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Travaasa Hana on Maui.

There's a certain magic to all-inclusive hotels: Once you've signed on for a specified rate, any thoughts of payment disappear for the rest of the trip (because really, what's less romantic than stressing over a bill?) and you're left to focus exclusively on each other. Well, that and figuring out how to make the most of everything that's included in your stay—as fun a challenge as newlyweds will ever face. Sure, the Caribbean is chock-a-block with excellent all-inclusive resorts, but did you know that we also have some amazing options here in the United States? See what makes America great and book into one of these excellent all-inclusive hideaways.

Travaasa Hana Maui, Hawaii

Before you even get to this resort, it gifts you a major honeymoon bonus: a trip along the fabled road to Hana—all thundering waterfalls, dense rain forests, narrow bridges, hairpin turns and crazy views of Maui. And if you *do* have any white-knuckle moments en route, they'll be immediately forgotten in your newfound "Hana state of mind"—that is, the chill that ensues on arrival in this supernaturally lush and laid-back place. As for what to do here beyond holing up in your suite or bungalow (the latter decked out with a Pacific-facing lanai), you won't want for choice: horseback riding, stand-up paddling, waterfall hiking, ukulele strumming, bamboo pole fishing, beach bumming, bike cruising—and the list goes on. Between the activity lineup and the fact that you are—let's remember—on your honeymoon, you'd be forgiven for never being awake early enough to verify one of the hotel's claims to fame: being the first resort on the island of Maui to see the sunrise.

You'll have no problem, however, verifying how fabulous the hotel's kitchen offerings are. Set amongst the hills and palms that overlook Hana Bay, the Preserve Kitchen + Bar serves up super-fresh local fare to the stylings of live Hawaiian music. And because everything is included, rest assured you won't be holding back (room rates start at \$1,025 a night and are all inclusive. Note: à la carte rates are also available; travaasa.com). ➡

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Colorado's Vista Verde Ranch.

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Twin Farms in Vermont.

Tropical delight—Travaasa.

Mohonk Mountain House in New York.

Vista Verde Guest Ranch Steamboat Springs, Colorado

This luxury-leaning dude ranch is gorgeous year-round, but it's a particular favorite among honeymooners in winter, when the fireplaces, snowy surroundings, sleigh rides and all that reflexive snuggling make for ridiculous levels of romance. When you're not busy skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, fat-tire biking, ice fishing or horseback riding (yes, even in winter), you can chill by the wood-burning stove in your secluded log cabin—or in your private hot tub under the stars. Of course, if you decide to visit in spring, summer or fall, you'll still find plenty of fun. There's kayaking, fly-fishing, hiking, paddle boarding, rock climbing and mountain biking, for starters. Romance bonus: Some weekends in September and October are adults-only.

As for what you'll be refueling on, it's just the right blend of "ranchy and fancy." Think farm-raised, antibiotic- and hormone-free beef, pork and chicken grilled up to Old West perfection. On the other hand, vegetarians and vegans are equally well-tended to (room rates in winter start at \$3,300 for the three-night minimum stay and are all inclusive; vistaverde.com).

Twin Farms Barnard, Vermont

When the Nobel prize-winning author Sinclair Lewis proposed to journalist Dorothy Thompson, she made a farm in Vermont "with delicious air" a condition of her acceptance. Now, the very 18th-century farmhouse set on 300 acres that got the pair hitched is the perfect place to celebrate your own newlywed life. Adults-only, high end and achingly romantic, this Vermont idyll is home to stellar hiking, canoeing, fly-fishing, swimming and picnicking. There's also a house pub with billiards, pianos and an art collection that includes a piece by Cy Twombly.

In winter, go for the ice-skating on Copper Pond, where staff will meet you with hot toddies—then soak in the 104-degree Japanese *furo* (soaking tub). As for the lodgings, each is distinctive—and if you go big, go with the barn: a two-story structure with floor-to-ceiling windows, a woodstove, and a stone hot tub set by a fieldstone fireplace (room rates start at \$1,900 a night and are all inclusive; twinfarms.com).

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