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TOP 10 HONEYMOON DATES IN COSTA RICA

Having a honeymoon in Costa Rica is an unforgettable experience.

By far, the most popular honeymoon destination is Manuel Antonio, a small town on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica.

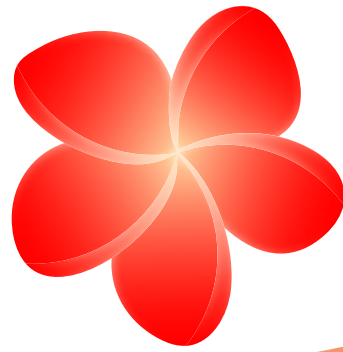


Manuel Antonio is 4 hours from the airport in San Jose, although there is a small airstrip in the nearby city of Quepos, a mere 10 minutes from Manuel Antonio itself.

The beautiful white sandy beaches of Manuel Antonio are surrounded by an exuberant jungle and an amazing variety of wild animals. The picturesque sceneries seem to hypnotize the visitors time and time again, making it a top-of-mind choice for couples looking for the ultimate honeymoon getaway.

Newlyweds often want four things for their honeymoon: places to go, to dine, to explore, and to relax. [Issimo Suites](#) brings you this easy guide to inspire your honeymoon plans.





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PLACES TO EXPLORE



MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

This national park has a series of small beaches and bays surrounded by a lush rainforest. Couples can spend a day or two exploring the many wonders of Manuel Antonio National Park and take in its natural beauty and world-class sceneries.

Walk together with your loved one while you learn something new about the numerous species of tropical butterflies, birds, monkeys, snakes, sloths, orchids and many more. Sign up for a guided tour and discover the life cycle, special abilities and behaviors of animals and insects endemic to Costa Rica.

In the afternoons, take a leisure walk with your spouse at any of the spectacular beaches including North Espadilla Beach, South Espadilla Beach, Manuel Antonio Beach, Puerto Escondido Beach and Playitas Beach. Hold hands while you witness one of the world's greatest spectacles -- when the marvelous tones of red and yellow invade the sky in summer, or the most dramatic clouds create wonderful shapes and colors in winter. These clouds try to hide for a while, but the sun escapes to let you and your honey watch it sink to the bottom of the ocean.



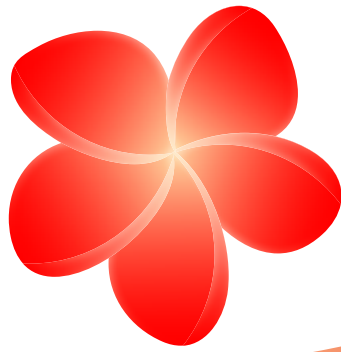
SNORKELING ON A PRIVATE BEACH

Take a short hike down the road from Issimo Suites and get private access to Biezant Beach. This secluded cove has almost no waves, and provides a wealth of underwater life to explore.

Take some sunscreen and a towel, and you can rent gear from locals nearby to swim and watch the fish dart in and out of the plants that grow under the water's surface. Because of the private nature of this pristine beach, there has been little disturbance of the natural wildlife, providing you with an authentic look into the tropical biosphere.

A honeymoon is the beginning of a new world together. By spending time exploring a new world underwater, you and your new spouse will symbolically begin this new journey of exploration together.





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PLACES TO DINE

EL AVION

This is not just a curio. El Avion is a restaurant that is both exceptionally cool, and has great food and views, as well. (A traditional his/hers combo.)

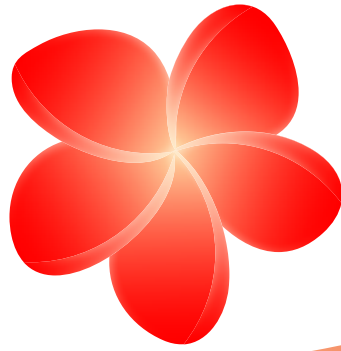
Located on the edge of Manuel Antonio's hillside with a great view of the ocean and surrounding forests, this restaurant is housed under some permanent tents and the starboard wing of a retired army transport plane, hence the name El Avión, which means "the Plane."



