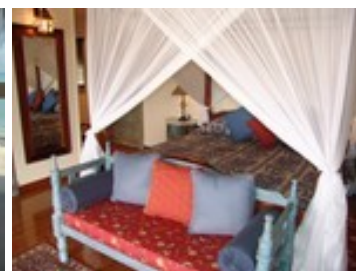


Indigo Bay Island Resort and Spa – Bazaruto Island, MOZAMBIQUE

The recently refurbished Indigo Bay, now the top luxury beach resort in Mozambique, opened its brand new Sanctuary Wellness spa in December 2007. The spa overlooks the azure blue ocean and boasts 4 Dry Treatment rooms, a wet Treatment Room with Hydrotherapy capsule, a Hydro Pool and Ice Pool. Signature treatments will include Moya Crystal Massage, Elemis spa rituals and Rasul. Ideal for a beach honeymoon, possibly combined with a safari in South Africa. Activities include horse riding, bird watching, dune biking, diving, snorkelling and watersports, to mention but a few of the activities on offer!

The resort offers a special Beach Honeymoon Chalet with its own private splash pool, and if honeymooners stay a minimum of 6 nights they get *not only a seventh night complimentary*, but get spoiled rotten with some fantastic value-added gifts... such as a fruit platter and bottle of wine in their room on arrival, one 3-course romantic dinner for two in their private patio or on the beach, one authentic dhow cruise for two with bubbly, honeymoon surprise gifts plus an \$80 discount voucher for the spa towards a treatment for two. Unbelievable value!

Website: www.raniresorts.com.



Medjumbe Private Island – Quirimbas, MOZAMBIQUE

Located in Mozambique's Quirimbas Archipelago, Medjumbe Private Island is just 800 metres in length and 350 metres wide. True decadence and pleasure await at this romantic and exclusive island getaway. Accommodation consists of 13 ensuite thatched chalets all centred around maximising their views – complete with outdoor showers, private sun decks, hammocks and plunge pools! A perfect backdrop of endless white sand and translucent sea mesmerises all who visit, whilst the untouched marine environment allows for constant new discoveries, whether your passion is diving, fishing, snorkelling, or simply exploring unspoilt beaches. Over 12 pristine dive sites to choose from! Rates vary depending on dates of travel between \$400 and \$600 per person sharing per night on a Full Board basis. This rate also includes non-motorised water sports, house wines, local beers and spirits.

Medjumbe offers the seclusion and privacy Honeymooners can usually only dream of! Their honeymoon special is a fantastic pay 6 stay 7 nights, with loads of extras thrown in such as a fruit platter and bottle of wine in their room on arrival, one 3-course romantic dinner for two in their private patio or on the beach, one authentic dhow cruise for two with bubbly, honeymoon surprise gifts, romantic turn downs and a discounted PADI DSD private course 'experience diving' program for 2 persons (optional – incurs additional charge of US\$100 per person)

Website: www.raniresorts.com.



SERENA HOTELS
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Serena Beach Maisha Health Spa – Shanzu beach, North of Mombasa, KENYA

The Serena Beach Hotel and Spa on Shanzu Beach, north of Mombasa in Kenya opened its new Maisha Spa (Maisha meaning 'life' in Swahili) in May 2007. Facilities at the spa include four single treatment rooms and two divisible treatment rooms all with their own shower amenities, two plunge pools, two saunas, two steam rooms, a yoga/meditation room and a hair and beauty salon. A wide range of Elemis treatments and packages will be available and signature treatments will range from deep tissue massages to 'ritual coconut milk' body wraps – all using all-natural essential oils and sea extracts etc. The hotel offers a wide range of activities including free watersports.

This is a great beach extension to a Kenyan safari. Their 2-night "MAISHA" SPA BREAK includes accommodation, return Flights between Nairobi and Mombasa, a beachside Breakfast with "bubbly", a luxury Vanilla scented candle in your room, a fresh Fruit basket, healthy eating options during your stay and a choice of TWO spa treatments.

