

Destinations HOT HONEYMOONS



Boardwalk Small Hotel's garden palapa is designed for relaxation; there's no shortage of spots in Aruba to enjoy oceanside alone time; a flawless sunset view beneath the palms on Eagle Beach.



THE PLACE: *Aruba*

The cactus-dotted landscape, the weather and the island's tendency to draw visitors back year after year are just a few of the things that set Aruba apart from other Caribbean hotspots. Aruba lies outside the hurricane belt, so it's rarely affected by the tropical storms that can hit the Caribbean throughout the autumn. On top of this, the island is home to a number of unique attractions—spend your days sunbathing with flamingos on a private beach or rent an all-terrain vehicle and tour the arid desert of Arikok National Park. When night falls, dine with your toes in the sand at one of the island's many romantic barefoot restaurants situated at the ocean's edge. For a luxurious honeymoon stay, consider The Ritz-Carlton Aruba, the newest luxury property to open its doors on the island. Overlooking the Caribbean Sea with a prime location on Palm Beach, The Ritz features three fabulous on-site restaurants, a 15,000-square-foot casino and a full-service spa. For a truly indulgent honeymoon experience, we recommend booking a room on the Club Level, where you'll have access to an exclusive lounge serving complimentary meals and beverages throughout the day. If a boutique hotel experience is more to your liking, book one of the 14 casitas at the intimate, family-run Boardwalk Small Hotel. Attention to detail here is evident in everything from the island-chic decor to the on-site amenities, including "treasure boxes" of secret, locally recommended restaurants and attractions. All casitas are equipped with full kitchens, private patios, barbecues and hammocks. Can you say honeymoon in paradise?—Jen O'Brien

Learn why Aruba has the highest number of return visitors of any island in the Caribbean at weddingbells.ca/aruba-guide.

