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Honeymoon Heaven

AFTER THE PARTY, HEAD TO A RELAXING BEACH RETREAT OR A ROMANTIC EUROPEAN GETAWAY. **By Ivette Manners**

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

You'll be impressed by Punta Cana's role in the ecotravel movement, as major hoteliers are supporting sustainable tourism. Visit the Ecological Park to swim in freshwater lagoons and take walks on nature preserve trails. Also, make time to go horseback riding on the beach.



WHERE TO STAY: Co-owned by Julio Iglesias and Oscar de la Renta, Tortuga Bay at Punta Cana Resort & Club is a chic, boutique-style hotel. The stylish villas (decorated by De la Renta) face calm, warm waters on a secluded beach. Seven-night romance packages start at \$3,950 (puntacana.com). Or take in the tropical atmosphere at the Paradisus Punta Cana Resort, which sports a lagoon-style pool. All-inclusive rates start at \$340 per night (paradisuspuntacana.travel).

WHEN TO VISIT: You might want to avoid the island in September, which is peak hurricane season.