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Jetting off on your honeymoon the night of your wedding is a romantic notion that has become a bit unrealistic in modern times. Receptions are going later, budgets are becoming tighter, and scheduling a seamless departure is nearly impossible. But just because you can't get away for a much-needed two-week vacation after the excitement of your nuptials doesn't mean you can't take a quick trip—or, as it's better known in wedding terms, a mini-moon.

It's important to take a few days to decompress after such a big event, but it can be costly for many couples to spend money on lengthy trip so soon after dropping some serious cash on a lavish affair. That's why more and more newlyweds are opting for just a couple of days away to a nearby location.

These mini-moons are either a few hours' drive away or a short flight to somewhere relaxing and romantic. It's just enough time to reflect on the whirlwind of the wedding, but without the commitment and planning of an over-the-top honeymoon. Some couples will simply go on a mini-moon, while others will use the quick trip as a pre-honeymoon before the real deal a few months or year later.

The trend has become so popular that some hotels are even offering tailored packages around these short getaways, with perks like champagne, spa services, and private dinners. Whether you're in [New York](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Miami](#), [Atlanta](#), or elsewhere in the U.S., there is a nearby destination ready to cater to your every need.

From Mexico and Colorado to upstate New York, here are 15 fantastic mini-moon options.



Sea Island, Georgia

An easy drive from Atlanta, Jacksonville, and many other cities south of the Mason-Dixon line, the [five-star resort](#) is an ideal destination for a romantic mini-moon. Combine five miles of private beaches and Southern hospitality, and you've got yourself a carefree, secluded getaway.

Choose between two lodging options, the [Cloister at Sea Island](#) or the [Lodge at Sea Island](#), and take in experiences like golf on three championship courses, horseback riding on the beach, salt marsh kayaking, sailing, boating, and tennis, as well as indulgent spa treatments.