



new trend

ROMANCE REGISTRIES

Wouldn't you rather register for a massage than another salad bowl? Honeymoon registries help offset the cost of that well-earned reward after the big day, and there are ones for every style and budget. Here are a few of our favorites.

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Take It Personally

Is adding a personal touch to all aspects of your wedding important to you? At **thebigday.com**, couples can upload their own pictures, write extensive descriptions and customize a wedding webpage. You'll pay a 9 percent service fee unless you book your travel through them.

Just the Basics

Pressed for time and money? Check out the free registry at **honeyfund.com**, where you can make a simple list of honeymoon requests. The catch: You must host advertisements on your site, and guests use an outside payment service (like PayPal) to purchase online gifts.

Imagine Me and You

Unsure of what to list on your registry? **Thehoneymoon.com** provides registry templates for some of the most popular honeymoon destinations. They have a sliding

scale of service fees (8.85 percent max) that are paid by your guests.

Sit Back and Relax

Would you love to hand over the entire process of creating your registry and planning your honeymoon to a professional? **Honeyluna.com** will work one-on-one with you to design the exact trip you are looking for. You pay \$100 to \$150 for them to set up your website, and your guests will bear an additional 15 percent service fee when they purchase gifts.

A Little Choosy

Do you want to choose who pays the service fee (you or your guests), who books your travel and when you receive your gift money? **Honeymoonwishes.com** lets the couple decide, and they can also help you plan your trip. They charge a 7 percent service fee and an additional 3 percent credit-card fee.

In the Know

Choosing a destination for your honeymoon is hard enough, but discovering off-the-beaten-path activities can be next to impossible. InterContinental Hotels & Resorts has introduced a group of new programs to help you uncover the hidden gems in any locale. Their collection of Turn Here videos (turnhere.com) gives viewers an online overview of each destination, plus some top don't-miss experiences. On their regular home site, hotel concierge staffs (called "In the Know" Ambassadors) have added destination-specific pages offering tips on how to join the crowds — or avoid them. Sign up for an uber-romantic "Will You Marry Me" experience; options include a candlelight dinner among the Roman ruins at the InterContinental de la Ville Roma. Or venture even deeper into the culture with an "Insider Experience." For example, InterContinental London Park Lane sends foodies on a shopping tour with chef Theo Randall, checking out his favorite local shops and getting tips on choosing fresh ingredients, before sitting down to a private lunch (you'll even leave with a few secret recipes). Or go behind the scenes of the exclusive Fragonard perfume factory in Grasse, France — and get a shopping discount! — via the InterContinental Carlton Cannes (pictured right). Rooms from \$304 in France, \$476 in London and \$539 in Rome. — JD

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