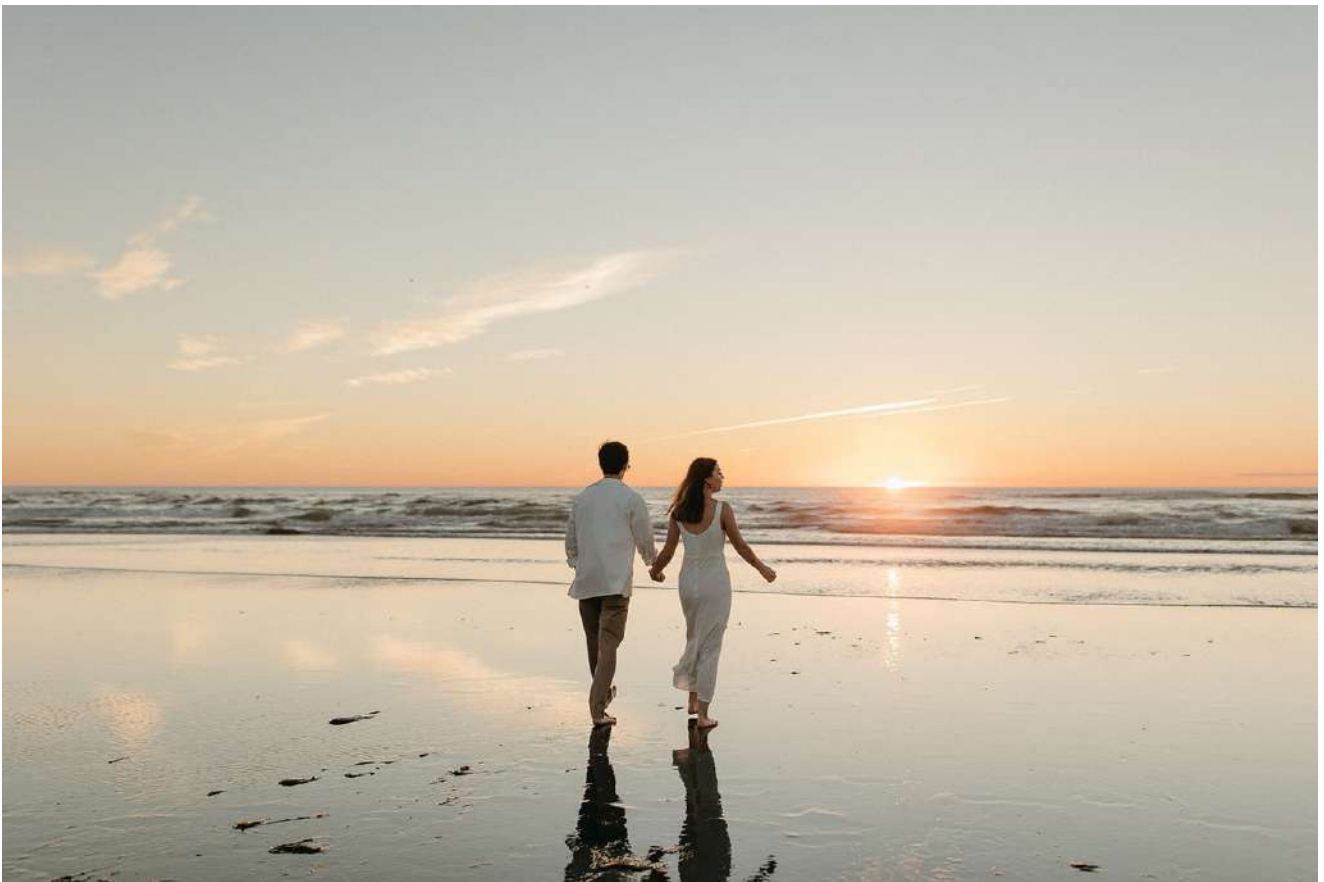


Dream Honeymoons on the Oregon Coast

Personalized Recommendations from Your Oregon Coast Travel Experts



Welcome to your most romantic adventure yet!

We're So Glad You're Here!

Congratulations on finding each other, and welcome to the most magical stretch of coastline in the world! Whether you're planning your dream honeymoon or celebrating an anniversary that deserves something truly special, we're absolutely thrilled to share our favorite hidden gems and romantic secrets along Oregon's breathtaking coast.

