



TOP 10 FIRST NIGHTS



1 Shangri-la's Villingili Resort & Spa, Maldives

Where A 70-minute flight from Male on Villingili island.
Why you'll love it Imagine pristine white beaches to stroll, coconut palms galore and stunning turquoise water to set the scene of your honeymoon. Now add beautifully appointed villas that come with a prime beachfront outlook or are perched on stilts among the treetops. There are the usual resort activities, but we love the idea of taking a cruise on a luxury yacht. Très romantique!
How much? From \$890 for a Pool Villa per night. The resort has ongoing packages and offers. See the website for details.
shangri-la.com



2 Il Salviatino, Fiesole, Italy

Where In the ancient Tuscan town of Fiesole, just north of Florence, Italy.
Why you'll love it As you drive up the windy gravel driveway to the front of this gorgeous 15th century villa, you can't help but fall for its charm. Once owned by aristocracy, it was lovingly restored and opened as a hotel just a year ago. The attention to detail with service and food is beyond amazing. And at the end of a day, slipping in between the gorgeous Tuscan linen sheets isn't bad either.
How much? From \$946 for a Dome View De Luxe room.
kiwicollection.com

3 Lanson Place Hotel, Hong Kong

Where Fifteen minutes drive from the CBD, opposite the sprawling Victoria Park.
Why you'll love it If you love to shop and dine, then look no further. This swanky 19th century Parisian-style hotel is perfectly placed among the malls and markets of Causeway Bay, with bars and restaurants aplenty. You'll be impressed by a beautiful garden courtyard leading to an expansive lounge and bar area. The rooms above are contemporary and fitted out with a kitchenette with microwave if you want to cook and spend a cosy night in.
How much? From \$333 for a Superior Room to \$1400 for a two-bedroom suite.
lansonplace.com

4 Somewhere Unique, Wollombi, NSW

Where In the south of the Hunter Valley wine region, about 2 hours drive north of Sydney.
Why you'll love it Who wouldn't love a tranquil 20-acre property with two luxe romantic retreats? Blending in with the natural surroundings, they are far enough apart to allow perfect privacy, and each contain all the creature comforts. Your stay includes a map, picnic hamper and rug for cosy newlyweds. And nearby there are simply dozens of vineyards to explore.
How much? A two-night package is \$770.
somerwhereunique.com.au

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5 Anantara Phuket, Thailand

Where On Mai Khao, just 15 minutes drive south of Phuket International Airport.
Why you'll love it Newlyweds deserve to indulge. At Anantara, apart from the Pool Villas with their luxe furnishings, the stunning location and cuisine, there's the Spa. You'll be in the hands of expert practitioners as you enjoy rejuvenating, invigorating, soothing or detoxifying massages, using some of the most delicious oils. Ahh bliss...
How much? The Spa Essence package for two is \$548 for two nights in a Pool Villa, breakfast and a 90-minute spa treatment.
phuket.anantara.com

6 Bolton Hotel, Wellington, NZ

Where At the edge of the CBD with exquisite views over the city skyline.
Why you'll love it A contemporary guest room or suite awaits you at this award-winning, five-star, boutique hotel. For a quick bite, head to Café Brioche and enjoy a plate of tapas. But for something extra special, the Bisque on Bolton restaurant will not disappoint. Chef Steve Morris (who has even cooked for the queen) and his team will tempt your tasetbuds with local delights.
How much? Bolton's Sensational Stayover for \$306 per night in a Luxury suite includes a bottle of bubbly, a three-course dinner plus breakfast at Bisque on Bolton.
boltonhotel.co.nz

7 The Flamingo, Las Vegas, US

Where In the heart of Las Vegas on the infamous Strip.
Why you'll love it Glitz and glamour is yours for the taking, from the dazzling lights of Las Vegas to the 'show-girl' pink Flamingo rooms, with their ceiling-high white vinyl headboards to show off the beds. Feeling adventurous? Why not take your chances in the 77,000 square-foot Caribbean-style casino? Or maybe you'd like to head to a cabana by the pool and enjoy a drink to cool off after time spent in the hot Nevada sun.
How much? A gorgeous pink Flamingo Go room with view is from \$78 a night.
flamingolasvegas.com

8 Bedarra Island, Great Barrier Reef, Qld

Where About 7km off the coast of far north Queensland, between Townsville and Cairns.
Why you'll love it Think 15 villas nestled into the rainforest on a picturesque tropical island, each with oodles of privacy and sensational sunrises. Spend your days exploring the island, lazing on the white sand of one of the secluded bays, or taking a picnic hamper to a remote corner. The food and wine is top-notch – the menu changes every day to include the latest catch.
How much? Four nights in a Double Storey Villa or Split Level Villa is \$1758 per night.
bedarra.com.au

9 Sanctuary Rarotonga, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Where The south-west coast of Rarotonga island on Aroa Beach.
Why you'll love it Honeymooners will adore this new adults-only boutique resort. Snorkelling in the azure waters? Tennis anyone? A cheeky cocktail in the swim-up bar? Or perhaps you'd prefer a visit to SpaPolynesia for a menu of delights including the Flower Bath and Akaora Sea Mineral Body Wrap. Don't forget the fine Pacific cuisine at the Beach Pavilion Restaurant.
How much? From \$270 per night.
sanctuaryrarotonga.com

10 Queenstown Park, Queenstown, NZ

Where A 10-minute drive from the airport and five-minute walk from Lake Wakatipu.
Why you'll love it This sophisticated hotel will evoke romance with its luxe designer decor and picturesque mountain-view outlook despite the fact it's only minutes away from vibrant restaurants and bars. For true decadence, book the Tower Suite with full kitchen, lounge, king-size bed and cosy underfloor heating.
How much? From \$306 per night for the Gondola Room, and from \$531 per night for the Tower Suite.
queenstownparkhotel.co.nz

