

TRAVEL

The Great Wall of China

Snaking across the dusty hills of northeast China, the Great Wall is an unforgettable sight. It's impossible not to be blown away by this 7m-high, 7m-thick fortification. Take at least a day to walk between its battlements. It's still hard to believe this was built by simple human endeavour.

Climb Table Mountain

If the skies are clear on your first day in Cape Town, drop everything and head straight for Table Mountain. It's an ecological marvel, and a powerful icon for the entire African continent. The views from the top are unmissable – as long as the celebrated "tablecloth" of cloud stays away.

The Devil's Throat

Every year, tens of thousands of visitors from around the world try to evaluate the sheer dimension of this natural miracle – around 275 individual cascades. The highest with a drop of over 80m, there is little doubt that these are the most spectacular falls in the world. Get right into the heart of the action on a boat trip up to the ominously named Devil's Throat.

Famous destinations for an African honeymoon

GETTING COSY: Africa is known to be a beautiful paradise, so you do not have to strain your wedding budget looking to save funds for an exotic honeymoon in Europe or in the Near East. There is no shortage of places to accommodate your desires, as Gillian Nantume writes.

Your honeymoon is a once in a lifetime experience that should be carefully planned. If you are one of those who can only feel at peace in an exotic location, but are working on a tight budget, there are places in Africa which can leave you and your loved one with lasting memories.

Jinja, Uganda

As the source of River Nile, there are many attractions in Jinja that can entice a couple. At The Haven, you have a breathtaking view of the river, with also a variety of choice of camping grounds and cottages. At the Wildwaters Lodge, on a private island on the Nile, you will get the most out of your honeymoon. The cottages are tented with private decks and you can enjoy nature walks on the island.

Zanzibar, Tanzania

There is nothing as tranquil as living besides the ocean. Zanzibar, with its white sand and turquoise water, has both a coastal and historical appeal. There are many hotels and beaches one can book into to have a true coastal feel. Don't forget to take the boat cruises to visit the ghost islands.

Mombasa, Kenya

There are endless options for having fun on the beautiful beaches of Mombasa. With its appealing attraction to tourists, this is surely a melting pot of vibrant nightlife, modern restaurants, and water activities. This is the ideal place for you and your partner to experience unforgettable moments together as you embark on your life together.

Masai Mara National Park, Kenya

If both of you are into a wild adventure of your honeymoon, this is the place to be. It is one of the more popular national parks in Africa and has a variety of animals. You can also experience the unique culture of the Masai people. You do not have to worry about accommodation in the wild as there are luxurious bush camps for couples.

Praslin Island, Seychelles

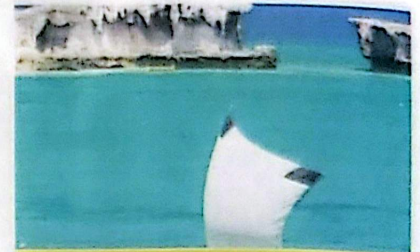
The Seychelles Islands, with their exotic beaches, are becoming a common destination for Ugandan honeymooning couples. Praslin island has untouched beaches and is less populated than the other islands, with a variety of plant and animal life.

Royal Livingstone Hotel, Zambia

A stone throw away from Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park, the hotel is famous for its architecture, riverside cafes, and local wildlife. A number of activities will occupy you on Victoria Falls, such as canoeing, kayaking, and bungee jumping.



A bust of Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian Independence movement, at the Source of the Nile in Jinja, Uganda. PHOTO BY EDGAR R. BATTE



Belo Sur Mer, Madagascar

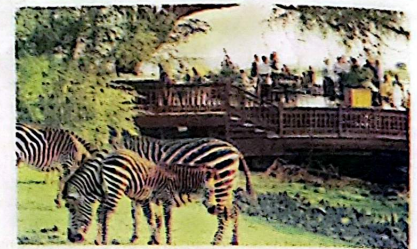
A quiet fishing village on the western coast of the country, this isolated island has unique wildlife. It has gorgeous beaches, but if you are the kind who loves to explore, you will have to go out to the island's parks.



Oceanfront in Zanzibar. PHOTO BY EDGAR R. BATTE



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