Here at Oregon Coast Journey, we believe every love story deserves a backdrop as extraordinary as yours. Picture this: hand-in-hand walks along pristine beaches where

the only footprints are your own, cozy evenings by crackling fires with the Pacific Ocean serenading you to sleep, and sunrise moments so perfect they'll take your breath away all over again.

Here's to unforgettable sunsets, sandy shoes, and new discoveries together.

Your Perfect Romantic Escapes

Cannon Beach: Where Love Stories Begin



There's something absolutely magical about Cannon Beach that makes hearts skip a beat. Maybe it's the way the morning mist dances around the iconic Haystack Rock, or how the golden hour light transforms the entire coastline into something straight out of a fairy tale. Whatever it is, this charming coastal town has been stealing hearts for generations.

Why We Adore It for Honeymooners:

Your love story deserves a setting as dramatic as Cannon Beach's famous 235-foot Haystack Rock. During low tide, you can walk right up to this magnificent sea stack, exploring tide pools filled with colorful sea anemones, starfish, and hermit crabs. It's like discovering a secret underwater world together! And if you're lucky enough to visit

between spring and summer, you might even spot the adorable Tufted Puffins nesting in the rock's crevices.

The town itself feels like it was designed for romance. Quaint art galleries line the streets, perfect for ducking into when the coastal mist rolls in. Cozy cafes serve steaming cups of locally roasted coffee that taste even better when shared. And the beaches? They stretch for miles of soft sand, ideal for those sunset strolls that honeymoon dreams are made of.

Our Insider's Secret: Visit Ecola State Park just north of town for the most breathtaking panoramic views of Haystack Rock and the coastline. The short hike to the viewpoint is absolutely worth it, and you'll have some of the most stunning photo opportunities on the entire coast. Pack a picnic and make it a romantic afternoon adventure!



Newport: Marine Magic & Coastal Charm

Newport captures hearts with its perfect blend of maritime adventure and intimate coastal charm. This vibrant harbor town offers couples the chance to experience the Oregon Coast's wild side while still enjoying cozy, romantic moments together.

What Makes It Special:

The Oregon Coast Aquarium here is absolutely world-class, and there's something wonderfully romantic about walking through the underwater tunnels hand-in-hand, watching sharks and rays glide overhead. The sea otter exhibit will have you both melting with cuteness, and the jellyfish displays create an almost otherworldly, dreamy atmosphere that's perfect for couples.

But the real magic happens at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, home to Oregon's tallest lighthouse. The dramatic black and white striped tower stands 93 feet

tall against the rugged coastline, and the tide pools at its base are some of the richest on the entire coast. Time your visit for low tide, and you'll discover a world of colorful sea life that feels like nature's own private aquarium.

Romance Tip: Book a sunset whale watching tour from Newport's historic Bayfront. Between March and October, gray whales migrate along this coast, and there's nothing quite like witnessing these gentle giants together while the sun paints the sky in shades of pink and gold. The salty sea breeze, the excitement of spotting whales, and the stunning coastal views create memories that will last a lifetime.

Heceta Head: Lighthouse Romance at Its Finest



If lighthouses make your heart flutter (and honestly, whose doesn't?), then Heceta Head Lighthouse will absolutely take your breath away. Perched dramatically on a cliff 205 feet above the crashing Pacific, this is hands-down one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world – and for very good reason.

The Romance Factor:

There's something timelessly romantic about lighthouses, isn't there? They represent guidance, hope, and safe harbor – all perfect metaphors for marriage! The short hike to Heceta Head Lighthouse is an adventure in itself, winding through coastal forest and offering glimpses of the ocean through the trees. When you finally reach the lighthouse, the panoramic views are absolutely stunning.

The lighthouse keeper's house has been transformed into a charming bed and breakfast, and staying here is like stepping into a romantic novel. Imagine waking up to the sound of waves crashing below, enjoying breakfast with lighthouse views, and falling asleep to the gentle rhythm of the ocean. It's pure magic.

Perfect Timing: Visit during the golden hour before sunset for the most romantic lighting. The lighthouse beam begins its nightly rotation at dusk, and watching it sweep across the darkening ocean while you're wrapped in each other's arms is an experience you'll treasure forever.

