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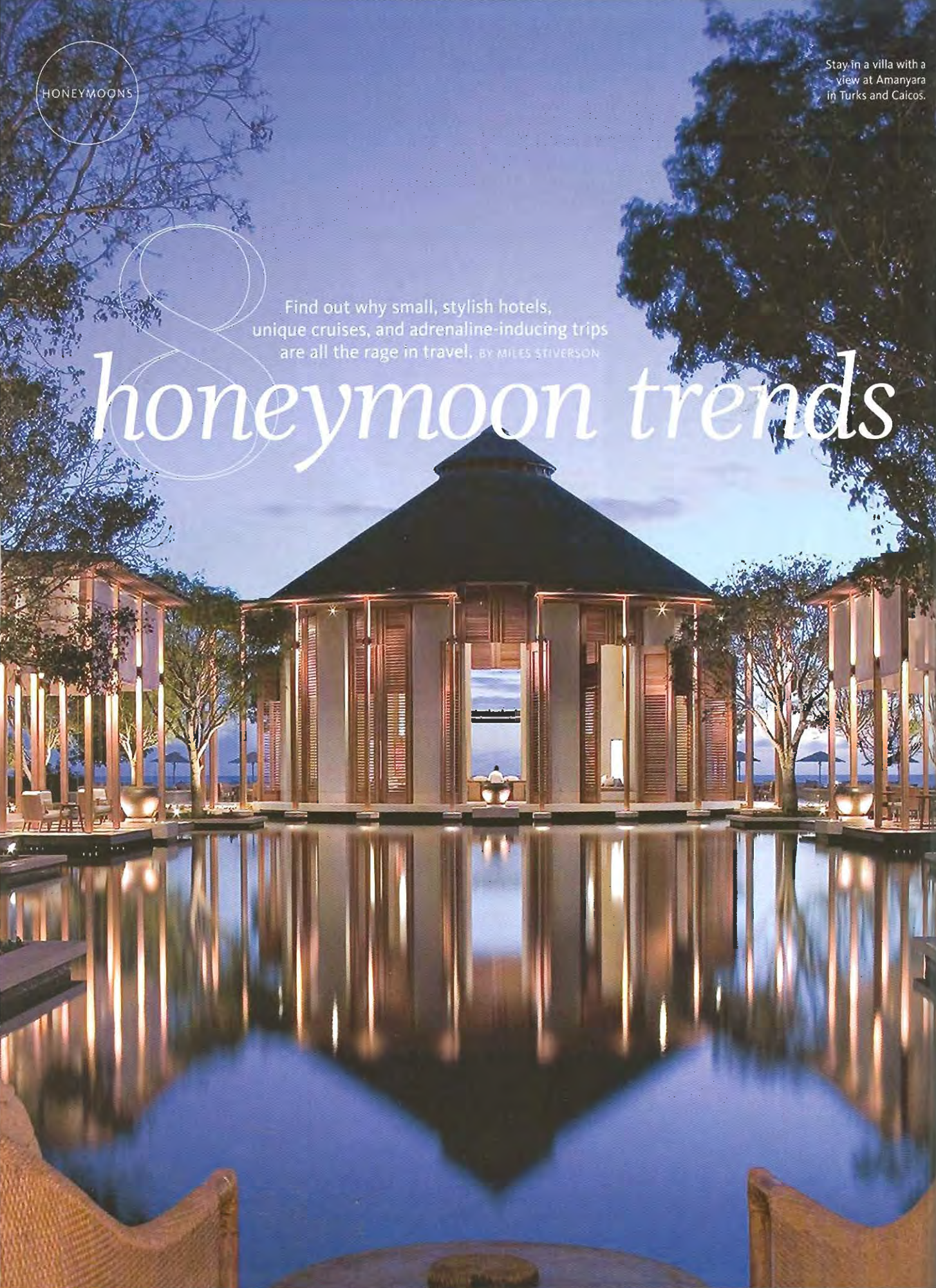
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HONEYMOONS

Stay in a villa with a view at Amanvara in Turks and Caicos.

