

Loveletter

Passionate Views, News + Reviews About Romance Travel



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GREETINGS FROM ROMANCE TRAVEL CONCIERGE!

As autumn heralds her arrival with the cooler weather, we're longing for something splendid, decadent, + luxurious. That's why we're featuring one of the most romantic cities known to man - Venice - as the perfect honeymoon destination. Plus, a wedding in India where the parties last for days sounds just perfect. Read on to find out what's in store in this month's Loveletter!

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LOVERS IN VENICE: \$5K HONEYMOON 5 NIGHTS IN THE 17TH CENTURY

Transfers by limousine? Been there, done that. How about a water limousine, then? After the plane touches down in Venice Airport runway, you'd step off the plane, enter the airport through one door, + into the water through the other door. Canals run where streets would normally be; motor boats + gondolas roam where cars should; + everywhere you look are Gothic + Baroque architecture. Without cars + devoid of skyscrapers, condos, + apartments, Venice seems like a city that has been left behind by history, forever stuck in the 17th century.

By day, you can stroll along the Grand Canal. The walkways + bridges are lined with vendors + artists. You can easily find a beautiful masque with glitters + feathers. By night, we have prepared a gondola ride so you can see all the pretty lights shimmering in the waters. After that, join the crowd at San Marcos Square where orchestras line up in front of the cafes for a concert under the open night sky.

Venice is unlike anything you will ever see. There is no other place like it on this planet. Being in the city is like walking through a portal to the 17th century where the world of Wall Street + Microsoft are far behind you. We urge you to see its beauty with your own eyes at least once in your lifetime + when better than your honeymoon where you have this extraordinary destination to share with the person you love most? Let this other-worldly destination engulf you in a world of romance.



DESTINATION WEDDING TO GO™: INDIA PARTY IN THE PALACE

Anyone who's seen *Bride + Prejudice* would know that weddings in the Indian culture is no small affair. The matrimonial celebration involves numerous ceremonies, days of unceasing feasting, dancing, partying, not to mention the gorgeous saris. So if the one-night affair of a traditional wedding seems too fleeting, then a destination wedding in India would be a perfect alternative.

Our \$43K Destination Wedding To Go™ in India begins with 4 days/ 3 nights in New Delhi for the bride + groom + 8 guests. The capital of India is a great place for shopping, sight-seeing, + dining. The party then continues to Agra, Jaipur, + finally Samode where the wedding will take place in a palace. Of course, before the wedding celebration, there's a traditional Mendhi ceremony in which the bride + all the ladies will receive henna tattoos; the ceremony is followed by lunch + village fair, a great time to shop for bangles + jewels (gifts, wedding jewelry + souvenirs). For the wedding, the palace is adorned with flowers in just about every corner. The groom enters atop an elephant, followed by horses + camels, torch bearers, local band, 6 royal soldiers, showering of petals + fireworks (no kidding on the "grand" entrance). The wedding blessing ceremony is followed by dinner banquet + more fireworks!

But wait, we're not done. The party continues at the farewell BBQ on the following day. Camel carts will carry all the guests with a procession of musicians to the Sand Dunes under the stars. Decorated tents with pillows, throws + cushions afford luxury + comfort -- the traditional way. The newlywed + guests can party until dawn with delicious local cuisine, music, + moonlight.

For a wedding that you can truly call extraordinary, contact one of our Romance Travel Concierges to pencil in your wedding date. Price is valid through September 30, 2010. Please contact us for future dates + details.



LOVEGIFT OF THE MONTH



One of our staff recently moved out of her old home. Prior to this move, she was an avid book collector who reveled in the scent + touch of her books, physical books. She had resisted all the allures + enticement of an e-reader. Well, hauling + transporting 10 boxes of books definitely changed her mind.

Traveling also requires a certain amount of hauling. For the avid reader, half a dozen of lightweight paperbacks add up quite fast. We are solving that problem by giving away the newest Kindle (Wi-Fi, 6" display) as Lovegift of the month. This was our featured Stuff We Love back in May of 2009, but the Kindle has since slimmed down, lightened up, + become even more fit for travel. Pencil in your romantic travel date early, though, since it may take several months to get a hold of this popular item, which is currently on backorder until mid-September.