

Top 10 Romantic Getaways in the World

1. Venice, Italy



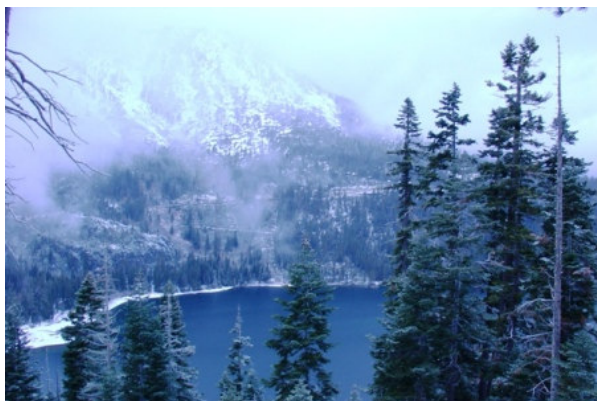
Venice is a city in northern Italy, the capital of the region Veneto, famously known as “La Dominante”, “Serenissima”, “Queen of the Adriatic”, “City of Water”, “City of Bridges”, and “The City of Light”. Luigi Barzini from The New York Times, described it as “undoubtedly the most beautiful city built by man”. With its many canals, bridges and magnificent palaces and piazzas, it is no surprise that Venice is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is gloriously romantic in spring, triumphant in summer, noble in autumn and seductive in winter. A romantic gondola ride in Venice is something you'll remember a lifetime. These rides are available in lots of different places in Venice, starting with just in front of the train station.

2. New York City



New York was the unexpected winner of a recent survey on which the city was voted the best city for a romantic break, beating Paris, Venice and Rome. This city is a fantastic place to visit if you're romantic at heart. There's so much to see and do here that the hardest part of your trip will be deciding what you want to do. From top notch lodging to amazing dining and from entertainment to hot nightlife, you have it all in the Big Apple. A leisurely stroll in the evening or sitting back in a horse-drawn carriage around Central Park, taking in the dazzling skyline, a daytime walk through Central Park, or an amble across the Brooklyn Bridge are all very romantic. The city oozes love and romance for all sorts of personality types and interests.

3. Lake Tahoe, California



Lake Tahoe is a beautiful, crystal-clear blue lake nestled among mountain peaks, that Mark Twain called "the fairest sight the whole earth can provide". It has depths of up to 1,600 feet and the mountain peaks are in the 8,000 to 10,000 feet range. Summer activities include golf, boating and hiking. Winter activities include world class skiing, snowmobiling and ice skating. Shopping, gambling, eating and taking in the wonderful scenery is enjoyed all year round. A summer romantic getaway in the mountains or hiking/mountain biking along a rugged landscape or evenings of fine dining in lavish restaurants followed by bustling nightclubs are all possible at this breathtaking body of water that's perched at a higher elevation than any other alpine lake in the world.

4. Santorini Island, Greece



The most visually stunning of the Greek Cyclades group, this amazing honeymoon spot has all the makings of a dream vacation: picture perfect cliff-side villages, exotic black-sand volcanic beaches, unbelievable sunsets, luxurious cave-rock hotels, dramatic red-and-gray cliffs stretching to the sky and the Aegean's finest wineries. Built atop volcanic ashes on the ruins of what Plato believed to be the lost city of Atlantis, the sight of whitewashed villages hanging on cliffs far above the sea is breathtaking. Santorini is famous for its panoramic views, ambience, the strange white aubergine, the town of Thira and its very own active volcano. There are some fantastic beaches such as the beach of Perissa, the black pebble beach of Kamari, white beach and red beach.

5. Vienna, Austria



Vienna, capital of Austria, is one of the most beautiful, romantic and vibrant cities of the world with many interesting tourist attractions. Its blend of historical and cultural heritage mixed with majestic boulevards, medieval streets and ornate courtyards, radiates old world charm and magic. The cobbled streets are lined with superb Viennese coffee houses, from where you can try an Austrian fruit tea and the city's famous pastries. You'll also find cosmopolitan shops, museums and fantastic restaurants to wine and dine in. For the evenings, you can sample an opera, ballet or concert. Have a ride on a coach pulled by horses in the old part of the city, take a voyage by ship, or visit the romantic chateau of Schönbrunn, or visit the real Viennese "Heurigen". The atmosphere of the local wine bar rooms in Viennese Grinzing is unique and heavenly.

