

You don't have to be a royal to enjoy these destinations

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have decided not to go on a honeymoon right away, but with all of this royal buzz in the air we decided to ask travel expert, [Jennifer Weatherhead Harrington](#), to share some of the royal-inspired destinations that we could enjoy, royal style, in the coming months.

AFRICA

It's no secret that Harry loves Africa -- he spends a lot of time there personally and it's where he wooed Meghan in Botswana -- so it's the ultimate royal getaway. Think about camping out in a spot like this... the Hoanib Valley Camp in Namibia. Namibia if you remember is where Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie had their daughter Shiloh, but it has safaris, sand dunes, beaches... it's really an incredible and naturally beautiful country. Another luxurious getaway to consider is royal favourite, Kenya. [Hemingways Watamu](#) in Kenya is the perfect hideaway for the nature-loving couple and also happens to be right next to the Indian Ocean. It's part of the Small Luxury Hotels, perfect in terms of privacy!

THE CARIBBEAN

If you're craving a sunny island destination, the Caribbean is all about the royal treatment. Harry makes regular visits to the Caribbean for his royal duties and has a soft spot for Jamaica. It's also where Harry and Meghan made an appearance at a friend's wedding. A villa at the [Trident Hotel](#) on the northeast coast of Jamaica with a private beach is the ultimate romantic getaway. Or [Villa #10 at RoundHill](#) (where John F. Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy loved to vacation) offers a private stay with its own chef, caretaker and privacy. Talk about luxurious! The private island of Mustique is also what island dreams are made of -- it's where the Middleton family does an annual vacation, and is home to many celebrity owned villas and vacation homes.

THE UNITED KINGDOM

Following royal honeymoons of the past, why not consider the English countryside or Scotland -- perhaps a trip to the Broadlands in Hampshire -- for a romantic royal experience. Picture a stay in this 17th century castle-turned hotel (with just 9 rooms!), the [Crossbasket Castle](#) just outside Glasgow. It's regal, private, tucked away and a CASTLE! It doesn't get more royal than that.

NEW ZEALAND

Prince Harry recently made his first visit to New Zealand for official royal duties and loved the charm of the island. Here you can expect loads of privacy in the New Zealand mountains and be able to mix in some adventure (hiking, wildlife, yoga...). Consider staying at [Mahu Whenua](#) -- an eco sanctuary that houses 12 guests - and if you're feeling really extravagant, you can arrive by helicopter. For something a bit more low-key, there are the treehouses at [Hapuku Lodge](#) -- equally as stunning, but also perfect for anyone looking to do a royal-luxe inspired trip. If Harry and Meghan do decide to really postpone their honeymoon, New Zealand could be a good tag on to their October trip to Australia for the next Invictus Games.

ITALY

Don't forget, Meghan Markle even named her lifestyle blog after her favourite Italian wine! Meghan has frequented Italy in her travel adventures, so it's a perfect royal-inspired destination. From the Amalfi Coast (I can see Harry and Meghan staying at the top level penthouse in the ultra modern boutique [Casa Angelina](#) in Praiano someday soon), or renting out a gorgeous villa like [Villa Machiavelli](#) in the heart of Tuscany and just outside Florence... it's 10 rooms, sitting on top of a gorgeous hill. Picture sipping on chianti and strolling through vineyards, and rest assured that there are tons of other villas that are much more affordable in the area that us regular folks can splurge on too.

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