

10 offbeat honeymoon destinations in India

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Kerala is one of the most romantic places in the country.
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After the hectic wedding rituals are finally over, it's time to celebrate your marriage and go for the most romantic trip of your life – the long awaited honeymoon! It's a perfect escape and excuse for any newly-wed couple to relax, unwind, bond with each other and create some beautiful memories for a lifetime. These days many couples want to visit a place that's different, not too crowded and still offers a few interesting activities. Here are 10 such offbeat destinations in India that promise you just that.

ALAPPUZHA, KERALA

Staying in a houseboat in the middle of Vemband lake in Alappuzha, better known as Alleppey, promises you a magical experience. Watch a gorgeous sunset holding hands, as you go past the backwaters that are fringed by the swaying coconut palms. Try an Ayurvedic massage to relax and soothen your senses and enjoy the lush green beauty of Kerala as the boat floats through the narrow waterways of the lake.

TARKarli, MAHARASHTRA

With its pristine beaches, clear water and colourful underwater life, Tarkarli is a great option for couples who love beaches. You and your partner can indulge in a wide range of activities – from snorkelling, scuba diving, dolphin spotting to paragliding. If you need a break from these thrilling adventures visit Sindhudurg fort for its heritage tales and the breathtaking view of the Arabian sea.

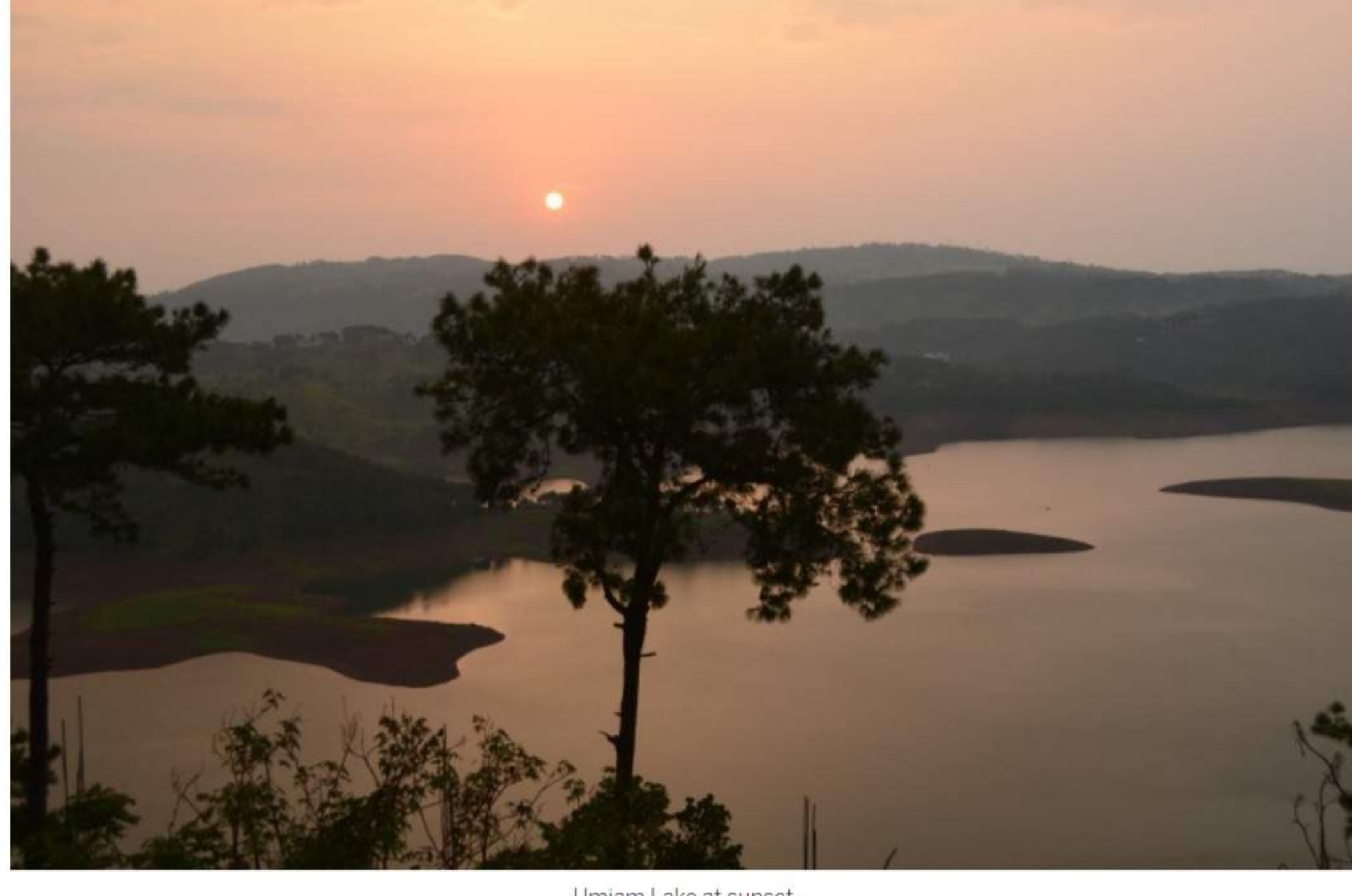
LAKSHADWEEP



Scuba diving is a must in Lakshadweep.
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Soak up a little sun along the uncrowded and pristine beaches of the Lakshadweep islands along with your partner. The crystal clear, blue lagoons surrounding the islands are a perfect place to try snorkelling, kayaking and go on glass bottom boat rides. The more adventurous couples can explore the colourful underwater corals and marine life with scuba diving. The islands of Lakshadweep promise you a luxurious and a memorable honeymoon.

SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA



Umiam Lake at sunset.
Image courtesy: Pallavi Pasricha

One of the most romantic places in the Northeast is Meghalaya's gorgeous capital, better known as Scotland of the east. There's plenty to do here – visit scenic waterfalls around the hill station, try out water sports at Lake Umiam, take a day trip to Cherrapunjee and walk together on the unusual living root bridges. And if that is not enough, try some caving around Shillong. Have a meal at Ri Kynjai resort and Tripura Castle – both offer gorgeous views of the valley.

TAWANG, ARUNACHAL PRADESH



Tawang is an offbeat option for those who love the mountains.