Lincoln City: Glass Floats & Romantic Strolls

Lincoln City offers couples a delightful mix of beachcombing adventures and cozy coastal charm. This seven-mile stretch of sandy beach is famous for its glass float program – local artists hide beautiful glass orbs along the beach for lucky visitors to discover. Finding one together feels like uncovering a little piece of magic!

Why Couples Love It:

The beaches here are perfect for long, romantic walks, especially during the quieter shoulder seasons when you might have entire stretches to yourselves. The town's glass-blowing studios offer a unique date experience – watching skilled artisans create beautiful pieces while you sip wine and enjoy each other's company.

The nearby Siletz Bay is a peaceful spot for kayaking or paddleboarding together, surrounded by stunning coastal scenery. And when the famous Oregon Coast winds pick up, Lincoln City becomes a kite-flying paradise. There's something wonderfully playful and romantic about flying a kite together on the beach!

Local Secret: Visit the Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy, a hidden gem tucked away from the beach crowds. This intimate botanical garden features winding paths through rare and unusual plants, creating the perfect setting for quiet conversations and stolen kisses among the flowers.

Dreamy Places to Rest Your Hearts

Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach: Boutique Luxury by the Sea

When it comes to honeymoon perfection, the Stephanie Inn absolutely steals the show. This intimate boutique hotel sits right on Cannon Beach, so close to the ocean that you'll fall asleep to the gentle sound of waves and wake up to stunning sunrise views over the Pacific.

What Makes It Special:

Every room features a cozy fireplace perfect for romantic evenings, and many have private balconies where you can sip champagne while watching the sunset paint Haystack Rock in golden hues. The inn's honeymoon package is thoughtfully crafted with all the romantic touches – imagine slipping into a bubble bath in your jetted tub while rose petals float around you, or toasting your new marriage with sparkling wine as the ocean stretches endlessly before you.

The complimentary breakfast is served in a sunny dining room with panoramic ocean views, and there's something magical about starting each day together while watching surfers catch morning waves and seabirds dance along the shoreline.

Romantic Bonus: The inn provides complimentary beach chairs and blankets, so you can create your own private beach retreat just steps from your room. Nothing beats cuddling under a soft blanket while watching the stars emerge over the Pacific!

Wheeler on the Bay Lodge: Secluded Serenity

For couples seeking a more intimate, off-the-beaten-path experience, Wheeler on the Bay Lodge offers the perfect romantic hideaway. This charming property sits on the quiet shores of Nehalem Bay, where the pace slows down and romance naturally blooms.

Why We Love It:

The honeymoon suite here is the most secluded accommodation on the property, featuring a king-size bed that feels like a cloud and a jetted tub designed for two. But the real star is the large private balcony with sweeping views of Nehalem Bay, the surrounding mountains, and those legendary Oregon sunsets that seem to last forever.

The location offers the best of both worlds – peaceful bay waters perfect for kayaking or paddleboarding together, and easy access to the wild Pacific beaches when you're craving those dramatic coastal views. The nearby Nehalem Bay State Park has miles of hiking trails through coastal forest, ideal for romantic nature walks.

Insider Tip: Book a sunset kayak tour on Nehalem Bay. Paddling together as the sky transforms into a canvas of pink, orange, and purple while great blue herons fish in the shallows is pure romance. The calm bay waters make it perfect even for beginners!

Hallmark Resort, Cannon Beach: Oceanfront Bliss

The Hallmark Resort brings together luxury and accessibility in the most romantic way possible. This oceanfront paradise puts you right in the heart of Cannon Beach's magic while offering all the amenities couples need for a perfect honeymoon.

The Romance Details:

The resort's spa services are designed with couples in mind – imagine side-by-side massages while listening to the ocean waves, or unwinding together in the sauna after a day of beach exploration. The complimentary bike rentals open up romantic adventures along the coast, and there's something wonderfully carefree about cycling together through this charming seaside town.

Their romantic packages are thoughtfully curated with touches like fresh roses in your room, artisanal macarons to share, sparkling beverages for toasting, and even s'mores kits for cozy beach fires. The easy access to Haystack Rock means you can explore the tide pools at your own pace, discovering the wonders of marine life together.

Perfect Evening: End your day with a beach fire right outside the resort. The staff can help you set up everything you need for a romantic evening under the stars, complete with s'mores and the soothing sound of waves as your soundtrack.

