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The 24 Best Couples Retreat Locations

Whether you want fireside tarot or jetting off to French mountains, there's something for everyone.



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Stepping away from your normal life for a getaway can not only be great for your individual mental health, but it can also be a prime chance to get closer to your partner if you're traveling with your S.O. Whether you're going on your <u>first big trip together</u> or just looking to zhuzh things up... getting away from your usual surroundings and heading to a couples' focused retreat can take your love to even higher grounds.

While you don't necessarily need to look for a place with pre-packaged couple's activities to have a restorative trip together, it certainly makes things easier. All that time spent planning excursions, dinners, and sightseeings can be better spent enjoying each other's company. And if you want your love to go even deeper, consider packing any of these couple games in your luggage, or even bookmarking these lists of questions to get to know each other better. These conversation starters can come in handy (there's always downtime in your room or when waiting for food or drinks TBH), keep boredom at bay, and ya know—help you learn more about your boo.

If you're looking to rekindle your romance or just want to getaway for a vacay with your partner, here are 24 of the coolest couple's retreats in the world. Whether you wanna do a domestic weekend trip or just want ideas to start planning for a time when international travel feels somewhat normal again, we've got you.

An LA Beachside Getaway with East Coast Vibes



LISA ROMEREIN

Location: Santa Monica, California

Price: From \$695 (non-ocean view); and \$1,150 (ocean view)

Cheapest months to book: winter months (January, December)

Activities: West Coast locale meets East Coast décor at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica, California. This beachside hotel offers ocean views from Cape Cod-inspired rooms located on one of Southern California's most iconic beaches (LA boardwalk, anyone?). For you beach bums, Shutters offers luxe picnic setups steps from the Pacific where you can watch surfers try to catch some waves. If you need a break from the sand (we get it, it gets everywhere!) you can set up shop in a poolside cabana, order cocktails, hop in the jacuzzi and cuddle up with your boo. Outside of the hotel, the famous Santa Monica pier is a short walk along the boardwalk, and you can stop at Muscle Beach to flex those guns, or just play on the swings (it is a vacation after all).

BOOK NOW

Shutters on the Beach

A laid-back Grecian paradise on the Sea



MYSTIQUE HOTEL SANTORINI

Location: Santorini, Greece

Price: villas starting at: \$1594/night

Cheapest time to book: October - early November

Activities: Santorini is known as thee honeymoon destination of the moment and Mystique exhibits every reason why. This sun-bleached resort is nestled into the side of a cliff and offers panoramic views of the sea across to an active volcano. If privacy is your top priority, renting a villa will get you and bae your own with uninterrupted vistas of the sparkling water. You can also enjoy a candlelit dinner on an intimate terrace sans other guests. Either way you book, the organically curved architecture and contrasting blue sea is an insta-perfect backdrop for your newlywed photoshoot.

BOOK NOW

Mystique Hotel Santorini

Truffle hunts and rare-wine tastings in the Tuscan Countryside



CASETTA

Location: Florence, Italy

Price: From \$332

Cheapest months to book: Fall

Activities: Agrotourism but make it luxury. If you and your partner are into the farm-to-table concept, or just delicious food in a stunning setting, you will love boutique agriturismo Casetta - a 270 year-old luxury farmhouse. The resort offers a series of bespoke experiences curated by local connoisseurs, like private wine tours in a Ferrari (chic) and truffle hunts followed by lunch made with the fruits of your labor (yum). After an action-packed day, enjoy dolce far niente by the pool with a cocktail made with local (of course) vodka and berries.

BOOK NOW

Casetta Firenze

An Outdoorsy and Creative Getaway in The Catskills



NOAH FECKS

Location: Round Top, New York (The Catskills)

Price: Starting at \$185

Cheapest months to book: November - April for romantic winter and spring getaways.

Activities: If you and your partner are the kind of people who wish summer camp for adults was a thing, you'll geek out over Glen Falls House in the Catskills. In the summers, you can enjoy hiking trails, swim under waterfalls, and roasting s'mores. In the winter, you've got wood-burning stoves, slopes, and locally sourced cuisines at Trotwood restaurant. What makes this place really neat is that they also have a pretty jam-packed events calendar that changes seasonally. This year's choices included apothecary classes, health and wellness workshops, movement classes, community acupuncture, artist residencies, author readings, and more.

BOOK NOW

Glen Falls House

A Texas Staycation Package That Gives You Options



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Location: Dallas, TX

Price: Starting at \$120

Activities: If you're close to Dallas and wanna have a little staycation within driving distance, the Beeman Hotel recently launched their Bee Zen staycation package for couples who wanna unwind without sacrificing any sightseeing opportunities. The hotel is super centrally located, making it a great home base for those who wanna sightsee or take in the town, between pampering breaks. The staycation package includes bougie inroom spa amenities including mist, eye gels, sheet masks, and a 15% discount on services booked at the spa. And since breakfast in bed is relaxing at home, but legit restorative when you do it at a fancy hotel, there's also a healthy in-room breakfast with Acai parfaits, juices, and prosecco. And as a bonus, the hotel is also home to Seely's Mill, where you can get some sweet Insta-bait waffles.

