

10 Dreamy DESTINATIONS

Celebrate your wedding with a five-star follow-up. These enviable honeymoon hot spots offer the best of the best—top-notch accommodations, amenities and service set in idyllic locales—all packaged for postnuptial bliss.

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Champagne and strawberries on the porch of the Rhodes Suite, one of two grand master suites, at the Otahuna Lodge

8 WALDORF ASTORIA PARK CITY, Utah

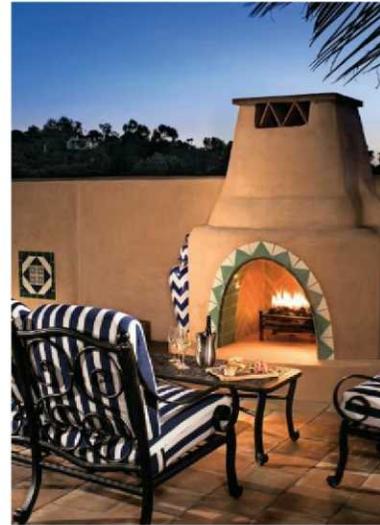
Situated a mere 35 minutes from Salt Lake City International Airport and nestled at the base of Canyons Resort, Waldorf Astoria Park City is a window to a premier mountain-resort escape. A dedicated gondola provides year-round access to the Canyons Resort's 4,000 acres of varied terrain. Proffering a peak experience, this award-winning hotel boasts 175 guest accommodations, from king and queen rooms to a three-bedroom guest residence.

THE COUPLE Outdoor enthusiasts

WHAT TO LOVE The Canyons Resort, a haven for sporting adventure year-round, offers a surplus of both winter and summer activities in a storybook setting (and is home to the first chairlift in North America with heated seats). At the Waldorf Astoria Park City, comfortable elegance begins in the lobby lounge with oversized couches and a mammoth fireplace, which sits adjacent to the hotel's buzzed-about restos: Slopes for fine dining and Powder for relaxed eating, sipping and après-ski. Cozy guest

rooms feature custom furnishings by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, fireplaces, 42-inch HDTVs, spacious baths and steam showers, with many also claiming private patios or balconies. One-, two- and three-bedroom guest residences offer grand gourmet kitchens with Viking appliances and granite countertops. Soothing sore muscles is the 16,000-square-foot signature spa, housing 15 treatment rooms, a full-service hair and nail salon, and a large fitness center. Plus, the pleasures of downtown Park City are just a quick ride away.

PACKAGE DEAL Take pleasure in the two-night Couples Retreat package, offering sparkling wine upon arrival, a 50-minute couples massage, rose-petal turndown and a \$50 breakfast-in-bed reward credit each morning. In summer, stay in a standard guest room for \$389 or a standard one-bedroom guest residence for \$669; winter retreats start at \$829 for a standard guest room and \$1,109 for a one-bedroom guest residence. Additional nights can be easily added: Summer starting rates are \$209 for a standard guest room and \$489 for a one-bedroom guest residence; winter starting rates are \$649 for a standard guest room and \$929 for a one-bedroom guest residence. parkcitywaldorfastoria.com



Enjoy sitting out on this private Gasita patio in the evening—just you and your honey.

9 RANCHO VALENCIA, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Nestled quietly into posh Rancho Santa Fe, just 90 miles south of Los Angeles (and a quick zip from San Diego), this Relais & Châteaux property is hacienda heaven, emerging from a \$30 million transformation last year with 49 expansive (1,000 square feet is the average) suites: fully teched-out, rustic chic furnishings, high-beam roofs, spacious bathrooms with deep soaking tubs and glass enclosed showers, roomy living spaces and private patios (some with fireplaces and whirlpools).

THE COUPLE Tennis-, nature- and spa-lovers

WHAT TO LOVE Spanish-inspired surrounds and 45 acres of lush gardens, lantern-lit trails and olive groves provide a verdant backdrop for 18 newly resurfaced tennis courts and a 2.5-acre spa and yoga pavilion. Evening brings craft tequilas and cocktails in The Pony Room (which also serves fresh coastal-ranch delights for lunch and dinner) or on the terrace. Longer indulgences amid candlelight happen at Veladora, where Mediterranean farm-to-table cuisine is the specialty.

PACKAGE DEAL Rev up or relax in style with the five-night Over the Moon package, which includes an on-arrival trio of creme brulee and strawberries with prosecco in the Valencia Suite (plus Rancho Valencia-monogrammed Frette robes at departure); a two-hour couples spa package featuring a custom-blended essential oil and clay sun bake, bath soak and couples massage followed by a private lunch in a poolside cabana. Also included are croquet and cocktails, a four-course tasting menu served in the wine room, a private yoga session or tennis lessons, and sunset hot air balloon ride. \$8,900. ranchovalencia.com



Slopeside at the Canyons Resort is the Waldorf Astoria Park City—the ideal locale for year-round outdoor activities.

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