

Loveletter

Passionate Views, News + Reviews About Romance Travel



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GREETINGS FROM ROMANCE TRAVEL CONCIERGE!

It's winter here in North America, complete with rain, showers + snow-capped ski slopes, but it's sunny elsewhere in the world. That is exactly what we are featuring in this month's Loveletter. We'd also like to congratulate our partner hotels, spas + resorts that have been listed as best hotels + places to stay.

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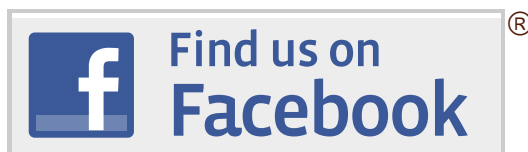
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HONEYMOON #224: NEW ZEALAND

We were soaked here in California with 6 consecutive days of rain last month. On those rainy + gloomy days, we especially missed our sunny weather, which brought our attention to New Zealand, where it's summer this time of year.

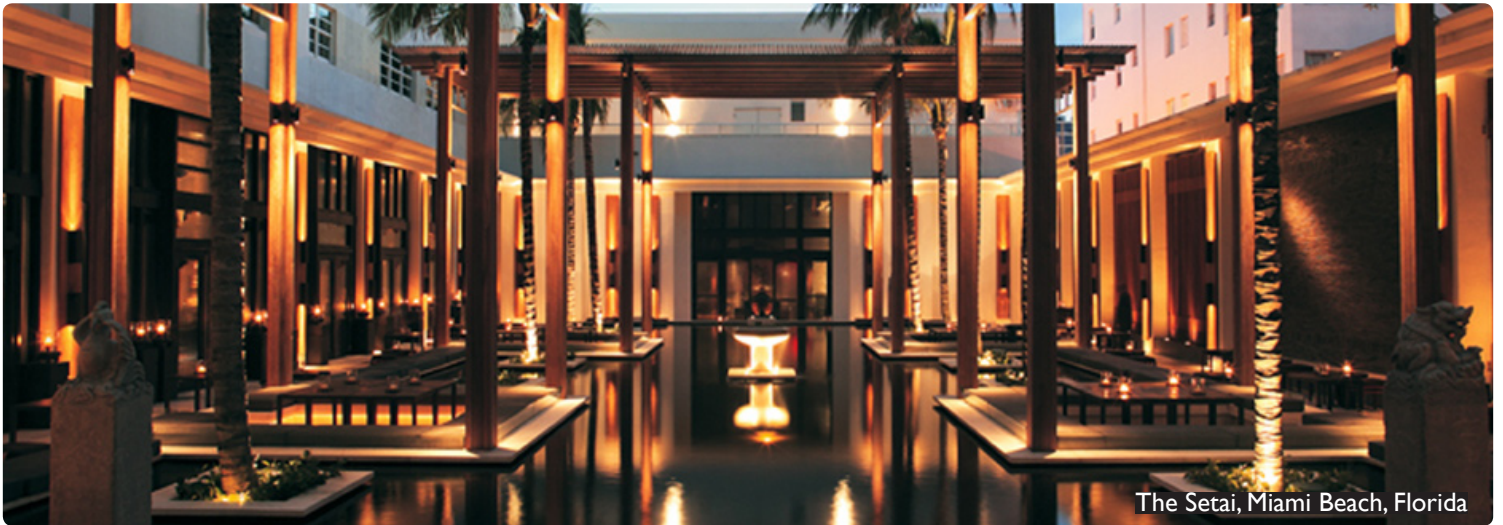
The 5-night honeymoon is one of our newest products of 2010 + is located in the idyllic city of Queenstown, New Zealand, sometimes better known as Middle Earth, Narnia, or more recently, Pandora where the movies were filmed. Our partner, Sofitel Queenstown Hotel + Spa is located conveniently less than half a kilometer away from the cinema district, botanical gardens as well as the beautiful Lake Wakatipu entrenched amidst mountain peaks. In fact, the honeymoon package includes a helicopter tour that takes you to a picnic on one of the peaks.

We will also include daily breakfast, private round-trip airport transfers, a spa treatment + dinner plus wine tasting in the \$5.1K honeymoon. If sunny weathers doesn't quite suit you, call us + we'll book your honeymoon during New Zealand's ski season in July + August for some fun in the snowflakes.



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The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida

TIP #214: ARRIVE WRINKLE FREE

While bloated feet + dark circles under are evidence of a traveler's long flight, your clothes in the luggage sustain a different kind of mark – wrinkles. Even though most hotels + resorts offer irons + pressing services, the time + money it takes to undo the outcome of an over-crammed luggage can be inconvenient. While we can't banish wrinkles completely, we have found a few tips that minimize them.

1. Roll your clothes rather than fold them
2. Button up shirts + zip up pants/dresses before packing
3. Put small items like socks, small towels, or undergarments in the corner to prevent clothes from shifting in the luggage + creasing
4. Try to pack materials that do not wrinkle easily. This, of course, may depend on the season of your travel, but ladies can pack sweater dresses or dresses of manmade materials such as nylon + spandex which do not wrinkle as easily.
5. Line tissue paper between outfits.

THE HONOR ROLL

A congratulations to our partners who have been awarded as Travel + Leisure's 500 World's Best Hotels 2010 +/-or Condé Nast Traveler's World's Best Places to Stay (January, 2010 issue).

The World's Best Places to Stay January 2010

The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida

The Imperial, New Delhi, India

Four Seasons Cairo Nile Plaza, Egypt

Travel + Leisure 500 World's Best Hotels 2010

The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida

Anantara Dighu Resort + Spa, Maldives

Hayman, Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Four Seasons San Stefano, Alexandria, Egypt

Four Seasons Cairo Nile Plaza, Egypt



LOVEGIFT OF THE MONTH



This month's Lovegift has nothing to do with travel but we love it so much we just had to share it with you. It came about because Tiffany's 2010 catalog arrived last month + began circulating through the office. Soon, we were hearing phrases such as, "Oh, I love that ring on page 24;" or "I am going to buy myself a pair of those earrings on page 33." Almost unanimously, the ladies in the office found themselves coveting a heart key charm on page 29. The pendant is one-inch long with a diamond set in sterling silver. It comes with any booking of our destination weddings, honeymoons, babymoons + trips for two.

We do have a word of caution for our single gentlemen, however, to avoid any misunderstanding. When you do present our Lovegift to your girlfriends, it's best to take it out of the box, in case they were hoping to see a different kind of jewelry in the tiny Tiffany's box.