BOOK NOW

The Beeman Hotel

A 5-Star Romantic Charleston Experience



FRENCH QUARTER INN

Location: Charleston, SC

Price: Rates start at \$299/night

Cheapest months to book: December - February

Activities: Book their Romantic Escape package for a \$100 gift card to Halls Chophouse, private horse-drawn carriage tour for two, a bottle of champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries, rose petal turndown service with a curated romantic playlist, and handmade gift basket of locally sourced goodies.

BOOK NOW French Quarter Inn

An All-Inclusive Adventurer's Package in New Mexico



CANYON MADNESS RANCH

Location: Roy, NM

Price: \$500 per night per person

Cheapest months to book: Anytime before 2022 (rates will go back up to \$700 a night).

Activities: This all-inclusive package includes lodging, activities and excursions (including horseback riding, hiking, fishing, tours), food, and beverages including wine, beer, and sake. The one exception to the all-inclusive deal? A private helicopter tour, which you can add on should your heart desire. And it might!

BOOK NOW

Canyon Madness Ranch

A Romantic, Activity-Packed Escape in Costa Rica



LAS CATALINAS

Location: Las Catalinas, Costa Rica

Price: Starting at \$1,140 for two people for three nights

Cheapest months to book: October and November

Activities: With the Santarena Hotel at Las Catalinas's Outdoor Adventure Package, you and your boo can enjoy morning HIIT classes on the beach, hiking, surfing, and other multi-sport passes from Pura Vida Ride. This seaside town is walkable and car-free, perfect for city-dwellers without their driver's licenses (hi) to enjoy without stressing over a rental vehicle. End with a romantic dinner overlooking the ocean at sunset for the perfect bookend to your day of adventure.

BOOK NOW

Santarena Hotel at Las Catalinas



Location: Westhampton, N.Y.

Price: Bungalows start at \$245/ night

Cheapest months to book: Shoulder months, including May, June, September, October, and November

Activities: Rent a private bungalow with waterfront access to the Moriches Bay on one side and the Atlantic Ocean just across the street. Each "room" comes with its own porch, grill, custom Yeti cooler, outdoor shower, and kitchenette, so you'll never have to leave the property (or your partner). A digital concierge can help arrange kayaking, grocery delivery, paddle boarding, romantic dinners on the beach, tennis lessons, bike rides, and more.

BOOK NOW Beach & Bay Bungalows

Your Own "Bachelor" Episode in Lake Forest, Illinois



DEER PATH INN

Location: Lake Forest, Illinois

Price: Starting at \$320/night

Cheapest months to book: January-March

Activities: Mixology class at the inn's Couples Ginstitute (get it), rose petal and chocolate fondue turndown service, soaking in your giant tub that fills from the ceiling and the potential to add on activities like a Bachelor-style helicopter ride around town.

BOOK NOW

Couple's Retreat Package, Deer Path Inn

A "Rebirth" in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico



HILTON PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Location: Playa Del Carmen, Mexico

Price: Starting at \$281

Cheapest months to book: June-September

Activities: Something fancy called a "bath of emperors" aka a Temazcal stone steam bath in a mud hut led by a local Shaman (it's supposed to symbolize rebirth), astronomy lessons, and salsa dancing classes. P.S. the whole resort is adults-only.

BOOK NOW

Hilton Playa del Carmen

Fireside Tarot and Wellness Getaway at an Upstate New York Inn



Location: Aurora, NY

Price: \$3,500 per person

Cheapest months to book: November-April

Activities: Ayurveda consultations on how to best support your partner's energy when out of balance, restorative yoga sessions, nature walks with guided meditation, organic tea blending and cooking classes, fireside tarot card reading.

Gift of Wellness Package, Inns of Aurora

The Ultimate Safari Experience at Angama Mara, Kenya



ANGAMA.

Location: Maasai Mara, Kenya

Price: \$5,595

Cheapest months to book: November-May

Activities: five nights of accommodations and access to the lodge's activities and experiences including bush barbecues, Maasai beading, full-day safaris with picnic lunches and balloon safari.

BOOK NOW The Perfect Safari Package, Angama Mara

The Bougiest of Bouge with a Private Jet in France



HOTEL BARRIÈRE LE FOUQUET'S

Location: Paris, France

Price: from 13,545€ for complete package

Cheapest months to book: December-mid March

Activities: Holistic wellness offerings including personal nutrition counseling, fitness, meditation and breathing sessions, a private jet that brings you to a ski resort at Les Nieges Courchevel, and add ons include: hot air balloon rides and dog sledding. Bou. GIE.

BOOK NOW

Hotel Barrière Le Fouquet's

Swim with Whale Sharks at Puerta Cortes, Mexico



PUERTA CORTE

Location: Puerta Cortes, Mexico

Price: Starting at \$200/night; Full activities cost \$1,500 not including taxes

Cheapest months to book: June, September, and October

Activities: Sunset drinks, golf, swimming with whale sharks, sea lions, snorkelling, and a romantic lunch on a super secluded beach, couples massages and the option to add on cooking lessons, golf and tennis lessons, yoga on the beach, and mezcal tasting.

