



Fire up your relationship at these passion-stirring locales. **By Merryn Johns**

# Hot Destinations for lovers

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**PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.** It's opulent. It's hip. And it's warm year round. Try the Viceroy, a sprawling 1950s-style property where the intimate bungalows nestle an amazing number of pools at the base of the desert's signature mountain range. The superb on-site restaurant means you can nosh poolside—or bedside—without ever having to leave. ([viceroypalmsprings.com](http://viceroypalmsprings.com))



**9 AN ALASKAN CRUISE** Set sail through stunning glaciers, spot rare bald eagles and explore wild America with your sweetheart. There's nothing like keeping cozy in the crisp air to bring a couple together. Travel in the company of women on Sweet's Alaska Cruise, May 15–22, 2011. ([discoversweet.com](http://discoversweet.com))

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**RUSSIAN RIVER, CALIF.** Towering redwoods, clean air and an über-gay-friendly town make this Northern California destination an ideal location for your next romantic getaway. This quaint mountain town with a gourmet flair also boasts the lesbian-owned Boon hotel and spa, featuring high quality service, adorable bungalows and affordable prices. ([boonhotels.com](http://boonhotels.com))

Looking for somewhere sexy and romantic for your next couples getaway? We asked Sweet CEO Shannon Wentworth for her top 10 picks for lovers, honeymooners and those planning to pop the question while on vacation.

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### CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

What else can we say about the beautiful Napa Valley and Sonoma except eat, drink, drink some more and be very merry.



### 5 PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

A gay mecca since the 1970s and boasting a full calendar of gay and lesbian events, from Girl Splash in July ([provincetownforwomen.com/girl-splash](http://provincetownforwomen.com/girl-splash)) to Women's Week in October ([womeninnkeepers.com](http://womeninnkeepers.com)) P-town is the gayest seaside adventure in the Northeast.

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### HAWAII

Though Hawaii has, disappointingly, legalized neither same-sex marriages nor civil unions, many still consider the 50th United State to be gay tropical paradise. Volcano lovers, enjoy!

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### ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO

This sleepy, undiscovered gem offers privacy, intimacy, beauty and luxury. Add unmatched service and affordable pricing and the Island of Women jumps to the top of list of best places for your honeymoon. In 2011, Sweet takes over for two exclusively lesbian weeks in May and September. Now, that's the time to go. ([discoversweet.com](http://discoversweet.com))

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### COZUMEL, MEXICO

An intimate, five-star resort full of women? Get married and honeymoon in the same place with Sweet at the luxurious Palace Resort, Sept. 1–8, 2012. ([discoversweet.com](http://discoversweet.com))

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### KEY WEST, FLA.

The former home of Kelly McGillis has plenty to offer, including tongue-tingling Key Lime pie and hedonism to spare. Visit in steamy September for WomenFest. ([womenfest.com](http://womenfest.com))

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### TAHITI

Whether you choose one resort or to take a romantic cruise, the crystal clear, warm waters and laid-back atmosphere gets the romance flowing. It's pricey, but once you get over the sticker-shock, it's worth every penny. ■



**MEN OVERBOARD.**

Actually, between the warm water, endless sunshine and incredible variety of things to eat, drink and do, it's quite easy for everyone to go a little overboard in Key West.

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September 6 - 11, 2011  
[womenfest.com](http://womenfest.com)

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