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Eco Honeymoons

While the trend to hold more eco-friendly weddings has been rapidly gaining popularity, a new trend that is beginning to emerge looks to what happens after the guests leave with their eco-friendly wedding favors, after the soy-candles have been blown out, and after the carbon offsets have been made, when it looks to an eco-friendly honeymoon.

For many bridal couples their honeymoon, in one short trip can undo all the good they tried to do by planning an eco-friendly wedding. Which is why a number of resorts, hotels and vacation planners are emerging that promote themselves as green honeymoon alternatives.

From Puerto Rico to the Caribbean, now you can extend your social consciousness to include your honeymoon, with some of the many Green Hotels and resorts that are popping up worldwide.

Whether its an oceanside tent-cottage that has been built by hand to avoid disturbing the natural environment, open-aired rooms cooled by trade winds or solar heated showers combined with biodegradable soaps, the ultimate in eco-relaxation is now out there. With vast hiking trails, wind or paddle powered boats, and horseback riding along sandy beaches, these types of resorts prove that there is fun to be had, without damaging the world we live in.

If you and your spouse are a little more serious about preserving your environment, there are still many places to visit a little closer to home that won't require you to burn jet fuel to get there, though you may still need to burn some fossil fuels as you drive. Cycling through Vermont or the Prairies, Kayaking off Vancouver Island or the Oregon coast, or back country hiking in the Rocky Mountains on either side of the border, there are a number of natural fun adventures that can be found close to home.

If you and your new spouse find connecting with nature and immersing yourself in new and powerful experiences to be more enjoyable than standing in long line-ups or browsing in stores for souvenirs, look to an eco-friendly honeymoon as the best way to celebrate your marriage and have fun in a romantic setting, while still contributing to the preservation of the planet.

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