

Surfers Paradise

Long walks along the beach, cloudless skies and romantic sunsets have made Surfers Paradise a much-favoured destination for honeymooners.



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KNOWN for its high-rise dominated skyline, theme parks, nightlife and rainforest hinterland, the popular holiday destination has taken on a new look with a \$25 million makeover along the Surfers Paradise foreshore.

New hotels are also catering for honeymooners with romantic packages and, if you are looking for a destination where you don't have to spend hours on a plane, head to the Gold Coast.

It's a place where you can be as busy as you want or just lounge back and relive all those special moments of your wedding day.

There's always plenty to do, such as exciting jetboat rides, browsing the 80 or so designer shops at the Marina Mirage, indulging in a spa treatment or enjoying a chocolate fix at afternoon tea at Max Brenners at Broadbeach.

After a day by the pool or the beach you may fancy a trip to the Gold Coast hinterland with its rolling hills, lush rainforests and tree-covered mountains.

New on the luxury accommodation scene is Sea Temple Surfers Paradise located in the 245-metre Soul tower, the centrepiece of the revitalisation of Surfers Paradise.

It features elegant five-star luxury apartments boasting spectacular uninterrupted ocean views.

The fully self-contained beach view apartments in the 77-level tower offer spacious open balconies with separate living and dining areas.

There's also a sparkling outdoor pool

and spa overlooking Surfers Paradise beach, a landscaped garden and infinity indoor lap pool.

For great dining try the fabulous Seaduction Restaurant and Bar where Steve Szabo, formerly of Palazzo Versace's two-hatted Vanitas and Vie fame, creates an amazing dining experience.

He produces technically brilliant dishes that taste as good as they look.

The new-look Sheraton Mirage Resort and Spa is also a great honeymoon base. Nestled between the blue Pacific and the calm Southport Broadwater, it is the only hotel on the Gold Coast situated right on the beach with its own private access.

Surrounded by 37 acres of lush palm gardens and a huge lagoon, there are 293 luxury rooms and suites as well as two and three-bedroom villas.

The Sports Mirage Health Club, Golden Door Spa and Marina Mirage with its great boutiques and restaurants are nearby.

The new Hilton Surfers Paradise is also attracting lots of attention with a range of accommodation options including apartments and suites.

Food lovers will enjoy Luke Mangan's Salt Grill restaurant, which offers great dining and there's the FIX lounge bar and a European-style delicatessen called The Food Store with great local produce.

The eforea Spa by Hilton is perfect for pampering offering great treatments and there are four pools, a pool bar, spa, sauna and outdoor podium, pavilion and terrace.

Going to the beach has never been easier with the hotel's new Beach Valet service.

Chairs, towels and a beach umbrella are set up and sunscreen, cold drinks, ice-creams and snacks delivered throughout the day.

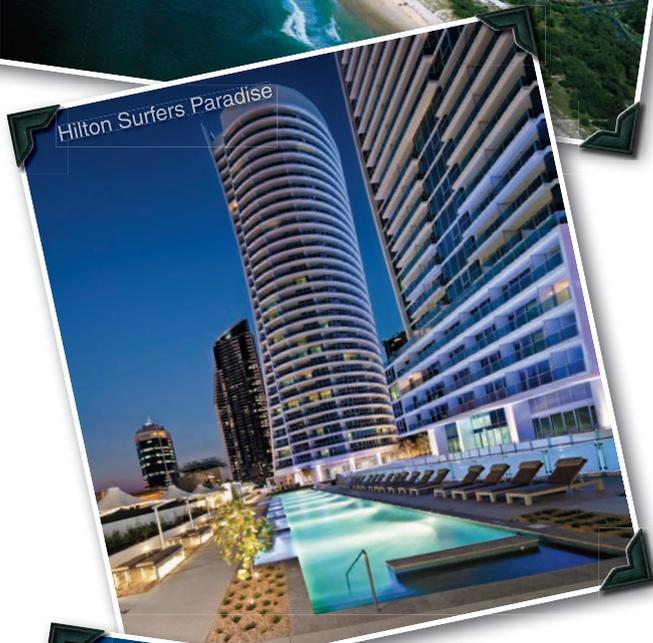
Honeymoon planning is an exciting part of any wedding and something to give lots of consideration to – it's a holiday that will long be remembered.

The low down

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- ♥ Hilton Surfers Paradise, phone (07) 5680 8000, see hiltonsurfersparadise.com.au
- ♥ Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa, phone (07) 5577 0000, see sheraton.com/goldcoast
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