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The stress of planning a wedding is over, and guests have gone home. It's time to relax and enjoy each other as a newly married couple. Although it might be tempting to put off a honeymoon until a "better time", the weeks following the wedding are typically perfect for some relaxation or a new adventure with the love of your life. Of course, if you are planning a destination wedding, you can extend your stay for more time and activities with your guests and then switch to honeymoon mode directly following the reception. Regardless of your travel choices, whether a stay-cation, a nearby destination, or a trip across the sea, embrace this time as newlyweds.

#### HONFYMOON PLANS

- Seek out a travel agent; they have connections for discounts, experiences to share, and expertise to help with ideas, execution of the plans, and to deal with any troubles that may arise.
- Find out if an agent fee is involved. The cost is typically worth the hours you will spend on the internet or any unforeseen circumstances you may encounter with an online deal.
- Know preferred travel dates, length of stay, and potential destinations.
- If travel plans are outside the country, allow enough time for passports or any additional paperwork needed; your agent can advise.
- Share ideas with your agent on your budget, what activities you like, and foods you enjoy, to help them provide you with travel recommendations.
- To save money, consider travel dates away from holidays or spring break.
- Ask about travel insurance, which often covers cancellations, sickness, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Ask the travel agent if they offer a honeymoon registry. It's a great alternative to traditional gifts, and more appropriate than requesting cash.

## Expert Profile



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## TELL US ABOUT YOU, YOUR COMPANY AND WHAT YOU OFFER:

LovinAway creates personalized destination wedding, honeymoon and romantic vacation experiences in Mexico, the Caribbean and Hawaii. Our team of travel experts have experienced the destinations and resorts we offer first-hand so that we can provide our couples with the most customized experiences to meet their travel dreams. Our experts can handle all of the details – from flights and accommodations to spa treatments, dinners on the beach and once-in-a-lifetime excursions.

#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN BUSINESS:

LovinAway has been booking romance travel for couples for 3 years; however, the roots of our company, LaMacchia Travel, go back over 85 years.

## WHAT'S ONE MISCONCEPTION ABOUT BOOKING WITH A TRAVEL AGENT:

We cost you money! In reality, travel agents save you money and just as importantly, time and unnecessary stress! That price you are finding online...we can match it, if not beat it in most cases.

## WHAT SETS YOUR COMPANY APART FROM OTHERS WITHIN YOUR INDUSTRY:

Simple answer – our people! We're a small company and focus on personal relationships. We also work closely with our resort partners to help provide extra special touches during your stay. You don't get that service when you book online. Your destination wedding or honeymoon is so much more than a transaction to us.

## WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH COUPLES:

I often notice couples asking friends and family which destination and resort they should visit. Rather than focusing on what their friends and family enjoyed, they should focus on how they travel together as a couple and what they wish to experience. You don't need to travel to Bora Bora to experience an overwater bungalow. Let us tell you where to experience those bucket list adventures while saving you time and money!





#### TIMING

12-14 MONTHS BEFORE:

Contact an agent to plan a destination wedding.

#### 9-11 MONTHS BEFORE:

Contact an agent to plan your honeymoon. Put down deposit.
Begin passport acquisition process.

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE:

Make final payment.

2-4 WEEKS BEFORE:

Receive travel documents.

