



# the Two of You

**If** you spend any time speaking with other engaged couples, or interacting on honeymoon-related blogs, you'll hear lots of talk about the big all-inclusive resorts in Mexico and the Caribbean... and there's certainly a market for them. But what if you are looking for a destination with some real local color? Or a hotel with an interesting history and unique charm? Well, we've got some suggestions that will be right up your alley. And they're all right here within the United States — so there's no need for a passport!

First on the list is **New Orleans**. With a sultry, romantic atmosphere that's just perfect for honeymooners, New Orleans offers an intoxicating mixture of gourmet cuisine, bustling night life, and fascinating history...along with a dash of voodoo mystery. You can spend your days browsing the shops and galleries along Magazine Street, riding the St. Charles Avenue streetcar, touring historic homes and plantations, or getting outside to golf, fish, bike, and more. In the evenings, the city comes alive with restaurants and clubs. A night in the French Quarter can include cocktails in a quiet, secluded courtyard and a show-stopping gourmet dinner complete with the requisite Bananas Foster flambé. Afterwards, you can find an intimate table for two in a dimly-lit jazz club, or maybe visit one of the casinos to try your luck at the tables.

If you're heading to the Big Easy, there are some uniquely New Orleans experiences that any visit should include. Many are food-related (coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, a jazz brunch, sipping a Hurricane at Pat O'Brien's), but others revolve around the city's history (a plantation tour, a riverboat cruise), spirituality (ghost/spirit tours), and resilience in the face of adversity (Katrina tours, and volun-tourism opportunities). →