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THE LATEST tips, tricks & trends

designer hotels

These fashion icons took a break from the runway to create some honeymoon-worthy vacation havens. BY LISA FREEDMAN



Diane von Furstenberg

WHERE Claridge's in London

WHY IT'S COOL After almost 30 years of visiting Claridge's, DvF decided to put her own stamp on the space. As of press time, she had unveiled three rooms (more are on tap) decked out in florals, bold colors, stately furniture and other signature touches. The Piano Suite is the biggest, housing a wild living room with animal-print textiles and handcrafted rugs, and a dreamy bedroom with a beautiful four-poster bed (rooms from \$1,044, Claridges.co.uk).



Todd Oldham

WHERE The Hotel of South Beach in Miami

WHY IT'S COOL Everything in this 73-room hotel has the Todd Oldham touch—from satin pillows to tie-dyed bathrobes. The designer kept the building's original 1939 terrazzo floors, but he updated rooms with his signature stripes and bright colors (rooms from \$225, TheHotelofSouthBeach.com).



Oscar de la Renta

WHERE Tortuga Bay in the Dominican Republic

WHY IT'S COOL It's been in business for 40 years, but Tortuga Bay didn't truly land on the map until Oscar de la Renta got involved. The Dominican native redesigned every villa, giving the ocean-side rooms an airy, tropical feel. Book your stay for 2011 and play a round of golf on the newly opened PB Dye-designed course, his second course for the resort (rooms from \$610, PuntaCana.com).

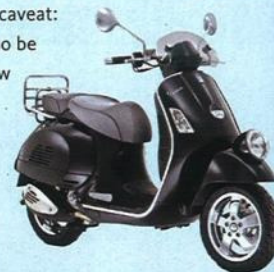
coolest rides to rent on your honeymoon

These vehicles will steam things up, but be warned: Only one of them has a backseat for the inevitable make-out session.

A JEEP WRANGLER Can you picture exploring Hawaiian off-roads in any other SUV? Didn't think so. Between the open-air top and those big tires, you'll have the best view and photo ops. Bonus points if you get one with an upgraded sound system (for those epic car sing-alongs).



A VESPA Whether it's Italy's Amalfi Coast or somewhere Stateside, you'll be the hip honeymooners riding around town seeing all the sights on one of these. One small caveat: You'll need a motorcycle license, so be sure to fill out the paperwork a few weeks before the wedding.





Christian Lacroix

WHERE Hôtel Le Notre Dame in Paris
WHY IT'S COOL Third time's a charm—so proves Christian Lacroix's third hotel property. Not that the other two weren't extravagant, we just happen to like this one best. The 26-room hotel sits inside a 400-year-old building nestled against the Seine. Each room is decorated in one of six eccentric themes—such as The Angels, Divine Garden and The Magi—and comes with artsy touches like “cowhide” wallpaper, exposed beams and wall-to-wall carpet that resembles medieval paving (rooms from \$315, HotelNotreDameParis.com).



Giorgio Armani

WHERE Armani Hotels & Resorts in Dubai and Milan
WHY IT'S COOL The Burj Khalifa is the world's tallest building. It's also the home of Armani's first hotel, which houses 160 guest rooms. The designer's trademark minimalist style is clear—there are no pictures hung in the rooms, and the furniture is sleek. Not interested in Dubai? Armani is planning hotels in Tokyo, London, New York and more, starting with Milan this year (rooms from \$650, ArmaniHotels.com).

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AN AUDI CONVERTIBLE It doesn't matter whether you're cruising up a coastline or down a crowded city street, you'll look (and feel) sexier in this car. Don't forget to pack the oversize, movie-star sunglasses and a fun scarf to keep your hair back. You modern-day Audrey Hepburn, you.



A JAGUAR You're not going to find this one at Avis or Hertz, but a Jaguar E-Type Series I Roadster is as good as it gets. Put it this way: “Enzo Ferrari said it was the only car he wished came off his line but didn't,” says Michael Prichinello, owner and cofounder of Classic Car Club Manhattan in NYC. Research rental companies to find one.