BOOK NOW

Couples Retreat Package, Puerta Cortes

An Old Money Weekend at a Literal Castle in Ireland



ASHFORD CASTLE

Location: County Mayo, Ireland

Price: starting at €498

Cheapest months to book: January or February

Activities: A two-night stay in the castle with rose petal turndown service, champagne, and a candlelit five-course dinner; Equestrian center, fly fishing, golf.

BOOK NOW

Sense of Occasion Package, Ashford Castle

THE Couples Retreat from the Movie in Tahiti



TRUE TAHITI VACATION

Location: St. Regis Bora Bora, the filming location of the actual movie Couple's Retreat

Price: Five nights from \$4,959 per person, including roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco

Cheapest months to book: November-March

Activities: Snorkelling, tandem parasailing, and a romantic beach dinner. You know, plus bragging rights that you went on the <u>same exact couples' retreat</u> from the literal movie Couple's Retreat.

BOOK NOW

Couples Retreat, St. Regis Bora Bora

A Jam Packed Cooking, Yoga, and Crafting Experience in Tembok, Bali



SPA VILLAGE RESORT

Location: Tembok, Bali

Price: \$280/night

Cheapest months to book: Rates are consistent year round

Activities: Spa treatments for two every night of your stay, stargazing, and daily scheduled activities including cooking classes, candle making, jamu juice making, yoga, and more. All daily meals and airport transfers are also included.

BOOK NOW

Romantic Retreat Package, Spa Village Resort Tembok Bali

A Jungle Trekking Malaysian Retreat in Perak, Malaysia



Location: Perak, Malaysia

Price: \$230/night

Cheapest months to book: Rates are consistent year round

Activities: Speedboat transfers, a couple's massage, a sunset cruise for two, one candlelit dinner at Fisherman's Cove, and a jungle trekking session for two with the island's resident naturalist.

BOOK NOW Romantic Retreat Package, Pangkor Laut Resort

THE Classic Wellness Retreat at Canyon Ranch Tucson



CANYON RANCH

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Price: Starting at \$1,749 per night

Cheapest months to book: Summer

Activities: If you thought Canyon Ranch was a rehab center: same. Turns out it's not, it's just been forever associated with wellness for so long that I guess it seems that way? Anyhoozles, here you can curate your own romance package and choose from communication workshops, meditation, facials, astrology programming with a special focus on gaining insight to love, career, health, wealth, travel, and spirituality. Rates are also all inclusive and include airport pickups, meals, snacks, art classes, and more.

BOOK NOW Customized Wellness Package, Canyon Ranch

An Ancient Romantic Weekend in Florence, Italy



GRAND HOTEL MINERVA

Location: Florence, Italy

Price: Starting at \$900/night

Cheapest months to book: November-April

Activities: You get three nights in a historic frescoed suite (art history majors come through), brekky in bed, a private rooftop dinner for two, a cocktail class, and private use of their calidarium, aka an old school Roman bath.

BOOK NOW Ancient Romance Package, Grand Hotel Minerva

An Island Getaway in St. Lucia

CALABASH COVE

Location: Calabash Cove, St. Lucia

Price: Starting at \$295

Cheapest months to book: Summer

Activities: The resort is all-inclusive so meals (the menu changes often, so no cruise fare here), bevvies, room service (yes including lobster when in season), are available. Oh, and here's a full-play-by-play of what you and bae can expect at Calabash Cove.

BOOK NOW Calabash Cove

A Romantic Winter Escape in New Hampshire



LOON MOUNTAIN

Location: Loon Mountain, New Hampshire

Price: Starting at \$783 for two people

Cheapest months to book: Fall

Activities: Stay two nights in a deluxe suite, get \$75 towards their on-site restaurant, a wine tasting experience, and choice of spa treatment. They also have an on-site outdoor skating rink (rinks are available there, so no need to pack extra), and the option to add on snow shoeing, shuttles to skiing at Loon Mountain, and more.

BOOK NOW

Stay and Relax Package, Loon Mountain

A Luxe Crash Course in Japanese Culture at the Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo



MANDARIN ORIENTAL TORYO

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Price: Starting at \$789/night for double occupancy

Cheapest months to book: Hard to say, but avoid the summer months in 2020 due to the Tokyo Olympics, and March or April because of the super-popular Cherry Blossom season.

Activities: Guests can choose from one of the five activities a day: A Nihonbashi walking tour, washi paper making and glass engraving, ikebana flower arrangement, a Japanese cooking lesson, or an urban river cruise. The package starts from a one-night stay, but has no limitations, so you could technically book five nights and do an activity per day if you so choose. Plus, each day you'd get access to what is probably the most jaw-dropping sauna view in the whole world.

BOOK NOW

Nihonbashi Experience, Mandarin Oriental Tokyo

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