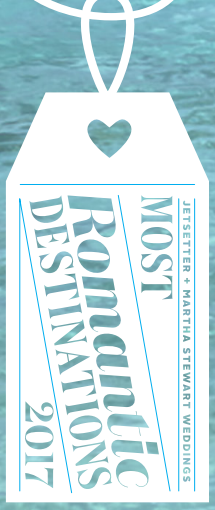
OUR FIRST EVER!

# Travel AWARDS

**Introducing the results of our Most Romantic Destinations survey. In partnership with the travel and booking site Jetsetter, we asked our readers and followers to reveal their ultimate honeymoon spots in nine categories across the globe—and nearly 9,000 of you responded. Turn the page to see the winners, from the Caribbean to the South Pacific—plus highlights of what to see and do in each destination. And make sure to visit *marthastewartweddings.com* for more of our favorite hotels in the top-ranked cities and islands. Let the honeymoon planning begin!**

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# WINNER: AMALFI COAST

This picturesque region may be the go-to spot for Italian glitz and glamour, but it is possible to live *la dolce vita* for less. Or take our favorite approach with a mix of high and low for a price that's just right. —*Rocky Casale*

Hotel Santa Catarina

## SPLURGE

**Where to Stay:** Set in a 19th-century villa, **Hotel Santa Caterina** (from $700 per night, high season, *hotelsantacaterina.it*) hugs the cliffs of Amalfi, commanding coveted views of its storied coastline. Its beach club is just for guests, and the spa offers a dreamy massage using a local lemon balm.

**Where to Eat:** At **Zass** (dinner for two from $250, *ilsanpietro.it*), the Michelin-starred restaurant at the Il San Pietro di Positano hotel, ask for a table on the terrace, and don't miss the pasta with peas, ricotta, and pancetta.

**Where to Shop:** Positano is renowned for its made-to-measure sandals. At **Safari,** the leather creations—adorned with stones of your choosing (we love the turquoise; from $50, *safaripositano.com*)—can be ready in 30 minutes.

**What to Do:** On **Positano Boats'** Emerald Grotto tour (from $80, *positanoboats.info*), you'll ride in a chic speedboat and visit the Fiord of Furore, one of the most difficult to reach (and beautiful) beaches in the area.

**Where to Drink:** Positano's twinkling lights and a DJ playing chilled-out tunes set the mood for oysters and a French 77 (gin, Amalfi lemons, St-Germain, and bubbly) at Le Sirenuse hotel's **Champagne Bar & Grill** (*sirenuse.it*).

## STEAL

**Where to Stay:** True to its name, Positano's 150-year-old **Villa Rosa** (from $284 per night, high season, *villa rosapositano.it*) is covered in roses and vines of pink bougainvillea. It sits above all the tourist commotion—and each room has a shared terrace for taking in the view. There's no restaurant, but coffee and pastries can be delivered to you in the morning.

**Where to Eat:** Half the delight of dining at **Da Adolfo** (dinner for two from $45, *daadolfo.com*) is its location on Laurito Cove, a five-minute boat ride from Positano's harbor. It looks like a fishing hut right on the beach and is the ultimate date spot for fresh-grilled red snapper, mussel soup, seafood pasta, and Amalfi Coast wines.

**Where to Shop:** Make a pilgrimage to the town of **Vietri sul Mare** to browse its famed hand-painted ceramics, from dainty finger bowls to elaborately decorated sets of dishware (from $6). There's even a museum dedicated to the craft.

**What to Do:** The lush gardens of **Villa Cimbrone** (entrance fee $8; *hotelvillacimbrone.com*)—Ravello's 11th-century palatial compound, also home to a luxury hotel and award-winning restaurant—are some of Italy's most elaborate. Amble hand in hand among the paths lined with rose bushes, giant hydrangeas, and marble busts.

**Where to Drink:** Order a Negroni on the patio of **Al San Domingo** (Piazza Duomo 2) for a front-row seat to Ravello's historic cathedral. You'll likely catch wedding parties strolling through the main square of Piazza Vescovado, the heart of the community.

A view of Positano.

## RUNNERS-UP!

### 2. Greece
For an island experience without the crowds, head to under-the-radar Milos; stay at the new 23-room Milos Breeze Boutique Hotel.

### 3. Paris
After a four-year, down-to-the-studs renovation, the legendary Ritz Paris (where Coco Chanel once lived) reopened last year with the world's first Chanel spa and a sprawling garden that's perfect for romantic strolls.

### 4. Tuscany
Sign up for a cooking class—which includes shopping at local markets—at Desinare, set inside interior designer Riccardo Barthel's Florence showroom.

### 5. Venice
Want to sleep in a former palace? The Palazzo Morosini Degli Spezieri opened last April on a quiet street, with nine spacious apartments.

**WE ASKED: WHERE DID YOU HONEYMOON? HERE ARE THE TOP SPOTS:**

1. HAWAII
2. MEXICO
3. FLORIDA
4. JAMAICA
5. CALIFORNIA

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