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## Honeymoon Basics: 15 Budget Honeymoon Ideas

**15 simple ways to save money on your honeymoon**

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### The Planning

A little legwork early in your engagement goes a long way toward balancing your honeymoon budget.

#### 1. Consider a travel agent

It's easy to find a flight and book a hotel over the Internet, so the idea of working with a travel agent might seem antiquated. While it's not for everyone, Tim Leffel, author of [Make Your Travel Dollars Worth a Fortune](#), observes that a travel agent can save money for those who don't have a specific destination in mind. "If you just want to go to a nice [Caribbean island](#) and stay in a hotel on the beach, agents can often find deals that you might not run across yourself." So if your heart's set on the Four Seasons in [Nevis](#), use the Web. If you're open to any number of islands and resorts, see what a travel agent has to offer.

#### 2. Use frequent flier miles

If you've charged wedding expenses, your honeymoon is the perfect time to cash in all the bonus points you racked up on your credit card. Free airfare is great, of course, and even if you don't have enough miles for that, you can still go for an upgrade from coach to first class, allowing you to begin and end your honeymoon in style.

#### 3. Start a honeymoon registry

As a traditional part of attending your wedding, guests will give you gifts, and the majority of them will shop straight from your [wedding registry](#). If you have ample linens and china's just not your style, set up a honeymoon registry and have guests pay for part (or even all) of your trip in lieu of traditional gifts. Sites like [thebigday.com](#) or [honeymoonwishes.com](#) offer registries for a small percentage of the total gift. You can also register at resorts like Marriott or Disney.

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