

# Honeymoons & Exotic Weddings

A MODERN WEDDING FREE SUPPLEMENT



your guide to planning the ultimate honeymoon



Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa

## credit card

Most countries have advanced credit card facilities and even EFTPOS, so it's a good idea to take at least one major credit card with you, remembering that Visa and Mastercard are preferred. Also ask your financial institution about a Cirrus debit card as it is also widely used overseas. Credit cards are handy to take with you because you can take less cash and use them to purchase items. And usually, they are essential when hiring vehicles. Remember though that banks often have a currency conversion fee and a withdrawal fee, so check out how much each transaction will cost to avoid a surprise on your bank statement.

## while you're away

Don't forget to make plans to ensure your home is secure while you are away. After all, you want to come back to the same place you're leaving behind. Arrange for someone to check on your home every few days and collect any post that arrives after you leave. A brimming post box is a loud and clear welcome to burglars.

Likewise, before you go remember to cancel any newspapers or other deliveries and, if you have a pet, arrange for someone to care for it. Bills should also be paid before you leave. You don't want to have to face a stack of angry letters and phone calls upon your return.

## flights

While it used to be standard practice to confirm your flight three days in advance of your departure date, this is no longer the case. You may, however, wish to confirm that your flight is running to

schedule, as delays are common. If you have ordered a special meal, it is always a good idea to confirm with the airline that your request has been received. For interstate flights make sure you arrive at the airport at least 45 minutes prior to departure and for international flights it's recommended that you arrive 2 hours prior to departure.

## duty free

One of the great perks you get when you take an overseas holiday is duty free shopping - remember though that prices can vary considerably and it is best to shop around and check out retail prices before you leave so you know whether you really are getting a good price. Australia has very competitive duty free prices, so buy your goods here where possible. Remember to take your ticket and passport with you when purchasing duty free items.

## be prepared

It's always wise to prepare a basic first aid kit before you go so minor ailments can be attended to quickly. Basic essentials include headache tablets, band-aids, antiseptic, sunscreen, insect repellent and diarrhoea tablets. You may also want to take re-hydration salts, toilet paper, needle and thread, hay fever tablets and eye drops to be on the safe side. And if you are on prescription medication, including the pill, make sure you don't run out mid-honeymoon - refill your prescriptions before you leave.

## the rarotongan beach resort & spa

Imagine standing beside a clear blue lagoon, basking in the golden glow of the setting sun and surrounded by the strumming of an island serenade, the perfume of tropical blooms and the popping of champagne bubbles. Your South Seas dream can come true at the Cook Islands' signature resort, The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa.

The Rarotongan is set on the island's best beach and lagoon, where you can enjoy the perfect balance between seclusion and easy access to an extensive range of resort facilities and services. Laze on the white sand beach, dine by candlelight in the thatched private gazebo, take in a relaxing massage at SpaPolynesia, enjoy kayaking, snorkelling, fish feeding, tennis, lessons in island dancing, ukulele playing and flower garland making, be entertained by the fantastic island shows or head out on The Rarotongan's NiteLife Tour of the island's colourful clubs. When you're ready to explore, The Rarotongan is only minutes from the island's attractions, shops and cafes.

For those seeking something extra-special why not fly off for a few days to The Rarotongan's sister resort, The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa. Aitutaki's stunning beauty had America's Conde Nast Traveler raving that it has "the most vivid lagoon colours anyone has ever seen". The magazine showcased The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa on its cover as "the resort on the beach." This gorgeous all-bungalow resort is the Cook Islands' only private island resort,



blessed with Aitutaki's best location directly on the magnificent lagoon, and offering exclusive overwater bungalows. For the ideal romantic escape, stay at The Rarotongan's new Beachfront Junior Suites or Honeymoon Bungalow on lush Rarotonga (the "Island of Flowers") then fly off for a stay in one of The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa's Overwater Bungalows. The perfect escape for couples in love!

Visit The Rarotongan's website at [www.therarotongan.com](http://www.therarotongan.com) or The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa's website on [www.aitutakilagoonresort.com](http://www.aitutakilagoonresort.com) or email [info@rarotongan.co.ck](mailto:info@rarotongan.co.ck) for further information.

**Heavenly ...**

Just west of Tahiti discover the delicious Cook Islands. If you're yearning to Elope to Paradise, then the Cook Islands' signature resort, The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa, is waiting here for you. Experience Rarotonga's best beach on the secluded sunset coast, a beautiful clear blue lagoon filled with tropical fish, a tranquil atmosphere balanced with exciting diversions and free activities, great food and warm island hospitality.

*You haven't seen the South Pacific until you've been to the Cook Islands*

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To book your dream island wedding or honeymoon, including a stay at The Rarotongan's sister resort, the sublime Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa on its own private island complete with Overwater Bungalows, call (02) 8236 9900 or toll free 1 800 641 803



## alluring aitutaki

In the deliciously different Cook Islands you'll find the fabled isle of Aitutaki, just west of Tahiti. The prestigious last word in travel, Conde Nast Traveler magazine, described Aitutaki as 'exquisite', and its vast, breathtakingly beautiful lagoon as revealing "the most vivid lagoon colours anyone has ever seen". Once the landfall of Captain William Bligh and the HMS Bounty just days before the infamous mutiny, Aitutaki is fast becoming one of the world's most sought-after South Seas exotic escapes.

Aitutaki's exceptional Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa was featured by Conde Nast on its cover. Resting on its own secluded island encircled by sandy beaches the colour of champagne, The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa is the Cook Islands' only private island resort and enjoys Aitutaki's best location, directly on the expansive lagoon with unparalleled views across the surreal aqua waters to the enchanting motu (small isles) beyond.

Described as being "the resort on the beach", The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa features the only Overwater Bungalows in the Cook Islands, a quintessentially Polynesian experience complete with thatched roof, pandanus-lined walls, spacious bathroom with double vanity, beautiful appointments and a delightful open-air shower with direct access to the inviting lagoon waters.

Travellers come to Aitutaki not so much to 'do', as to 'be'. This is the place to loll on the beach, laze in a hammock, take a languid dip in the luminous lagoon, then deeply relax into one another's company and re-discover the best in yourself and each other. But for when the mood takes you, there is a wide range of complimentary



diversions available including snorkelling, fish feeding, crab hunting kayaks, pedal boats, beach volleyball, guided walks and a coconut tree climbing and husking show. Lagoon cruises, bonefishing, gamefishing, scuba diving and tours of Aitutaki Island are all available nearby.

For a truly memorable experience enjoy a soothing massage at SpaPolynesia, then relax with a cool sunset cocktail at the enchanting Flying Boat Beach Bar & Grill and gaze out together across the magnificent lagoon as the moon and stars come out for the evening. Aitutaki's most superb location and the ultimate romantic hideaway in the heart of the South Pacific. Absolute Aitutaki.

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**Alluring Aitutaki**

Slip away together to your own private island resort set within the world's most breathtaking lagoon, Aitutaki Lagoon, complete with exclusive Overwater Bungalows. The ultimate honeymoon hideaway.

"No artist's palette could ever conceive of a more perfect, more luminescent turquoise than that of the lagoon of Aitutaki, arguably the most beautiful in the world," from "Unforgettable Places to See Before You Die," by Steve Davey (BBC Books).

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