

# NEW ADULT-ONLY RESORTS

Start happily-ever-after on the right note at these new adult-only resorts, writes **Lina Molloholli** 

fter months of wedding planning, newlyweds deserve a honeymoon that's all about them – no stress and plenty of quality time. Designed with couples in mind, adult-only retreats dial up the luxury and dial down the background noise.

Without having to jostle with inflatables in the pool or face the family rush at the breakfast buffet, clients can enjoy laid-back days and intimate evenings – think swim-up suites, candlelit dinners and sunsets made for two.

Whether it's an all-inclusive retreat in Greece or a boutique hideaway in Mexico, here are six newly opened resorts where couples can begin married life in style.



#### **ALKYNA LIFESTYLE BEACH RESORT, GREECE**

Set to welcome guests from May 1, Alkyna Lifestyle Beach Resort is tucked into a verdant hillside on Corfu's dramatic western coastline. The latest addition to the Ella Resorts portfolio offers clients the chance to seek peace on private balconies, soak in an infinity pool overlooking the Ionian Sea or wander down to a golden beach. The resort is home to eight restaurants and bars, ranging from Italian à la carte to trendy sea-view drinks hangouts, as well as a spa, where treatments are inspired by ancient Greek rituals. The thermal area features an aromatherapy steam room, cold room, Finnish sauna and indoor pool. A 10-minute stroll downhill takes clients into town, where they'll find vine-draped tavernas serving Corfiot pastitsada (beef stew with pasta).

**Book it:** Jet2holidays offers seven nights' all-inclusive from £1,189 per person, based on two sharing a Deluxe Room with Sea View. The price includes luggage, transfers and flights departing June 9.

jet2holidays.co.uk



# SECRETS ST LUCIA RESORT & SPA, SAINT LUCIA

If clients are searching for a slice of paradise, suggest the Secrets St Lucia Resort & Spa, which is set to open in June. The resort's 355suites have a cosy feel, with a blue-hued seaside colour scheme and rainfall showers. For a little extra luxury, upgrade to a Preferred Club room, which includes a concierge, an exclusive infinity pool and a designated beach area. Honeymooners can choose from nine restaurants ranging from teppanyaki to French crêpes, while cocktails flow freely at the six stylish bars, including a swim-up option. For an adventurous afternoon, suggest a guided rainforest hike to the twin peaks of the Pitons. Book it: Tui offers seven nights' all-inclusive in a Deluxe Double Room with Garden View and balcony or terrace from £2,328 per person, based on two sharing. The price includes luggage, transfers and flights from Gatwick on July 2. tui.co.uk

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# THE UNEXPECTED IBIZA HOTEL, SPAIN

Newlyweds looking for a mix of romance and revelry will love the vibe at The Unexpected Ibiza Hotel. The Palladium Hotel Group's former party hotel, Ushuaïa Tower, will reopen in Playa d'en Bossa this summer following a rebrand. The 181-room property promises live DJ performances and free access to all Ushuaïa Ibiza events. Some rooms even offer prime views of the stage, so guests can experience the fun from the privacy of their room. Foodies and reality TV fans will love the new dining addition: Gordon Ramsay's Hell's Kitchen, which serves up a medley of the celebrity chef's best-loved dishes. The romantic, red-tiled pool is the perfect place to chill with a cocktail, while for clients who want extra exclusivity, there are private cabanas offering a quieter spot to relax. **Book it:** EasyJet holidays offers seven nights' room-only from £1,522 per person, based on two sharing a double room. The price includes luggage, transfers and flights departing on June 10. easyjet.com/holidays





#### HERITAGE LE TELFAIR, MAURITIUS

Set within the historic Bel Ombre plantation estate, this resort introduced a dedicated adult-only wing in November 2024, featuring a collection of sea-facing suites with butler service. Honeymooners can unwind at the adult-only infinity pool right on the sand, grab tiki cocktails at the beach bar or indulge in personalised spa treatments. Included activities range from kayaking and snorkelling to bike tours and beach volleyball, plus there are no green fees at the championship Le Chateau Golf Club. Beyond the property, couples can enjoy a picnic in the lush landscapes of Bel Ombre Nature Reserve or hop on a sightseeing flight over Le Morne Brabant. Book it: Mercury Holidays offers a six-night stay from £2,641 per person in a Deluxe Suite Seaview - Adult-Only on a bed-and-breakfast basis. The price includes luggage, transfers and flights departing October 17. mercuryholidays.co.uk

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#### Oku Bodrum, Turkey

This boutique hotel on the serene shores of the Bodrum peninsula offers 58 rooms and suites, many with private pools or swim-up access, an infinity pool overlooking the bay, a Japanese fusion restaurant and a private jetty for romantic boat trips. From £390 per night for a Classic Room. okuhotels.com

#### Anantara Santorini Abu Dhabi Retreat, UAE

This resort brings the Santorini aesthetic of whitewashed houses and voluptuous domes to the UAE, offering honeymooners an intimate 22 suites and rooms, plus an infinity pool and a spa featuring a Moroccan hammam. From £480 per night for an Oia Sea View Room.

### W Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

This new adult-only opening (pictured) adds creative flair to its drinks options, with a seltzer fountain in the pool bar and inventive cocktails in speakeasy-style spots.

Complimentary non-motorised watersports, a beach club, spa, fitness centre, live entertainment and excursions add to the appeal. From £450 per night for a Premier Room.



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#### TWINPALMS BANGTAO PHUKET TENTED RESORT, THAILAND

Tucked away on Phuket's lively Bang Tao beach, this stylish tented resort opened in December. The barefoot luxury-style property features 28 glamorous and well-appointed tents situated around a lagoon, some with private plunge pools. Two-bedroom options are ideal for couples on 'buddymoons', while there is a range of Thai-inspired experiences available in the resort including sunrise meditation and yoga, lotus-petal folding and campfire evenings. Those looking to venture farther afield can explore the nearby Boat Avenue Night Market on Fridays, where hawkers sell local foods, souvenirs and jewellery.

Book it: Bamboo Travel offers seven nights' bed and breakfast in a One-Bedroom Lagoon Tent from £2,250 per person, based on two sharing. The price includes transfers and flights departing October 14. bambootravel.co.uk



# THE BEACHFRONT BY THE FIVES HOTELS. MEXICO

If guests are seeking a boutique-style getaway with all the perks of a larger resort, this Riviera Maya bolthole ticks all the boxes. Set on Xcalacoco Beach, just a 15-minute drive from Playa del Carmen, The Beachfront by The Fives has just 36 suites, all featuring expansive balconies or sunny terraces. The Santa Sirena restaurant serves up fresh Mexican dishes including zingy ceviche. But the real selling point is that guests also have access to all of the facilities at the larger Fives Beach Hotel and Residences, where activities include beachfront Pilates, watersports and margarita-making workshops. Book it: Kuoni offers a seven-night stay in a Garden View Room from £1,979 per person on an all-inclusive basis, based on two sharing. The price includes a 30-minute massage, private transfers and flights from Gatwick departing on November 18. kuoni.co.uk

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