

# Guides for Brides

## Tips On Planning A Honeymoon To Remember

(NAPSA)—Experts say planning and preparation are the keys to creating a memorable honeymoon. Just make sure the planning process is as relaxing and stress-free as the honeymoon itself.

To help with your planning, here are some tips:

• **Begin early and share the planning.** To ensure that both parties enjoy the honeymoon, they should consider making all the decisions together.

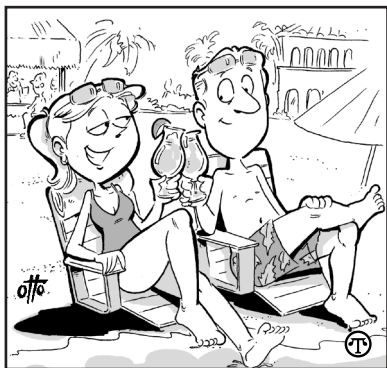
• **Pick your paradise.** Selecting the destination for the honeymoon can be a real challenge. ASTA—the American Society of Travel Agents—travel agents suggest the following method: First decide what type of vacation (all-inclusive resort, cruise, adventure vacation, cultural trip) you want and then narrow down the list of destinations accordingly.

• **Make time for yourselves.** Pad the honeymoon schedule with generous amounts of free time. Plan a few enjoyable activities and leave lots of opportunities to just enjoy each other's company.

• **Set a tentative budget.** Talk about expectations and priorities from the very beginning and decide what you want to splurge on and where you can cut corners.

• **Splurge on accommodations.** No matter what type of vacation package a couple chooses, they will spend an enormous amount of time in their room or cabin. This is not a place to cut corners.

• **Brides—use your maiden name.** Unless a couple is planning on taking a delayed honeymoon, the bride won't have time to change the name on her passport and driver's license. She should use her maiden name on visas and



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airline tickets, so they match as it appears on official documents.

• **Leave it to a professional.** For stress-free travel plans—especially those with multiple steps such as a honeymoon—seek out the expert advice of a travel agent who specializes in planning honeymoons. You can save money as well as time, two enormous factors for a couple trying to plan a wedding and a honeymoon simultaneously.

According to ASTA President and Chair Chris Russo, “Whether it’s a Caribbean cruise, relaxing at an all-inclusive resort or taking in the wonders of Paris, there is a travel specialist for every destination and type of travel imaginable who can ensure that your honeymoon is memorable for the right reasons.”

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