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One perfect place for couples who love mountains and nature is Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. Experience the stunning cascade of water drop from over 100m at the Nuranang waterfalls while you take some pictures together at the picturesque Shonga-tser lake, complete with its mountainous backdrops. And if you are planning a winter honeymoon, you can even try some skiing at the Pankang Teng Tso Lake.

HAFLONG, ASSAM

A green paradise dotted with multicoloured flowers and a blue sky, Haflong is a lovely destination for couples who desire some solitude. It is a joy to wake up to the calm and quiet mornings where the only sounds that you hear are of the birds. Here you can experience the unique Assamese culture through the local cuisine and shopping while you stroll around the lovely Haflong Lake. For those who want more, you can try paragliding.

COORG, KARNATAKA



Covered with thick clumpy bushes of coffee, Coorg offers a refreshing green holiday.
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The green hills of this coffee county are perfect for a honeymoon in any season. Coorg offers you a dash of adventure, wildlife and loads of nature. Try some tiger spotting in Bandipur or spend some idyllic time at the various waterfalls and viewpoints around Coorg. If you love some adrenaline thrill, head to the Barapole river for an amazing session of river rafting.

KHAJJJAR, HIMACHAL PRADESH



Khajjar is also known as the Switzerland of India.
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Discover the Switzerland of India with its never-ending green meadows against the backdrop of the snow-capped Himalayas. Khajjar with its gorgeous landscape, adds colours to your photographs giving you beautiful memories for life. Here you will find that time frozen while you enjoy some golf, pay a visit to the Kalatop wildlife sanctuary or just trek around the Khajjar peak.

GOKARNA, KARNATAKA



The Om symbol shapes Gokarna's shoreline.
Image courtesy: Karnataka Tourism Board

With its serene atmosphere, rocky beaches and clear skies Gokarna offers you a quiet yet fun-filled honeymoon experience. A light trek from Kudle beach right up to Paradise beach – a combination of idyllic beach walks and a light hilly trek. Lie down on the moonlit Om beach to experience a gorgeous night sky while listening to the sounds of the waves lashing on the hills. And if you want more, there is always the plethora of beach adventure sports that you can try out together.

DAMAN & DIU



Daman Fort
Image courtesy: Gujarat Tourism Board

A little bit of wildlife, some heritage and lots of beach time – both these union territories offer a lot to do. It's not just the combination of sun, sand and sea which makes them attractive. This ocean-swept enclave is a seamless mingling of cultures. It also offers delicious coastal food and cheap liquor. While away time at the beaches and explore the ancient Daman fort before taking a romantic sunset cruise.

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