



COME AWAY WITH ME

“Where are the dreamiest honeymoon spots on Earth?”

We asked. You answered. For the second year in a row, we surveyed our readers to discover the hottest, most luxe, most splurge-worthy destinations in 10 categories across the globe, and the results are in.

The following pages reveal our winners, plus the scoop on where to stay, what to eat, and what blissful newlywed adventures await in each.

Happy traveling.

AUSTRALIA & SOUTH PACIFIC WINNER: BORA BORA



Polynesia's perfect island locale has mastered the recipe for relaxation. But it's not resting on its laurels: With each passing year, this destination adds layers—another overwater bungalow, a brilliantly reimagined culinary program—to its flawless turquoise gloss. Here are some of those new ways to enjoy paradise (as well as to get there in the first place). —Brandon Presser

Take Flight

Though already accessible via Honolulu and LAX, this coveted destination continues to blossom, thanks to several new airline routes. In May, **French Bee** (frenchbee.com), a low-cost carrier from France, started direct service between San Francisco and Tahiti, the hub from which to reach the other islands of French Polynesia. And **United** (united.com) has recently kicked off a similar path, greatly increasing the capacity for new travelers.

Stay on the Water

Bora Bora and *overwater bungalow* are practically synonymous terms, and local resorts continue to flaunt their suites on stilts. **Conrad Bora Bora Nui** (from \$750 per night, conradhotels3.hilton.com) has quite literally kicked things up a notch by adding double-decker bungalows, the first of their kind in the area. But if there's anything better

than the stillness of a villa over the impossibly blue water, it's the chance to float around it: Try a private three- or six-night cruise with **Tahiti Yacht Charter** (from \$5,280 for a private three-night charter, tahitiyachtcharter.com), and wake up each morning to a different face of moody Mount Otemanu, the cloud-shredding rock spire at the center of the island. Complete with your own hostess and chef, each personal vessel gently glides around the famous lagoons as it angles itself for snorkeling sessions with rays and optimal sunset vistas.

Dine Local

In the South Pacific, "local" and "seasonal" themes translate to a delightful assortment of exotic flavors. Kick off your sandals at **Bloody Mary's** (bloodymarys.com), and let the chef choose his favorite catch of the day, such as lobster or mahi mahi, served on cracked ice. For



RUNNERS-UP

FIJI

Still rebuilding more than two years after the Southern Hemisphere's strongest recorded cyclone, the island nation is back with a vacationing vengeance, offering new digs like **Six Senses Fiji** and **Kokomo Private Island Fiji**, with its \$100 million investment.

TAHITI

French Polynesia's most populous island does an admirable job of embracing both its vacation flair and authentic island life. Skip the campus-size resorts and opt for a private *piédans-l'eau* villa from **Tahiti Homes**, complete with concierge service.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Hire **Culture Scouts** for a private walking tour of one of the city's upwardly trending neighborhoods, like the freshly revitalized Chippendale—a derelict brewery district now amped up with glass spires, compelling cafés, hawker stalls, and galleries.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

As the jumping-off point for the upper recesses of South Island, this North Island city allows you to engage in the rich traditions of the Maori, set against the dramatic fjord-like setting, via **Māori Tours Kaikōura**.

Conrad Bora Bora Nui



something decidedly more haute, sip cocktails infused with local passionfruit at the **MaiKai Marina & Yacht Club Bora Bora** (maikaimarina.com), or make a reservation for dinner at **La Villa Mahana** (villamahana.com) and feast on the spectacular Epicurean Menu, which lifts Tahitian fare to lofty standards. A standout among resort-dining offerings is the **Four Seasons Resort and Residences Bora Bora** (fourseasons.com/borabora), which diligently weaves island-grown produce, like silky-sweet fei (sweet potato meets plantain), fragrant vanilla blooms, and delicate Moorean prawns into its international-cuisine offerings.

