

Where to go when

Looking for some tropical winter sun? Fancy a springtime mountain hideaway or an African safari? **Louise Roe** reveals the perfect destinations for the time of year you're getting married



JANUARY

What better way to see in the new year than with a hot Caribbean honeymoon or some action-packed fun in the snowy Alps?

The not list: Caribbean, Alps, Thailand, Mexico.

Wedding recommends: Las Ventanas Al Paraiso, Los Lobos, Mexico (above). Always packed with celebrities, this chic retreat is coloured with local decor and enhanced with friendly service. www.lasventanas.com

Avoid: The rainy season in Malaysia and cyclones in Fiji.

HONEYMOON CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

The best month to snorkel and relax in the azure waters of the Maldives or to discover South Africa's beautiful, varied landscape.

The hot list: New Zealand, Pyrenees, Maldives, South Africa.

Wedding recommends: Baros, Maldives (left). A mix of rustic simplicity and modern glamour, this island resort offers gourmet menus, butler service and private diving trips. www.baros.com

Avoid: It's the rainy season in Mauritius and the Seychelles.



MARCH

In early spring, things are hotting up nicely in the Gulf states of Dubai, Oman and Abu Dhabi, if you fancy some steamy Arabian nights.

The hot list: British Virgin Islands, Australia, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates.

Wedding recommends: The impressive Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi (above). Indulge in Persian delicacies at the marble bar. www.emiratespalace.com

Avoid: Dust storms in China, and it's still raining in Mauritius!



MAY

The Med is warming up but Morocco isn't quite scorching yet – perfect for lazing on the beach and warm evening dinners alfresco under the starry night sky.

The hot list: Canada, Fiji, South of France, Cyprus, Morocco.

Wedding recommends: The Anassa, Cyprus (left). You can't fail to relax sitting by the pool here, soaking up exquisite views of white sand, sparkling blue water and distant rugged hills. www.thanoshotels.com

Avoid: Stormy weather in the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand.



APRIL

A great month to explore the hiking trails of the Canadian Rockies or visit the pyramids in Egypt.

The hot list: Namibia, Florida, Canada, Egypt.

Wedding recommends: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Sarasota, Florida (above). A world away from Orlando's theme parks, Sarasota offers a beautiful oasis. Think sandy boardwalks and lively seafood restaurants on the beach. The hotel is grand yet friendly – perfect for your first holiday together as man and wife.

www.ritzcarlton.com/resorts/sarasota

Avoid: Now it's raining in Kenya and Tanzania.