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## The Honeymoon Road Trip Destinations of 2023-2024, According to The Knot Editors

Biggest tip: Always remember to fasten your seatbelts and prepare a solid playlist.

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Alternating playlists, open highways, blissful lookout points, and quality time with your partner are just a few perks to consider if you choose to venture down, ahem, the route of a honeymoon road trip. The US, particularly, is home to numerous [prized honeymoon destinations](#). Out West, sloping mountains make way to lush valleys and otherworldly and arid desert landscapes. Both the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts are home to scenic routes that carve through farmland, vast mountainous regions, small towns and sprawling cities. A honeymoon road trip is particularly memorable because you're [experiencing travel and passing precious time](#) together. Read up on the best road trip honeymoon locations, including the best places to eat and stay with prized tips from The Knot Editors.

### Ten Mile Drive & Ocean Drive, Newport, Rhode Island



There's a reason why John F. Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy Onassis chose to marry in Newport. The glittering East Coast destination is a summertime favorite among stars and notables, including our Entertainment & Celebrity Editor [Sarah Hanlon](#), whose first visit to Newport was with her mom. A welcome respite from the bustling city, she even booked two additional return trips within that year. Couples will appreciate [Ocean Drive's 10 miles of coastline](#) along the southern coast of Aquidneck Island, which features Gilded Age architecture. Most will start their Ten Mile Drive at the historic Bellevue Avenue and make their way around the coastline, which includes Ocean Drive. "It's one of the most breathtaking places I've ever seen in my life, thanks to its commanding view of the sea dotted by rugged bluffs and historic grand mansions," says Hanlon.

**Where to Stay:** Between historic properties like the famed five-star hotel, [The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#), and well-recommended options like the well-appointed [Brenton Hotel](#) or the cozy [Hydrangea House Inn](#), Newport is littered with options for a honeymoon stay. We also recommend looking into [bed and breakfasts](#), which New England is especially known for doing well.

**Where to Eat:** Welcome to the land of clam chowder, fresh seafood and the prized New England treat of the lobster roll. "That's where The Landing, a laid-back, open-air restaurant on the dockside of Bowen's Wharf in downtown Newport, comes in," says Hanlon. Honeymooners seeking an extra special occasion should also consider stopping by the waterfront [Anchor Room at The Coast Guard House](#) in neighboring Narragansett, or the Dining Room at [Castle Hill Inn](#). "If not for dinner, at least for a chilled glass of rosé on the sprawling lawn," she suggests.

**Editors' Tips:** "Leave time for a chartered boat lighthouse tour to get a fascinating history lesson on some of the state's prettiest landmarks," says Hanlon. Those seeking a cross between adventure and education may also enjoy an immersive guided oyster farm tour at a restaurant like Wakefield's [Matunuck Oyster Bar](#). "Oh, and if you're a Swiftie, take a detour to Watch Hill and [see Holiday House for yourself](#) (IYKYK). While you're there, grab a table on the veranda of the iconic yellow Ocean House resort to enjoy the best lobster roll of your life."

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