Romantic Adventures Made for Two

Sunset Beach Walks: Pure Magic

There's nothing quite like an Oregon Coast sunset, and experiencing one together during your honeymoon creates memories that will warm your hearts for decades to come. The coast faces west, which means every evening offers the potential for absolutely spectacular sunset viewing.

Our Favorite Sunset Spots:

Cannon Beach's wide, sandy expanse provides the perfect stage for sunset romance. As the sun begins to dip toward the horizon, Haystack Rock becomes a dramatic silhouette against the colorful sky. The wet sand reflects the brilliant colors, creating a natural mirror that doubles the beauty. Walk hand-in-hand along the water's edge, letting the gentle waves wash over your bare feet while the sky transforms from blue to pink to gold to deep purple.

For a more secluded sunset experience, head to Roads End State Recreation Site in Lincoln City. This quieter beach offers intimate coves and interesting rock formations

that create natural privacy for couples. The sunsets here are equally stunning but feel more personal and private.

Romance Tip: Bring a blanket and a thermos of hot chocolate or mulled wine. Find a comfortable spot on the sand and simply be present together as nature puts on its nightly show. The changing light, the sound of the waves, and the salty sea breeze create a sensory experience that's pure romance.

Tide Pool Exploration: Discovering Hidden Worlds

Exploring tide pools together is like becoming marine biologists for a day, discovering the fascinating creatures that call the rocky intertidal zone home. It's an adventure that brings out the wonder and curiosity in everyone, creating playful, joyful moments perfect for new marriages.

Best Tide Pooling Spots:

Haystack Rock in Cannon Beach is world-famous for its rich tide pools. During low tide, the base of this massive sea stack reveals a wonderland of colorful sea anemones, bright orange and purple sea stars, hermit crabs scuttling about, and tiny fish darting through shallow pools. The diversity of life here is absolutely amazing, and discovering it together creates shared moments of awe and excitement.

Yaquina Head near Newport offers equally impressive tide pooling with the added drama of the lighthouse towering overhead. The rocky shelves here are home to some of the largest sea anemones on the coast, and the variety of marine life is incredible.

What to Bring: Comfortable shoes with good grip (the rocks can be slippery), a camera to capture your discoveries, and perhaps a tide pool identification guide to learn about the creatures you're finding together. Remember to look but don't touch – these delicate ecosystems are best preserved for future visitors to enjoy.

Lighthouse Adventures: Beacons of Romance

Oregon's lighthouses are more than just navigational aids – they're romantic icons that have been guiding ships (and hearts) safely to shore for over a century. Visiting these historic beacons together adds a touch of maritime romance to your honeymoon.

Must-Visit Lighthouses:

Heceta Head Lighthouse, with its dramatic cliff-top setting and stunning ocean views, is absolutely essential for lighthouse lovers. The hike to reach it is moderate and scenic, winding through coastal forest before revealing breathtaking panoramic views. The

lighthouse itself is beautifully preserved, and the keeper's quarters offer insight into the romantic but challenging life of lighthouse families.

Yaquina Head Lighthouse near Newport stands tall and proud with its distinctive black and white stripes. The surrounding area offers excellent tide pooling and bird watching, making it a perfect spot to spend an entire romantic afternoon together.

Romantic Moment: Many lighthouses offer evening tours during summer months. Experiencing a lighthouse beam sweeping across the darkening ocean while you're wrapped in each other's arms is incredibly romantic and creates a memory you'll treasure forever.

Wine Tasting in Coastal Valleys

While the Oregon Coast is famous for its dramatic scenery, the nearby valleys offer some of the world's finest wine experiences. The cool, misty climate creates perfect conditions for growing exceptional Pinot Noir, and many wineries offer romantic tasting experiences designed for couples.

Romantic Winery Experiences:

The Willamette Valley, just inland from the coast, is Oregon's premier wine region. Many wineries offer private tastings for couples, complete with cheese pairings and stunning vineyard views. Imagine sipping award-winning Pinot Noir while overlooking rolling hills covered in grapevines, discussing the complex flavors and planning your future together.

Several wineries offer special honeymoon packages that include private tours, reserve tastings, and romantic picnic lunches among the vines. Some even have charming guest cottages where you can extend your wine country romance overnight.

