

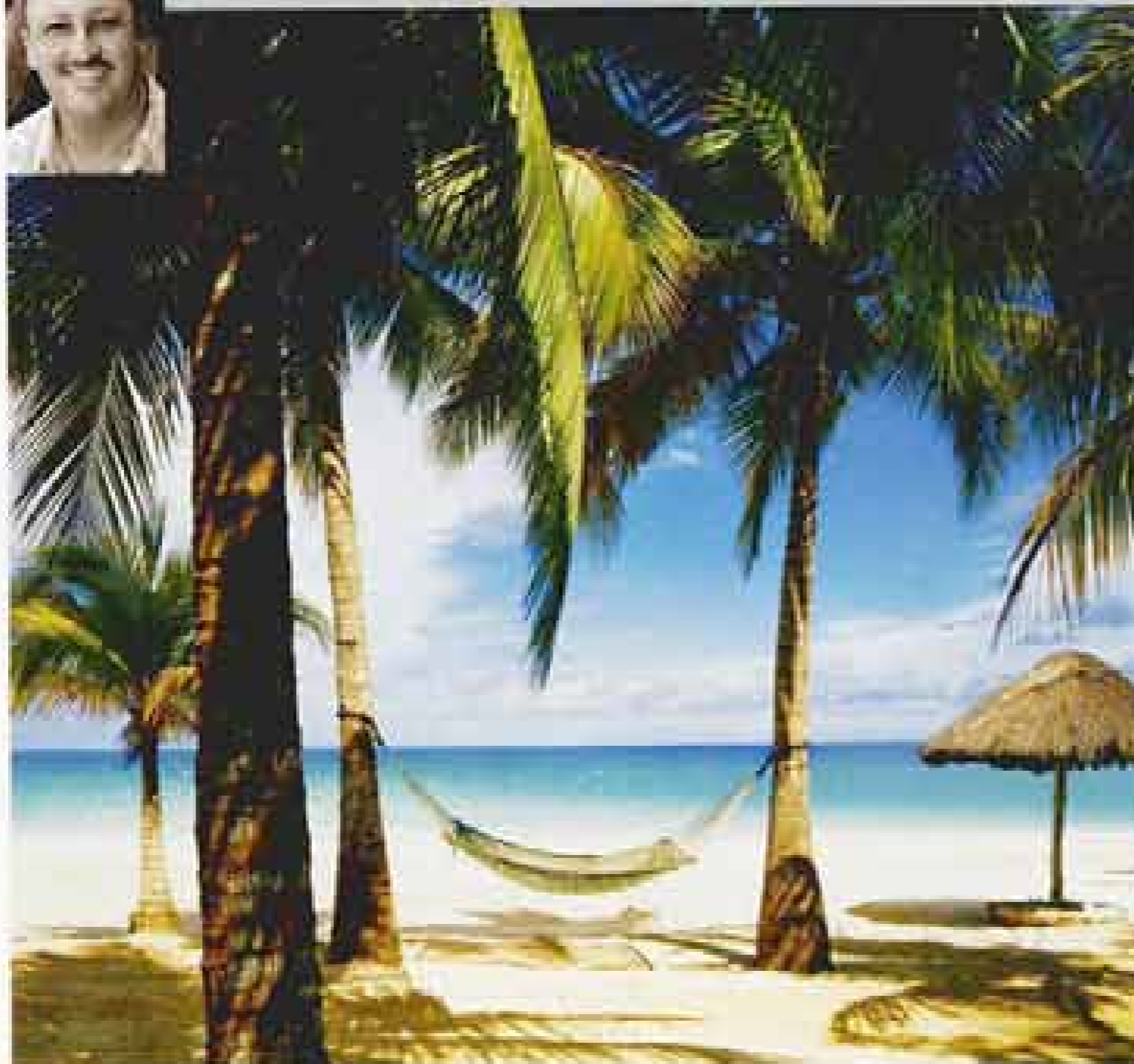
HONEYMOONS

The world's most romantic destinations – revealed!

Where do the industry's leading travel experts head for the ultimate romantic getaway? We asked them to share their insider tips with you



RANDY RUSSELL, COUPLES RESORTS



"Choosing a honeymoon has to be a shared decision. Perhaps you're looking for high-energy action, a little culture or even a photography-oriented holiday? For pure relaxation on an exotic beach where everything is included and geared for a romantic experience, Couples Resorts (www.couples.com) in Jamaica are the ultimate."



TOM MARCHANT, BLACK TOMATO



"For pure romance, the vast expanses of Namibia in Africa are hard to beat and it remains, for me, the perfect environment for a romantic holiday. The great thing about Namibia is that it offers an environment unlike any other. From the sweeping dunes of the south to the stunning red-scorched earth of the north and the legendary, remote skeleton coast, Namibia offers a visual delight at every turn. It's no surprise that camps such as Little Kulala (www.blacktomato.co.uk) in the heart of the desert regularly top lists of the best places in the world to sleep under the stars."



SALLY BOOTH, SEASONS IN STYLE



"Dhoni Mighili in the Maldives is one of the most romantic hotels in the world. Each couple has their own dhoni (traditional boat), which is partnered with its own beach bungalow, with a butler on hand 24 hours a day. Taj Exotica Resort & Spa (pictured left), also in the Maldives, is another favourite – an exclusive private island surrounded by calm aquamarine waters. The villas are built over the water with each one facing the ocean to capitalise on the stunning view." Both hotels can be booked via www.seasonsinstyle.co.uk. ▶

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JAIUME TAPIÉS, RELAIS & CHATEAUX



"A honeymoon is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and deeply personal. Don't allow yourself to be influenced by the crowd – follow your own desires and dreams instead. There are so many wonderful hotels in the Relais & Châteaux collection that it's difficult to choose a favourite. Le Taha'a (pictured left) in French Polynesia is one superb example while Château Les Crayères in Reims, France, is completely different but equally romantic. Fall in love with your hotel and the destination and you'll remember your honeymoon for ever." Both hotels can be booked via www.relaischateaux.com.



ADAM STEWART, SANDALS RESORTS



"I love the seclusion of staying on a private island with no-one else in sight and there's nowhere better than The Exumas (Great Exuma and Little Exuma) in the Bahamas. Having said that, I think one of the most romantic things to do is watch the Jamaican sunset from the beach at Sandals Negril Beach Resort & Spa (www.sandals.com), followed by a candlelight dinner tended by your own Sandals butler – it simply can't be beaten."



EMMA BARNETT, ESSENTIAL ESCAPES



"There are lots of romantic hotels in the Maldives but I think Soneva Fushi Resort & Spa (www.essentialescapes.com) really goes the extra mile. Each villa is exceptionally private, and comes with its own little bit of beach at the front. At night the pathways on the island are dotted with candles and each dining table is set far enough away from the next to make you feel as though you're almost on your own."



SUE BIGGS, KUONI



"Baros in the Maldives is one of my dream destinations. I love watching the moon dapple on the sea while enjoying fabulous wine and fish at the Lighthouse Restaurant. One of my other favourites is The Cipriani (pictured left) in Venice. And for pure escapism and a back-to-nature feel, Little Governors' Camp in the Masai Mara is a must." All hotels can be booked via www.kuoni.co.uk.