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Shore Club, Miami



MIAMI

For couples who want to combine trendy hotels with palm-fringed beaches, Miami, on Florida's west coast, is the place to be. Following a sun-drenched day spent on one of the golden strips of sand, visit the art deco district of South Beach, which comes alive at night with flash cars and beautiful people. You could also take a stroll along Ocean Drive; wander down Lincoln Road and Collins Avenue to browse the designer boutiques, and then finish your day by dining under the stars in a sidewalk café. If you fancy a change of pace, take a day out to visit the Everglades National Park – a vast flat wilderness best explored by airboat safari. Alternatively, rent a convertible and drive down to the beautiful Florida Keys.

SHORE CLUB

With a labyrinth of exotic gardens, secret passageways and sheltered chill-out zones, this cool and colourful hotel has a magical, peaceful atmosphere. Rooms are minimalist and chic, with a white-on-white colour scheme and stunning views of the tropical gardens and ocean. For a rock-star-style honeymoon, book the spectacular penthouse suite, which boasts its own private elevator, terrace and rooftop pool; then hang out at the Sandbar for cocktails before dining at Nobu, the famous Japanese restaurant owned by Robert De Niro. When not partying, relaxing or dining, pamper yourselves in the spa with an outdoor massage in the warm sunshine.

THE MONDRIAN

The Mondrian hotel is fast becoming South Beach's hottest spot and the place to see and be seen. Rooms are spacious, fresh, comfortable and seriously funky – each with its own mini kitchenette and dining area, perfect for those evenings where

From Miami's trendy beaches to the buzz of the Big Apple, we explore the most popular **USA** honeymoon destinations – and the best hotels to get smoochy in!

room service is all that is needed. For the ultimate in honeymoon seclusion, rent a private poolside cabana, which comes complete with its own mini-bar, flat-screen TV and deluxe daybed. At night, start the evening with cocktails in the bar, before moving to the pool terrace to watch the sun going down over the water and the downtown skyline.

DELANO

The Delano is one of the most spectacular hotels in the world. Built in 1947, its dramatic tower dominates the Miami skyline, while the restful atmosphere is an oasis in the middle of this vibrant city.

Situated directly on the beach, the hotel flows from an elegant lobby through to a gorgeous garden terrace, spectacular pool and chic bar, straight out onto the golden sands. Relax in luxurious comfort by the pool – where fluffy towels and robes are always to hand – or snooze under an umbrella on the beach. When evening falls, it's time to dress to impress for dinner and cocktails in the Blue Sea restaurant, which is usually buzzing with Miami's movers and shakers. Rooms include deluxe lofts, suites and duplex poolside bungalows, and epitomise elegant glamour with their crisp white linen, soft lighting and tranquil views.

GETTING THERE: Rooms at Shore Club (www.shoreclub.com) start from £200 per night; rooms at Mondrian (www.mondrian-miami.com) also start from around £200 per night, including breakfast. Rooms at Delano (www.delano-hotel.com) start from £215 per night. You can also look out for special offers for all three hotels at www.morganshotelgroup.com. British Airways flies from Heathrow to Miami from £440 return, including taxes. Call 08444 930787 or visit www.ba.com.



Delano, Miami



Delano, Miami



Mondrian, Miami



Clift, San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO

California's most colourful city makes for an interesting and unforgettable honeymoon. And it's not just the cable cars that will give you a thrill – from the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to fascinating Alcatraz, this buzzing city is packed with stunning architecture, history and food.

Tuck in to a seafood dinner on Fisherman's Wharf, where the cacophony of basking sea lions will keep you amused, or visit Little Italy where you can sit outside with a slice of pizza and watch the world go by.

CLIFT

Designer Philippe Starck has left his signature on this century-old hotel in the heart of the city, which

blends traditional grandeur with modern, cutting-edge design. Rooms are dressed in calming neutrals and lavender accents, while bathrooms feature deep bathtubs and custom-made Starck sinks.

A stay here wouldn't be complete without a drink in the historic Redwood Room, where the panelled walls are rumoured to have been crafted from a single redwood tree. Dinner at Asia de Cuba restaurant is also a must, with its Latin-inspired cuisine and dark, romantic atmosphere.

HOW TO GET THERE: Rooms at Clift (www.clifthotel.com) start from £133 per night. British Airways (08444 930787, www.ba.com) flies from Heathrow to San Francisco from £468 return, including taxes.



Halekulani, Hawaii



HAWAII

Hawaii is the epitome of a romantic island destination and has been attracting honeymooners in their droves for decades. Most couples are happy to spend their time reclining with a cocktail on Waikiki beach, but to discover the island's true natural beauty, you'll need to go further afield. Visit Hanauma Bay for amazing snorkelling opportunities, sit on the sand on the North Shore and watch skilful surfers tackle monster waves, or trek into the tropical interior for a fascinating hike.

HALEKULANI

Nestled on the shores of Waikiki Beach lies one of Hawaii's most luxurious hotels. Halekulani is surrounded by lush gardens,

and each room is decorated in soothing shades with huge beds, deep tubs and spacious balconies offering ocean views. If you want to feel refreshed and restored, head to the spa for a dual session of pampering in a private couples' suite, before making your way to the House Without A Key bar, where you can sip mai-tais in front of the setting sun. ►

GETTING THERE: Rooms at Halekulani (www.halekulani.com) start from around £285 per night for a Garden Courtyard Room. Alternatively, Kuoni offers seven nights room only in a Garden Courtyard Room from £1,776 per person, including flights from Heathrow and transfers. To book, call 01306 747008 or visit www.kuoni.co.uk.