It is a plane with a history to tell. This specific plane was actually shot down by the Sandinista army in the 1980s, leading to a scandal that uncovered illegal CIA supply missions to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. About 30 years later, it now stands as a restaurant where tourist and honeymooning couples can enjoy a wide range of seafood and steaks while they take in the unique surroundings and glow of history.

It is one of the hottest dining spots in the Manuel Antonio area, with a stunning view over the ocean and some of the best food around. It also stays open late.





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LA CANTINA



La Cantina's cuisine includes everything from steak and chicken, to local Costa Rican fish, lobster, and shrimp. The vibrant atmosphere entices diners to relax and groove to the live rhythms of reggae and Latin music. Enjoy the cool and low-key vibe while sampling any of delicious entrees such as steak, chicken, fresh fish, jumbo shrimp, and lobster, all prepared on their large wood burning BBQ.

ROMANCE PACKAGE - PRIVATE DINNER IN YOUR ROOM

What can be more romantic than having dinner, just the two of you, at the comforts of your own hotel room? Issimo Suites offers a romantic dinner package where couples can savor delectable meals prepared especially for them by the hotel's top chefs. By availing this package, couples can specify which types of foods they like or which ones they might have some allergies to. This way, they can enjoy alone time as hassle-free as possible. Book for a romantic private dinner package and the Issimo Suites staff will do the rest.





THINGS TO SEE

PLEASURE CRUISE

The aquatic paradise surrounding Manuel Antonio can only be fully appreciated from the sea. With dolphins swimming in the bow wake of the boat, you may see whales and giant sea turtles near the quiet, gliding sailboat.

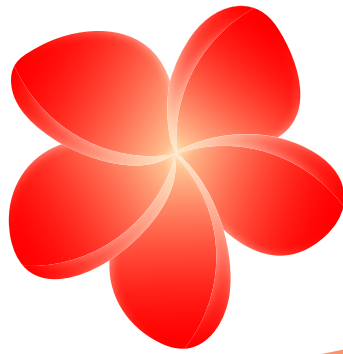
Hiring a [professional crew](#) for a sunset or a sunrise tour around Issimo Cove and Manuel Antonio National Park, you will be served generous portions of local food and drinks.

Snorkel gear is provided so you can take a dip into the calm water and view the wildlife teeming just underneath the surface. Bring a swimsuit, towel, and suntan lotion, and your crew will provide the rest.



While enjoying the serene atmosphere of, take the time to reminisce about the good times you and your new life partner have had in the past. You can also talk about future plans as you breathe in the fresh, clean air of the surroundings.

If you opt for the sunset cruise, be sure and bring a camera, so you can record one of the inspirational views of a majestic sunset in the midst of the Pacific Ocean.



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MONKEYS AT LUNCH



Costa Rica is known for being a home to four distinct species of primates, which is why monkey-watching is such a popular tourist activity in the area. Tour guides say that if visitors hear a deep guttural call or rustling of leaves, it means that monkeys must be nearby.

Four types of monkeys can be found in Costa Rica –the howler monkey, spider monkey, squirrel and capuchin monkey.

MONKEY ETIQUETTE

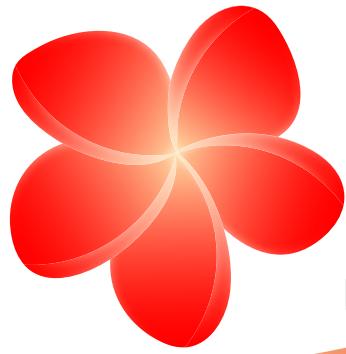
Monkeys are very popular creatures in Manuel Antonio wildlife. It's nearly impossible to tour the park without seeing at least one species. Park officials remind tourist never to feed or touch the monkeys. They have been known to bite, plus they can get sick, or even die from eating improper foods. Some monkeys are also kleptomaniacs, so visitors are reminded to keep their backpack tightly zipped.

