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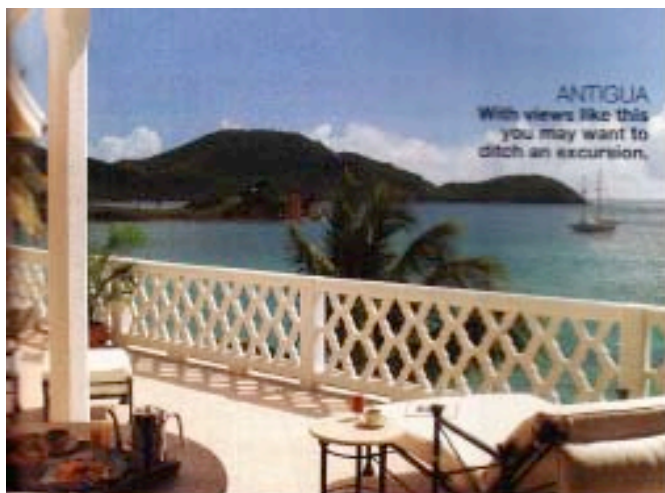
Just because you tied the knot doesn't mean you're attached at the hip. These destinations offer activities to do on your own and together. by Karen Tina Harrison

**Saying "I do"** doesn't necessarily mean spending every single second together on your honeymoon. Today's newlyweds can enjoy the spa, sea and sand together or separately. This is especially true at a variety of Caribbean resorts that offer fun-filled activity menus. There's golf and scuba for him, painting classes and spa for her and a sunset cruise together. Or perhaps it's snorkeling for her and cooking classes for him—every couple is different and nothing is set in stone. No matter what you choose, you'll make memories that last a lifetime. So mix it up and enjoy the fantastic bounty of activities at these six honeymoon hotels down the tropical Caribbean way.

## THE BAHAMAS: TIAMO

This picturesque island group may be just a short hop from the Florida coast, but the scattered Out Islands are as off the grid as it gets. Set on a picture-book Caribbean islet, the environmentally friendly **Tiamo** is a collection of just 10 luxe accommodations, which include the aptly named Honeymoon Cottage, with its own beach access and Jacuzzi-out-fitted wraparound deck.

**FOR HIM:** Tiamo sits on Andros Barrier Reef—the world's third largest—known by anglers the world over for spectacular catch-and-release bonefishing. On the resort's daily 4 p.m. blue-water fishing excursion, your guy can catch and



**ANTIGUA**  
With views like this you may want to ditch an excursion.



**ANTIGUA**  
Inside one of Curtain Bluff's 72 guest rooms.

*Curtain Bluff resort traditions include toasting your future at the hotel's daily cocktail hour and slow-dancing under a tamarind shade tree.*

**FOR TWO:** St. Lucia, a (dormant) volcanic island, flaunts natural wonders galore to explore hand-in-hand. A short hike from the resort, Sulphur Springs beckons couples to loll in healing natural mud baths. A more intense adventure is a hike up Gros Piton, the pyramid-shaped mountain that forms a backdrop to Jalousie's honeymoon hijinks. At the hotel, you can take a Caribbean dance class, archery lessons or a complimentary scuba dive; certified divers get a daily dive (rates for beachfront suites start at \$550 a night; full meal plans are \$156 per person, per night; jalousieplantation.com).

### ANTIGUA: CURTAIN BLUFF

Beloved by sailors and visitors alike for its caressing Leeward Islands trade winds, Antigua is a quiet option for Caribbean-loving honeymooners. Hugging two of the island's loveliest beaches, the well-appointed Curtain Bluff is a haven for fitness fanatics and beach babies. More than half of the 72 rooms are suites done in breezy, white-accented Caribbean-villa style, with Jacuzzis, marble bathrooms, king beds and beach verandas. Another plus: The resort is all-inclusive, so you know your honeymoon's price from the beginning.

**FOR HIM:** Antigua's sporting British heritage guarantees great sailing and ocean fishing, not to mention verdant golf courses. But your new first mate can show off right on property at the resort's putting green and basketball court.

**FOR HER:** Learn executive chef Christophe Blatz's French-Caribbean culinary secrets in a one-on-one lesson. In need of a culture fix? Visit Nelson's Dockyard nearby, a historic British Navy port that's been made into museums, boutiques and cafés. Back at the resort, take a complimentary yoga or Pilates class, then take an English afternoon tea at Curtain Bluff's breezy Sugar Mill Terrace.

**FOR TWO:** High-adrenaline couples can water ski, windsurf, scuba or sail with equipment from the watersports center. There are also tennis lessons and cooking classes on offer. Offsite excursions include a guided reef snorkeling trip or a half-day deep-sea fishing expedition. More resort traditions: toasting your future at the hotel's daily cocktail hour and slow-dancing after dinner to live music under a tamarind shade tree (rates for a beachfront suite start at \$925 a night, all-inclusive; curtainbluff.com).

### BVI: PETER ISLAND RESORT

**Peter Island**, a private island resort in the British Virgin Islands, is tailored to active lovebirds. With 1,800 verdant tropical acres, five beaches and glistening surrounding waters, the resort offers endless sporting opportunities. Fifty-two guest rooms include 20 beachfront suites with postcard Caribbean views—snap, upload and post.

**FOR HIM:** Go bold with a chopper lift to a golf course on the neighboring island of St. Thomas. (Just don't forget your passport!) Don't miss the challenging diving around the wreck of the RMS Rhone, a British mail ship that went down in an 1867 hurricane. Fair warning: The currents here are infamous.

**FOR HER:** Bliss out in your suite's beachfront hammock or a bohío (private cabana) at the resort spa. Or, via the resort's no-charge boat launch, head off to Road Town on Tortola, the capital of the British Virgin Islands. Town attractions include the Folk Museum, Main Street's boutiques and the J.R. O'Neal Botanic Garden. If you can't get enough of the bougainvillea and hibiscus, fire up your camera for the resort's Wednesday tour of Peter Island's flora and fauna.

**FOR TWO:** Cuddle on your oceanfront terrace's daybed overlooking Deadman's Bay Beach. Order a picnic lunch at the resort's White Bay and experience an elegant interpretation of being shipwrecked on a white sand cove. On another day, borrow mountain bikes and explore Peter Island's rugged tropical interior. Reward your adventure and toast to your future at a wine-tasting dinner in the starlit Tradewinds restaurant (rates for a beachfront suite start at \$1,025 a night and include meals; peterisland.com).

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: BALCONES DEL ATLANTICO

Perched on a white sand beach, **Balcones del Atlantico, A Rock Resort** has 86 rambling suites designed for indoor/outdoor living, with comfy lounging spaces, stone bathrooms, complete kitchens, and **Continued on page 224**