Perfect Pairing: Combine your wine tasting with a scenic drive through the countryside. The winding roads offer beautiful views of vineyards, forests, and distant mountains, creating a romantic journey that's as enjoyable as the destination.

When to Plan Your Coastal Romance

Summer Magic (June - August): Peak Romance Season

Summer along the Oregon Coast is absolutely magical for honeymooners. The weather is at its most reliable, with warm, sunny days perfect for beach activities and outdoor adventures. This is when the coast truly shines, offering couples the best conditions for all those romantic activities you've been dreaming about.

Why Summer is Special:

The temperatures are comfortable for long beach walks, tide pooling adventures, and outdoor dining with ocean views. The famous Oregon Coast fog still makes occasional appearances, but it often burns off by afternoon, revealing brilliant blue skies and sparkling ocean waters. Summer evenings are perfect for beach fires, sunset picnics, and stargazing together.

This is also when you'll have the best chance of spotting Tufted Puffins at Haystack Rock – these adorable seabirds nest in the rock's crevices from late spring through summer, adding an extra touch of wildlife magic to your romantic explorations.

Romance Bonus: Summer brings longer daylight hours, which means more time for romantic adventures and those legendary Oregon Coast sunsets that seem to last forever. The warm weather also makes it perfect for couples' activities like kayaking, paddleboarding, or simply lounging together on the beach.

Oregon's "Second Summer" (September - October): Intimate & Magical

Here's a local secret that many visitors don't know: Oregon often experiences a "second summer" in early fall that's absolutely perfect for romantic getaways. September and October can bring some of the most beautiful weather of the entire year, with mild temperatures in the 60s and 70s and fewer crowds than peak summer.

Why Fall is Romantic:

The beaches become more intimate and peaceful as the summer crowds disperse, giving you more privacy for those romantic sunset walks and tide pool explorations. The weather is still warm enough for outdoor activities, but the cooler evenings are perfect for cozy fires and snuggling together under blankets while watching the stars.

Fall also brings stunning foliage to the coastal forests and nearby valleys. The changing leaves create a beautiful backdrop for romantic drives and hiking adventures, and the harvest season means fresh, local ingredients at coastal restaurants.

Perfect Timing: Early October often offers the most reliable weather, with warm days and clear skies that showcase the coast's natural beauty. It's also an ideal time for wine tasting in the nearby valleys, as harvest season brings special events and celebrations.

Winter Romance (November - March): Cozy & Dramatic

Winter on the Oregon Coast offers a completely different kind of romance – one that's all about cozy intimacy and dramatic natural beauty. While the weather can be

unpredictable, winter storms create some of the most spectacular scenery you'll ever witness together.

The Magic of Winter:

Storm watching becomes a romantic adventure in itself. Many coastal hotels and restaurants offer "storm watching" packages, complete with cozy rooms with fireplaces and hot beverages while you watch massive waves crash against the rocky coastline. There's something thrilling and romantic about experiencing nature's power together from the warmth and safety of each other's arms.

Winter also brings the gray whale migration, when thousands of these gentle giants pass close to shore on their journey between Alaska and Mexico. Whale watching during winter months can be incredibly rewarding, and spotting whales together creates unforgettable shared memories.

Cozy Romance: Winter is perfect for intimate experiences – long soaks in jetted tubs, romantic dinners by crackling fires, and quiet moments together while rain patters against the windows. Many coastal spas offer special winter packages designed for couples seeking warmth and relaxation.

Creating Your Perfect Honeymoon Timeline

3-Day Romantic Escape

Day 1: Arrival & Cannon Beach Magic

Check into your romantic accommodation in Cannon Beach and spend your first afternoon exploring this iconic coastal town. Take your first sunset walk along the beach to Haystack Rock, letting the magic of the Oregon Coast wash over you both. End the evening with a cozy dinner at a local restaurant with ocean views.

Day 2: Tide Pools & Lighthouse Romance

Start with morning tide pool exploration at Haystack Rock during low tide, discovering the fascinating marine life together. In the afternoon, drive to Heceta Head Lighthouse for dramatic cliff-top views and romantic photo opportunities. Return to Cannon Beach for a beach fire and stargazing.

Day 3: Relaxation & Departure

Enjoy a leisurely morning with couples' spa treatments or a peaceful beach walk. Visit local art galleries and shops for unique mementos of your honeymoon before departure.

