

# ROOMS WITH A VIEW

Our pick of the world's most scenic honeymoon hotels

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## CITY GLITZ

PARK HYATT, SHANGHAI



## RUSTIC ROMANCE

VILLA SAN MICHELE, FLORENCE



## ISLAND LIFE

LADERA, ST LUCIA



## ARABIAN NIGHTS

KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR DEAD SEA, JORDAN

### PERFECT FOR...

High-flying couples looking to spend time exploring China's most exciting city.

Honeymooners who want to experience the romance, food and history of Italy.

Nature-loving couples in search of laidback Caribbean luxury.

Sun-lovers wanting spa treatments and adventure in the Middle East.

### LOWDOWN

At 492 metres high, the super-slick Park Hyatt Shanghai is the world's tallest hotel. Views of the city's glittering skyline are incredible, as is the hip but comfortable design.

Nestled on a hillside just outside Florence, this 15th-century monastery turned boutique hotel enjoys amazing views over the city. It's one of the most romantic spots in Tuscany.

This idyllic resort enjoys a hillside setting overlooking St Lucia's famous Pitons (two volcanic peaks covered in lush vegetation). Suites are open-sided, and each has its own plunge pool.

Set on the shores of the Dead Sea with views stretching across to Israel, the 318-room Kempinski Hotel Ishtar is home to one of the biggest spas in the Middle East.

### WE LOVE...

Early-morning t'ai chi classes. Sipping apple martinis in the stunning three-level bar and restaurant. Room 7901 for amazing views across to the city's waterfront boulevard.

Strolling through the lemon trees in the garden. Sipping a Bellini at sunset. A night in The Conservatory, which has its own private terrace overlooking Florence.

Lying in bed gazing out at the view while hummingbirds flutter by. The Petit Piton Suite, with its open-air bedroom and four-poster, is heavenly.

Relaxing on the beach in a super-cool 'contemplation tent' with your own hubble-bubble pipe. The hotel's luxurious Ishtar beach chalets are gorgeous.

### WHO GOES

City-loving honeymooners and design-conscious couples in search of a slick, modern hotel from which to explore Shanghai.

Julia Roberts, Vivienne Westwood and Naomi Campbell have all stayed.



Loved-up couples wanting back-to-nature luxury. Charlotte Church and Gavin Henson, left, are fans of St Lucia.

Glamorous guests, such as Renée Zellweger, who are looking for sunshine, spa time and the chance to slather themselves in healing mud.

### MUST DO



Browse the Dongtai Lu antique market for antique lamps and old teapots. Eat at M on The Bund (m-onthebund.com), one of the city's coolest restaurants. Find peace and quiet in the tranquil Yu Gardens.

Ask the concierge to organise a visit to the Corridoio Vasariano, a secret passage connecting the Palazzo Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti that's filled with self-portraits from the Uffizi Gallery.

Visit the golden sand beach in Rodney Bay for some snorkelling or diving. Tour the island's botanical gardens and tropical rainforest. Take a trip to Soufrière, a small fishing port at the base of the Pitons.

Sip smoothies while staring out at the Dead Sea on the hotel's Sunset Terrace. Head into the desert in 4x4s. Visit the amazing monuments, tombs and temples of Petra.

### BOOK IT!

Doubles at the Park Hyatt Shanghai (0845 888 1234; hyatt.com) start from £290. BA (0844 493 0787; ba.com) flies from Heathrow to Shanghai from £549 return.

Carrier (0161 491 7650; carrier.co.uk) offers four nights at Villa San Michele from £1,625 per person, including breakfast, return flights and private transfers.

Exsus (020 7292 5050; exsus.com) offers seven nights at Ladera, including return flights from Gatwick, breakfast and transfers from £1,985 per person.

Elite Vacations (01707 371000; elitevacations.com) has five nights at the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea from £1,198 per person, including flights.