6. Costa Rica



Costa Rica is considered to be the ideal tropical paradise with bewilderingly diverse landscapes, flora, and fauna. From rain forests to dry tropical and temperate forests, to volcanoes, to Caribbean and Pacific beaches, to high mountains, and marshy lowlands. No wonder then that lyrics of a native song say 'Virgin Mary came down to Costa Rica and never went back to Heaven'. For the romantics, there are many beautiful secluded places to have a romantic dinner, a candlelight picnic, or simply watch the sunset fade into the horizon. According to the Eight Annual Honeymoon Survey held by the prestigious world-class Magazine, Modern Bride, Costa Rica was selected among the World's 50 best honeymoon destinations. Apart from the beauty, the country also has a friendly culture, state of the art facilities and convenient tourist amenities.

7. Nassau Paradise Island, Bahamas



Paradise Island is an island in the Bahamas, located just off the shore of the city of Nassau, which is itself located on the northern edge of the island of New Providence. It is best known for the sprawling 'Vegas-by-the-sea resort' Atlantis. This makes a top notch destination for romantic travelers thanks to unbeatable waters, great resorts, and very easy access from the US. From quiet alone time at a luxurious or quaint resort, to challenging nature on horseback or in a canoe, to dining on gourmet and local dishes, to a romantic carriage tour or simply unwinding on a quiet beach; all are romantic favorites when on this island. Nassau/Paradise Island promises you'll fall in love all over again.

8. Victoria, Canada



Nicknamed the Garden City, this beautiful city is said to be one of the most romantic places in Canada. Incredibly clean & quaint, Victoria almost seems like a little piece of old England perched on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Sunny summers and wonderful springs with fresh breezes and blooming flowers give Victoria some of the best weather in Canada. This picturesque capital city is just 90 minutes by ferry from Vancouver, making it perfect for a weekend or a day visit from Vancouver. Visitors tread cobblestone streets, watch hanging baskets sway, and listen to the clip-clop of horse drawn carriages. There are also beautiful gardens, museums and, of course, the romantic Victoria beachfront. You and your partner are sure to find a fantastic, cozy little romantic spot to cuddle up and enjoy each other.

9. Tahiti, South Pacific



Tahiti is the largest of the 118 islands and atolls that comprise French Polynesia in the South Pacific. For years and years, Tahiti has been a leading vacation and honeymoon destination. With beautiful fine white sand beaches, warm crystal clear waters, emerald green mountains and spectacular scenery, mere words can hardly describe the beauty, serenity and magical essence that will fill your very being when you arrive at these islands. Sometimes said to be “the most beautiful island in the world”, it has almost perfect climate. Tahiti romantic holidays are amongst the most glamorous in the South Pacific. The islands are renowned for their gorgeous overwater bungalows, sitting on stilts above a turquoise lagoon with colourful fish swimming underneath.

10. Rome, Italy



Rome, the 'Eternal City', is the capital of Italy and the famed city of the Seven Hills, La Dolce Vita, the Vatican City and Three Coins in the Fountain. It is a perfect destination for a honeymoon, Valentine's weekend or a surprise birthday trip. Rome has scores of beautiful romantic lanes, restaurants and parks to enjoy with ones loved one. Going down the small medieval lanes leading from the busy squares, around both Campo de' Fiori and Piazza Navona, there are plenty of pretty corners where you can escape the crowd. Wandering along these lanes arm-in-arm is a romantic experience in itself, but you could add to the moment by visiting some of the smaller bars and restaurants you'll find here. The Spanish Steps, the Fountain of Trevi, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Tiber River and, of course, the Vatican are all part of the Roman heritage and add to the romance of the city.