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With exotic destinations out of reach at the moment, many couples are choosing to honeymoon in the UK – a rising trend known as a ‘mini-moon.’

From foodies and adventurers to culture vultures, these are the best UK mini-moons, whatever kind of couple you are.

Or you could just book a stay at one of these dreamy places for a romantic break any time of year.

The Best UK Honeymoons And Mini-Moons

Best For Coastal Calm



Days spent at Driftwood in Cornwall are dreamy. Credit: Latitude 50

Proving you don't have to leave the UK for soul-stirring sea views, **Latitude 50's Driftwood** property in Cornwall has its own sun-drenched roof garden complete with outdoor kitchen and log burner. Enjoy a front row seat of the famous Polzeath sunset and watch as sailboats glide along the sparkling waters.



Book a luxury garden room. Credit: The Gallivant

Looking to head south-east? Book a suite at **The Gallivant** in East Sussex for beach views as far as the eye can see. When the sun shines, take a picnic down to the dunes or enjoy a drink on your private deck in the coastal garden. When the wind picks up, hunker down with a glass of English wine in your freestanding tub.



Take a luxury mini-moon in Margate. Credit: The Reading Rooms

On the nearby Kent coast, **The Reading Rooms** in Margate is a boutique bed and breakfast where mini-moon dreams are made. Breakfast is a fine art here – think freshly baked sourdough, warm pastries, perfectly ripened fruit and cold-pressed juices, designed to be enjoyed lazily in your dressing gowns as you people-watch over the Square.

Best For Foodies



Book a cottage, townhouse or Forge room. Credit: Number 1 Bruton

One of Somerset’s best-kept secrets, **Number One Bruton** is an elegant Georgian townhouse and collection of cottages converted into a 12-bedroom hotel, all centred around a pretty courtyard. It’s also home to the Michelin-starred Osip, a small but perfectly formed farm-to-table restaurant, where every course is about celebrating seasonal, home-grown ingredients.



A bath with space for two. Credit: Hand and Flowers

Elsewhere, if the picturesque cottages, complete with huge beds, vast tubs and dreamy rain showers aren’t enough to lure you in, the seriously good grub at **The Hand and Flowers** in Marlow certainly will. The two Michelin-starred pub is overseen by culinary master Tom Kerridge, whose team whips up proper home-cooked seasonal dishes that are out of this world.



Enjoy a five-star tasting menu and stay over. Credit: The Black Swan

Further north, set on the edge of the North York Moors National Park, **The Black Swan** is more than just a Michelin-starred restaurant with rooms. Alongside its innovative, wild and fresh tasting menu, the vibe is something quite special – think sprawling countryside, friendly village locals and characterful light-filled rooms.

Best For Secluded Romance



Wake up to views like these just an hour from London. Credit: Rebecca Douglas Photography/Elmley Nature Reserve

Escape to the wilderness of **Elmley Nature Reserve** on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent. The family-run farm has a collection of hideaways, from bell tents to luxury shepherds' huts and cottages, all of which have breathtaking marsh views. The romantic Elmley Room (pictured) has a roll top bath near the window. Some of the shepherds' huts have private decks with outdoor vintage bathtubs big enough for two.



Book a Hilly Hut room with its own private hot tub. Credit: Fish Hotel

Woodland, wildflowers and magical treetop hideaways are all part of the 400-acre **Fish Hotel** estate in the Cotswolds. Borrow a pair of wellies and enjoy a stroll among the grounds – maybe even try out some of the biking and hiking – then surrender to the warm waters of your private hot tub or enjoy a tipple by the roaring fire.



Hide away in the Scottish highlands. Credit: The Wanderlist

Elsewhere, who can resist the lure of Loch Lomond and the incredible **Arcadia Glamping** retreat? Surrounded by 21 acres of woodland, expect total peace and quiet as you dine al fresco on the deck and reminisce about the wedding around the chiminea. The only thing likely to interrupt you are the sounds of the forest and the bubbling waters of the nearby stream.

Best For Culture Vultures



Enjoy five-star members club luxury. Credit: The Ned

The Ned is one of the capital's most talked-about haunts, and for good reason. Any city stay that boasts luxury suites and scenic city views is a winner – throw in a rooftop pool, varied dining options and an incredibly vibrant atmosphere, and it really becomes something to celebrate. The former bank, which stood empty for more than a decade, is now a decadent, marble-clad 1920s-inspired hub, designed for feasting, partying and romance.



Mini-moon in style in Glasgow city centre. Credit: Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel

Further north, Glasgow is famed for its vibrant bars, museums, galleries – even opera – and at the heart of it all is the five-star **Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel**, known for its breathtaking Georgian architecture, voluminous rooms and lush spa. It's so beautiful, you'll struggle to find a corner you won't want to take a picture of.



Take a dip in this city centre infinity pool. Credit: King Street Townhouse.

For a trendy bolthole in Manchester, the [King Street Townhouse](#) is hard to beat. In fact, if Soho House had a Manchester outpost, it would probably look a lot like this. When you're not pounding the pavements together, soak up the city skyline from the seventh-floor infinity pool, or hole-up in the Tavern for a romantic wine-tasting experience.

Best Rural Retreats



This romantic hotel has the royal seal of approval. Credit: Heckfield Place

Family-home-turned-hip-hotel, Hampshire's [Heckfield Place](#) is the epitome of luxury country charm. The rooms have style in spades – expect sleek wood furnishings, sink-into-me beds and garden views. It's also where Prince Harry and Meghan spent their babymoon, and if it's good enough for them...



Book a bath tub room. Credit: Dormy House

Back to the Cotswolds, and [Dormy House](#) is a chic farmhouse perched high above the postcard village of Broadway. While away your days in the sparkling House Spa, treat yourselves to some glorious grub – picnic hampers, tasting menus and private dining are just some of the food offerings available – and cosy up in the evenings to the crackling sound of log fires.

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Experience luxury in the New Forest at The Sanctuary. Credit: Unique Homestays

Want something even more private? Check out **The Sanctuary** on Unique Homestays, which borders the New Forest. The chic but cosy living space features a silver roll top bath, terrace area with hot tub and firepit – and even his-and-hers bikes for exploring the surrounding area.

Best For Adventurers



Escape to the country with an adventure stay, plus spa. Credit: Gleneagles

The glorious playground that is **Gleneagles** in Scotland is made for rural adventures. The ultra-luxe homestead offers everything from golf to country pursuits like shooting, off-road driving and horse riding. In need of some R&R? Recover in the hotel’s sprawling new spa. Book yourselves a couples’ massage and thanks us later.



Adventure awaits among the trees in the New Forest. Credit: Chewton Glen

It doesn't matter how many times you visit, there's always something new to experience in the New Forest. For adventure-seeking couples, our choice would always be **Chewton Glen** and its romantic treehouse suites. Your daily breakfast hamper will set you up for a day of hiking, cycling, tennis or golf – and there's a whitewashed spa to lose yourself in too.



Escape the everyday at the Cornish Eco Cabin. Credit: Kip Hideaways

For a deep-in-the-woods glamping adventure like no other, Kip Hideaway's **Cornish Eco Cabin** overlooks the spectacular North Cornwall coast, with Instagram-worthy architecture and quirky touches. The inside-out space sleeps up to six, so there'll be plenty of room for a mini-moon à deux. Just being here will nourish the soul.

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