

6 Romantic Trips for Couples to Take the Second It's Safe to Travel Again

Time for you two to get away.

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Though we're not totally out of the woods quite yet, every day is looking brighter—especially for eager travelers—as more people around the world receive coronavirus vaccinations and regions begin to welcome non-essential visitors. Recently, the E.U. recommended that vaccinated U.S. citizens be permitted to visit. Each country sets its own travel regulations, and many have already announced plans to open their borders this summer, including Greece, France, Spain, and others.

After months spent cooped up at home with your significant other, you might be craving a change in company (we get it, it's been close quarters). But what you and your partner might actually need is a change of scenery. A trip together to celebrate the safety of traveling once again could be exactly what you need to rekindle your romance and get back into your groove. Rather than booking a random destination with no real thought, be strategic about planning your getaway. That you'll return feeling reconnected, and you'll end up being as safe and responsible as possible along the way.

Here, travel experts share their best destination recommendations and general travel tips and ideas perfect for couples ready to get out of town.

3 The Trip Where You Go All Out

You may have a larger vacation fund than you expected after canceling last year's trips. If you can afford it, now may be the time to go big, particularly if you are celebrating a milestone anniversary or never got around to taking a full-blown honeymoon. One idea? Retreat to a private island, a new trend in tropical jet-setting. For those who like a bit of pampering and seclusion, book a room—or the whole island!—to get ultra-luxe castaway vibes full of untouched nature and indulgence, says Shawnta Harrison, the president and CEO of Harrison's Travels and co-founder of the Association of Black Travel Professionals. "The intimacy of a private island allows you to disconnect from everyone and everything and focus on your partner."

Splurge

If you're going to go big, go big (and if you can't swing it yet, add it to your aspirational travel bucket list). Explore Kokomo Private Island Fiji, a 140-acre private destination with 26 standalone luxury villas and a residence, all nestled on their own sliver of land in the sparkling South Pacific. It's near the world's fourth-largest reef, the Great Astrolabe, so it's perfect for scuba divers and snorkelers. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will leave you feeling intensely relaxed, totally spoiled, and with more photos than you know what to do with.

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