Find out why small, stylish hotels, unique cruises, and adrenaline-inducing trips are all the rage in travel. BY MILES STIVERSON

# honeymoon trends





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: See wild animals from the comfort of a Land Rover on safari in South Africa; At Turtle Island in Fiji, there are swarms of fish but only a few other guests; Bath or plunge pool? Face this dilemma daily at The Ritz-Carlton Bali.



## 1 Adventure Trips

If reaching for the suntan lotion is your idea of exertion, this honeymoon trend isn't for you. But if you're active, an afternoon of learning to surf, hiking to the top of the tallest nearby peak, or four-wheeling over rugged terrain are foolproof ways to increase your pulse.

### WHERE TO GO

Taking a safari doesn't have to mean living like a rhino. **Tintswalo Safari Lodge** in South Africa is a luxurious base from which to explore the surrounding nature reserve. [tintswalo.com](http://tintswalo.com)

Crisscross the Mediterranean island of **Gozo** on a weeklong bike trip. Breakaway Adventures offers "independent" tours, whereby they suggest routes and provide bikes, and then wave good-bye. [breakaway-adventures.com](http://breakaway-adventures.com)

For the helicopter pilots at **Nimmo Bay Resort** on Vancouver Island, the top of a glacier is a fine place to drop you off for lunch before whisking you away to other natural landing pads. [nimmobay.com](http://nimmobay.com)

### WEB HELP

Find tour operators for adventures from surfing to storm chasing at [voyagetrek.com](http://voyagetrek.com).

### hotel rate

\$ = \$100-299 per night    \$\$ = \$300-599 per night  
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## 2 Private Villas

Whether it's a house in the countryside or a collection of bungalows along a stretch of beach, private villa rentals afford a lot of privacy and give guests the sense of having a home away from home. Expensive? Yes. Worth it? Definitely.

### WHERE TO GO

The 40 pavilions at **Amanyara** in Turks and Caicos are made largely of glass and wood to create airy, open spaces from which to enjoy the surroundings. \$\$\$, [amanresorts.com](http://amanresorts.com)

**Cotton Bay Villas**, opening this year in June on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas, will boast 24 villas, a mile-long beach, and two private cays for hirthday-suit sunbathing (just don't skimp on the SPF!). \$\$\$\$ , [discovercottonbay.com](http://discovercottonbay.com)

**The Ritz-Carlton, Bali Resort & Spa** has 38 new villas perched on a cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean, each of which has its own plunge pool. \$\$\$, [ritzcarlton.com](http://ritzcarlton.com)

### WEB HELP

Search 1,600 villas of all sizes in Europe and the Caribbean to find one that fits your honeymoon budget at [wimco.com](http://wimco.com).

## 3 Green Honeymoons

There's no real definition of what qualifies a hotel as "green," but making minimal impact on the surroundings, serving local fare in its restaurant, and using solar power are signs that it's on the right track. These resorts prove going eco can still be posh.

### WHERE TO GO

Fiji's **Turtle Island** limits visitors to just 14 couples at a time to ensure the island's preservation, and organic gardens provide fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and spices. \$\$\$, [turtlefiji.com](http://turtlefiji.com)

Never thought you'd see a zebra grazing in Mexico? You will in the 25,000-acre nature reserve that surrounds **Cuixmala** resort, along with gazelles and wild boars. \$\$, [cuixmala.com](http://cuixmala.com)

**Machaca Hill Lodge** in Belize is located within an 11,000-acre nature reserve, less than 25 percent of which is used by visitors of the resort. \$, [machacahill.com](http://machacahill.com)

### WEB HELP

Want to spend your honeymoon helping others? Plan a volunteer vacation through sites like [charityguide.org](http://charityguide.org) or [i-to-i.com](http://i-to-i.com).