5-Day Coastal Romance Adventure

Days 1-2: Cannon Beach Foundation

Follow the 3-day itinerary above for your Cannon Beach experience, but with more time to truly relax and soak in the romantic atmosphere.

Day 3: Newport Marine Magic

Drive to Newport and check into oceanfront accommodations. Visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium together, exploring the underwater tunnels and marveling at the diverse marine life. End the day with a romantic sunset dinner at a waterfront restaurant.

Day 4: Lighthouse & Wine Country

Morning visit to Yaquina Head Lighthouse and tide pools, followed by an afternoon wine tasting adventure in the nearby valleys. Return to the coast for a romantic evening with ocean views.

Day 5: Final Coastal Moments

Choose your favorite activities from the previous days to repeat, whether it's more tide pooling, another sunset walk, or simply relaxing together with ocean views before departure.

Romantic Dining with Ocean Views

Candlelit Dinners by the Sea

Nothing completes a romantic Oregon Coast honeymoon quite like intimate dinners with stunning ocean views. The coast offers an incredible variety of dining experiences, from casual beachside cafes to elegant restaurants where you can toast your new marriage while watching the sunset paint the sky in brilliant colors.

Oceanfront Fine Dining:

Many coastal restaurants specialize in fresh, locally-sourced seafood paired with Oregon wines, creating the perfect romantic dining experience. Imagine sharing Dungeness crab cakes while watching waves crash against the rocks below, or savoring fresh Pacific salmon as the sun sets over the horizon. The combination of exceptional food, local wines, and stunning ocean views creates dining experiences you'll remember forever.

Cozy Coastal Cafes:

For more casual romantic moments, the coast is dotted with charming cafes perfect for intimate breakfasts or afternoon treats. Picture sharing fresh-baked pastries and locally

roasted coffee while watching surfers ride the morning waves, or enjoying artisanal ice cream together as you stroll through a coastal town's charming streets.

Beach Picnics:

Some of the most romantic meals happen right on the beach. Many local markets and delis can prepare gourmet picnic baskets filled with local cheeses, fresh bread, seasonal fruits, and Oregon wines. Find a secluded spot on the sand, spread out a blanket, and enjoy your feast with the Pacific Ocean as your dining room and the sound of waves as your soundtrack.

Your Oregon Coast Love Story Awaits

As your Oregon Coast travel experts, we can't wait for you to discover the magic that makes this coastline so special for couples in love. Every tide pool exploration will bring new wonders to share, every sunset will paint the sky in colors that take your breath away, and every quiet moment together with the ocean stretching endlessly before you will remind you why you chose each other.

Remember to Embrace the Unexpected:

The Oregon Coast has a way of surprising visitors with unexpected moments of beauty and wonder. Maybe it's spotting a family of seals playing in the surf, discovering a hidden cove during a beach walk, or witnessing a spectacular storm from the cozy warmth of your oceanfront room. These unplanned moments often become the most treasured memories of any honeymoon.

Take Time to Simply Be:

While we've shared many wonderful activities and adventures, don't forget to build in time for simply being together. Some of the most romantic moments happen when you're just sitting on the beach, listening to the waves, and talking about your dreams for the future. The Oregon Coast provides the perfect backdrop for these intimate conversations that strengthen the foundation of your marriage.

Capture the Memories:

Bring a camera, but don't forget to put it down sometimes and simply experience the beauty with all your senses. The salty sea breeze, the sound of waves on sand, the feeling of cool ocean water on your feet – these sensory memories will transport you back to your honeymoon for years to come.

A Personal Note from Your Oregon Coast Journey Family

Thank you for letting us be part of your honeymoon planning journey. Whether you're planning your very first Oregon Coast adventure or you're seasoned beachcombers looking for new romantic discoveries, we're honored to share our favorite coastal secrets with you.

Take your time exploring these recommendations, trust your instincts about what feels right for your unique love story, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need any additional guidance. This community is built on local love, shared stories, and a passion for every tide pool and trail.

Here's to unforgettable sunsets, sandy shoes, and new discoveries together.

May your Oregon Coast honeymoon be filled with wonder, romance, and the kind of magical moments that become the stories you'll tell for the rest of your lives. The coast is waiting to welcome you both with open arms and endless possibilities for adventure.

See you out there, lovebirds!

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