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GREAT ESCAPES

Where in the world to wed, honeymoon, and more.
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LOCATION SCOUT

LAKE PLACID LODGE

LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Come wintertime, nothing sets the scene like pure white snow. This magical wood-and-stone lodge in the Adirondack Mountains has it by the bucketful, plus several cozy spots for a ceremony and reception. In a wonderland like this, the possibilities for fun are endless, from greasing guests with hot mugs of spiked cocoa to departing by horse-drawn sleigh (snowball fights optional). Turn the page to learn how to plan a celebration here.

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Escape to an alpine lodge (from \$100, [Adirondack Lodge](#)), and then add some local flavor to your list.



TEMPTING TREATS

Welcome guests with lots of **The Adirondack Popcorn Co.'s Moose Crunch**. They can munch on the mix of caramel corn, peanuts, pretzels, chocolate, and peanut butter all weekend (\$23 each, [adirondackpopcorn.com](#)).



A MEMORABLE MEAL

Host your rehearsal dinner in town at **Lox Gx**, a full favorite. The menu changes with the seasons, but the signature three-course picnic are served year-round. Order a bunch, and let everyone dig right in (page 100).



ONE WILD RIDE

Take your wedding party on the adventure of their lives—a zip down the 1980 Olympic bobsled track at nearby **Whiteface Resort** (from \$80 per person, [whiteface.com](#)). Expert driver and trainer included.



INTIMATE I DO'S

Make it official in front of a crackling fire in the lodge's **Arborea's Circle** (shown) or **Moose Room**. To play up the ambience, set out 10 candles, line the walls with fragrant pine boughs, and drape a few plush throws over their backs.



THIS JUST INN

The new year brings a brand-new batch of hot hotels. Check out these before checking in anywhere else.

SECRET BAY, DOMINICA

This Caribbean hideaway (above) has just four stand-alone bungalows on its own peninsula, and all are two levels with a wall of windows and ocean views. It's so divine—and such a steal—that we were tempted to keep it to ourselves (from \$252, [secretbay.com](#)).

45 PARK LANE, LONDON

In a building that formerly held a Playboy Club, this swank, Art Deco-style hotel overlooks Hyde Park in a choice hood (Buckingham Palace is a short stroll away). Come hungry, because its restaurant, **Cut**, is a Wolfgang Puck creation (from \$639, [45parklane.com](#)).

AULANI, A DISNEY RESORT & SPA, OAHU

The arrival of this upscale beachside resort proves that, yes, it's a small world after all. And while the epic pool complex will thrill the young (and the young at heart), the oceanfront **Uma Uma** bar and restaurant and tranquil **Lanikai** spa are anything but child's play (from \$299, [aulani.com](#)).

THE ST. REGIS, FLORENCE, ITALY

A hop, skip, and a jump from the famous Uffizi Gallery, this 15th-century palace-turned-hotel has glamour to spare. Rooms are decked out with gilded details and rich fabrics, and each has a soaking tub to relax in after long days of sightseeing (from \$530, [staregishotels.com](#)).

EASY ISLAND-HOPPING

If you want to honeymoon in the Caribbean but can't decide on just one spot, look into **REDjet**. The recently launched low-cost airline won't get you down there, but it will shuttle you between islands. One-ways between Antigua, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Barbados start at \$70, with more to come ([flyredjet.com](#)).

PLANNING SMARTS Places that require an expensive flight often have affordable accommodations. A ticket to Phuket, Thailand, for example, could cost \$1,200, but a deluxe suite can go for \$150 a night.