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The club room  
at Hasbrouck  
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## HONEYMOONS

# MINIMOONING

The vows have been said, the cake has been cut, and you're ready to unwind. Only problem: That epic overseas honeymoon you booked isn't happening for another eight months. Enter the minimoon—a petite two-to-four-day retreat to be taken immediately after the wedding but long before the main vacation. These no-passport-required hotels and resorts are destinations unto themselves—but if you do decide to leave the premises, we've got suggestions for that, too. —Sarah Zlotnick





## LUX LODGE

TWIN FARMS

➔ Barnard, VT

**T**he luxury of Twin Farms starts before you set foot on the 300-acre estate tucked amid the maples and pines of interior Vermont—upon booking, you'll complete an extensive culinary survey, so the kitchen can tailor meals precisely to your liking. After you touch down at the Burlington airport, the resort can book a private car service to whisk you to the 18th-century farmhouse once owned by novelist Sinclair Lewis, where the attentive staff will show you to one of the 20 distinctively—and opulently—appointed rooms or private cottages. (The light-filled Aviary, with its fireplace-adjacent hot tub and floor-to-ceiling windows, is ideal for those with modern taste.)

Nature-lovers can pass time easily no matter the season. In warmer months, hike through wildflower meadows (guides are available upon request), fish the naturally stocked trout pond, or play a round of tennis or croquet. Come winter, ski down private slopes, or try your hand at ice-skating and snowshoeing. Whatever your sport of choice, there's no need to travel with equipment—Twin Farms provides it all. After a day of athletics, soak sore muscles in the 104-degree Japanese-style *furo* tub, then choose a wine from the 15,000-bottle cellar to pair with your multi-course evening meal. All of this indulgence doesn't come cheap, but because Twin Farms is all-inclusive, you only have to think about it once—everything (including gratuities but minus spa services) is accounted for in your rate. *twin-farms.com*; from \$1,500 per night.

## College-Town Cool

THE DEAN ➔ Providence, RI

**U**pon arrival in Providence—the city that Brown and several other universities call home—set your bags down at the Dean, a former bordello that now houses an Asian-inspired restaurant from a Momofuku alum, a sexy cocktail den, the city's only karaoke lounge, and 52 sparsely but stylishly appointed rooms. (Those are Matouk linens on the bed.)

Come morning, ride complimentary bikes to the **Rhode Island School of Design museum** to explore exhibitions on everything from 17th-century European paintings to 1950s bowling balls. Spend

another afternoon getting lost together in the shelves of the **Athenæum**, a 200-year-old library that still uses a paper card catalog. At mealtime, it's best to follow chefs Benjamin and Heidi Suckle around town. Their intimate **Birch** restaurant gets high marks for its roster of seasonally inspired American dishes at relatively reasonable prices (the four-course prix fixe is \$55), while their more ambitious **Oberlin** melds Italian-American comfort food with the signature ingredients of seaside New England. *thedeanhotel.com*; from \$109 per night.



The farmhouse lounge at Twin Farms



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## Serene Spa Retreat

LODGE AT WOODLOCH  
Hawley, PA

With 27 treatment rooms and an "aqua garden" featuring an outdoor horizon-edge whirlpool and hydro-massage waterfalls, the 40,000-square-foot spa is the main attraction at Woodloch. Both the men's and women's locker rooms feature fireplace lounges with accompanying tea bars, but if you don't want to relax without your new spouse, grab a glider on the woodland porch. Also available: an indoor pool, and a robust schedule of fitness classes that includes spinning, yoga and Pilates.

If you only have a weekend to spare (and don't mind the three-hour drive), book the "Couples Retreat" package, which includes a two-night stay in a Veranda Deluxe room (each has its own private balcony), one spa service per person per day, three meals per day in the farm-to-table **Tree** restaurant (dishes from the seasonal menus often include veggies grown in on-site gardens), and, on the night of your arrival, a roman-