They also offer a honeymoon package where for a small extra fee of US\$350 you get the honeymoon suite with a balcony overlooking the ocean, a beach breakfast with bubbly, a poolside private diner for two with wine, a massage and gifts in your room of nuts, fruit and flowers etc.

Website: www.serenahotels.com.



Garonga Safari Camp – Limpopo Province, SOUTH AFRICA

Garonga is an exclusive 14-bed safari camp situated west of Kruger National Park in South Africa's Limpopo Province. Garonga's holistic philosophy is to offer a 'safari for the soul'. An unhurried and intimate wildlife encounter with some of Africa's big game, but with the emphasis is on relaxation. There can be no better way to unwind, than to be pampered by the resident aromatherapist / reflexologist at the bush spa, while gazing over the nearby waterhole. This outdoor, thatched Aromatherapy Sala is a tempting place to lie and meditate for hours, whilst enjoying treatments such as Indian head massage, Hot Stone Therapy (Winter only), or the Honeymoon Couple Instructional massage.

Garonga has a honeymoon package that is available when booked through a tour operator. Based on a Minimum 4 nights stay the Couple will receive, a 45 Minute massage each (normally R440.00), a complimentary bottle of Champagne (375ml) on arrival plus complimentary return transfers (if required) to either Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa Airport.

Rates start from just R2 075.00 per person per night off peak (01 May – 31 August 2008). This includes all meals, teas & coffees, game drives, bush walks, sleep-out excursions and bush baths. Soft drinks, house wines, local beers and spirits and laundry are also included - excellent value for money! They also have an incredible wedding package! Email info@ethosmarketing.co.uk for more details.

Website: www.garonga.com.



Woodridge Country Hotel – KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, SOUTH AFRICA

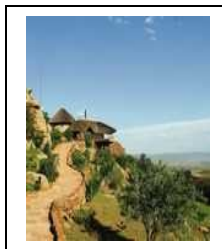
Woodridge Country Hotel is set in the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands in South Africa. It is a 4 star country style retreat for the nature lover who desires fine food, fine wines and a chance to rejuvenate their body, mind and soul. Perfect for recovering from the madness of a wedding!

Honeymooners will feel pampered and spoilt in one of their 10 Luxury suites, including a Honeymoon Suite, all of which look out over the cascading swimming pool into the Woodridge Nature Reserve and Balgowan Valley below. The Honeymoon suite has its own pool, double bath, double shower, private entrance in the nature reserve, private garden and patio. It also boasts a 4 poster king sized bed and small dining area. However all of its luxury suites are indeed fit for royalty ... tastefully furnished with luxury en-suite bathrooms, complete with hand-made toiletries, soaps and bath products from their herbal centre. Fresh biscuits and treats are prepared by the chefs each day and left in your room as a surprise – a lovely personal touch!

Activities on-site include walks and hikes through the Woodridge Nature Reserve, horse riding and fishing. There is loads to do in the area too such as trips to the Battlefields and the Drakensberg Mountains – as well as a host of activities such as hot air ballooning, abseiling, water sports, golf or African Village tours. Woodridge is also popular for weddings and boasts its own thatched chapel which seats up to 120 guests, complete with glass backdrop overlooking the valley below.

Woodridge offer a fantastic honeymoon package whereby, if couples stay a minimum of four nights, they get champagne and fruit in their suite on arrival, can enjoy a free lunch at the Indlovu Grill House during their stay, and can look forward to a complimentary spa treatment to the value of R150.00 per person. They will also get a free upgrade from a luxury suite to the honeymoon suite subject to availability. The rate is R1475.00 per person per night including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Website: www.woodridge-estate.com

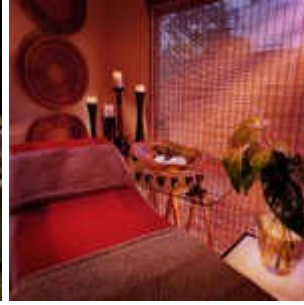


Isandlwana Lodge - KwaZulu-Natal Battlefields, SOUTH AFRICA

This unique Battlefield lodge is one of few places where you can experience the same kind of peace, tranquillity and romance. Perhaps a slightly 'unconventional' honeymoon retreat ... but to visit it is to know its appeal. It is a place of great history, emotion, soul and beauty – and its hills have an almost magical energy...