BEST PLACES TO SEE THEM

Issimo Gourmet Club Restaurant - they often come close to climb the outdoor seating area and watch you as you eat lunch. If you move calmly enough, you can even pose for a picture with them.

Manuel Antonio National Park - This is their home turf. Monkeys are open to interact with those who move calmly and slowly.





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THINGS TO DO

VILLA VANILLA

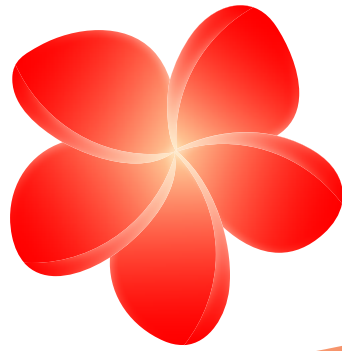


This sustainable spice farm is certified organic and biodynamic. Villa Vanilla grows a variety of spices and essential oil plants, including vanilla, cocoa, and ceylon (true) cinnamon.

Couples can take the "Spice Plantation Tour" where guides explain the spices' origins, their ancient history and traditional uses, as well as touch, smell and taste aromatic spices, medicinal and essential oil plants.

They have a "Flavors of the World" tasting menu that features the world's three favorite flavors – vanilla, chocolate and ceylon cinnamon. Visitors can enjoy an assortment of gourmet spice treats all grown on the plantation and prepared by the staff pastry chef, which adds to the uniqueness of the experience.





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LAY ON THE BEACH

It's your honeymoon. You should relax like you never have before.

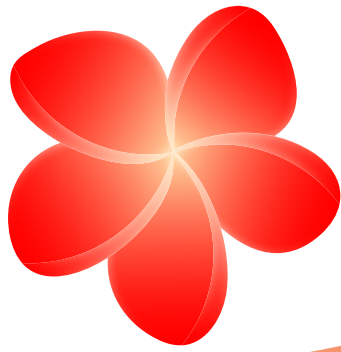


Couples can rent a pair of chairs and relax on the white-sand beaches of Manuel Antonio beach. Lounging by the water, soaking up the sun, you will likely be approached by a local vendor so you can buy a pipa - a chilled fresh coconut with the top hacked off by a machete, and a straw inserted into the small hole. Few things are as refreshing (or as nourishing) to your body as a cold pipa on a hot sunny day.

Did you know? Coconut water has electrolytes that prevent dehydration, and the cytokinins in coconut water has been proven to have an anti-carcinogenic effect on the body.

Swimming in the crystal clear seas, followed by a nap in the hot sunshine, can reset your body's internal systems by achieving a period of complete and total relaxation.





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JACUZZI @ ISSIMO

Issimo Suites stands out among hotels in Manuel Antonio by offering a Jacuzzi in every room, and is the only one that boasts a full on-site spa.

Our open concept rooms provide an intimacy and privacy that draws you and your partner closer together. The Jacuzzi tubs can be used day and night, allowing you to relax and indulge to your heart's content.

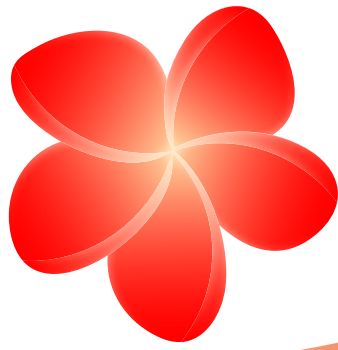
We specialize in honeymoon packages, and we have been ranked as one of the top Luxury Hotels by Trip Advisor.



A honeymoon spent at Issimo Suites means an unforgettable experience with your new spouse. From relaxation to rejuvenation, from adventure to sightseeing, we provide the amenities that ensure your honeymoon will forever live on as one of your fondest memories.

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