Only a 4-hour drive from Durban, Isandlwana Lodge overlooks the actual Anglo-Zulu battlefield at the base of Mount Isandlwana. This owner-run property sleeps a maximum of 24 guests in 12 luxurious rooms with private balconies, and prides itself on its personalised service and attention to detail. The whole front of the lodge is glassed for maximum enjoyment of the views over the battlefield plain. Guests can enjoy a wide range of activities including Battlefield Tours, Zulu Village Safari, Horse Trails on a nearby farm, birding, walking trails and photographic safaris. Zululand game reserves are also close by.

Honeymooners will receive a bottle of champagne and hors d'oeuvres on arrival (and) a complimentary bottle of wine at dinner on their last night. If there are honeymooners staying, the lodge staff often put on an evening of entertainment for the guests, singing traditional Zulu wedding songs. A memento of the songs translated into English will be presented to the couple. Honeymooners also receive a certificate for a free night on a two or more night stay on an Anniversary of their choice.



Ghost Mountain inn – Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in Mkuze, northern KwaZulu Natal lies the privately owned 4 Star Ghost Mountain Inn - a perfect setting to experience the allure of Africa in stylish comfort. This intimate and beautiful hotel is the ideal location from which to explore the array of wildlife and coastal reserves in Maputaland and the Elephant Coast. Nature enthusiasts will appreciate the abundance of wildlife and the scenic splendours of this rich and diverse region during game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable rangers. Back at the hotel, the spa offers a range of skin and body treatments and healthy lunches in a tranquil environment. Those who prefer the relaxing sound of birdsong and the warmth of the African sun will find their respite at the poolside within the glorious indigenous gardens of the Ghost Mountain Inn.

Ghost Mountain Inn's honeymoon package including 3 nights accommodation with a complimentary room upgrade (subject to availability), including a welcome drink on arrival and a fresh fruit surprise in their room. This 3-night package also includes a private breakfast with sparkling wine in their room on the first morning, a complimentary Boat Cruise to view game on the shores of Lake Jozini and one Indulgent Couples Massage in the spa. On the second day, couples can spend the morning in Mkuze Game Reserve viewing game and birds and later, a romantic picnic lunch with more bubbly either in the reserve or in the Inn's tranquil gardens. The package includes dinner each evening –one of which is private in a secluded setting. Rates start from R2895 per person on a B&B basis for standard rooms and R3255 for Executive Rooms. If honeymooners book the Suite at R3885 per person for 3 nights, they also get the 4th night complimentary. Rates are based on travel before the end of October 2008.

Website: www.ghostmountaininn.co.za



THE BLUE TRAIN
A WINDOW TO THE SOUL OF SOUTH AFRICA



The Blue Train – SOUTH AFRICA

The Blue Train is an all inclusive luxury rail cruise, showcasing some of South Africa's most spectacular scenery, whilst guests are pampered onboard, what has been regularly voted, *The World's Leading Luxury Train*. By day elegant private suites provide generous lounges, changing, as night falls, into subtly lit en-suite bedrooms with butler service. Perfect for honeymooners!

The Blue Train boasts a club car, non-smoking lounge and, at times, an amazing observation car. Dinner is an elegant affair in the dining car, complimented by fine cuisine and award winning South African wines. The most popular and frequent route is between Cape Town and Pretoria in either direction. There are also fantastic packages on offer, combining safari lodges such as Kapama in Mpumalanga and Bakubung in the Pilanesberg. The Blue Train is an icon of South Africa and a journey of a lifetime for discerning travellers.

When better to do it than on your honeymoon? They make sure they spoil honeymooners on board with sparkling wine, rose petals and gifts.

Website: www.bluetrain.co.za