

Get Your Honeymoon for Free!

Already have a toaster and a spice rack? Then scan our comparison of five top honeymoon registries, sign up for the trip of a lifetime and let your wedding guests make it happen. By Sona Charaipotra

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DistinctiveHoneymoons.com 800/803-1360		For brides who crave coddling—like Tiffani Thiessen, who registered for her Greek Isles honeymoon—this site, hosted by guide “Donna,” helps you plan your trip with Protravel International.	Though experienced agents will customize the honeymoon of your dreams, from a Hawaiian escape to an African safari, the site is not highly personalized (there’s a room for only a photo and brief bio).	The simple design makes gift-buying easy. And the site sends out announcements (online or on paper) to your guests. Protravel agents can also score some sweet upgrades and freebies.	Whether or not you book your honeymoon with high-end New York City–based Protravel, you will have to pay a \$150 setup fee; your guests will also be charged a 9 percent handling fee.
HoneyLuna.com 800/809-LUNA		The site offers a full-service option—which includes planning, registering and booking—for a \$100 fee, or a free option that lets you create your own registry, then book the travel yourself.	Warm and inviting, this site is highly personalized, with enough space on the registry to include both your photograph and a detailed itinerary of your honeymoon (but no photos of the gifts).	The site provides online and paper announcements, personalized gift cards for guests, and a currency converter. The free registry offers fun options, including a Cash Contributions section.	The full-service registry will book airfare and hotels, but you arrange activities with the lump-sum payout. Also, gift prices include a fee of 15 percent (on full-service plan) or 9 percent (on free).
HoneymoonWishes.com 858/433-1506		It’s a do-it-yourself site with some support and a unique option: You get to decide whether the 7 percent service fee is added to your guests’ cost or deducted from your final gift amount.	It has an uncluttered, elegant design, with suggested itinerary templates complete with photos and descriptions so your guests will know what they’re buying, plus a link to your wedding Web site.	Guests can shop online or via phone/fax. Plus, there are options for getting funds: Link your online registry to PayPal, or have the Web site overnight a check to you at any time for a \$21 fee.	You must plan and book your own arrangements, independently or through a travel agent. Plus, the customer-support number isn’t toll-free, and guests are charged a 3 percent credit-card fee.
StarwoodHoneymoons.com 800/503-7800		With more than 750 luxe resorts from Florida to Fiji, Starwood makes it easy to plan the perfect honeymoon. Just book your stay, create a registry, and wait for the Honey Money to pour in!	The site is clean and slick, with stunning color photographs of the chain’s posh hotel/resort brands, which include W, St. Regis and Luxury Collection. But the overall feel is slightly impersonal.	Announcements let guests know you’ve registered. Plus, your itinerary and Honey Money arrive in a gift box—and Honey Money is good for 18 months, so you can use leftover cash for an anniversary trip.	Your wedding guests aren’t able to fly you to your dream destination with this free hotel-based registry: Honey Money covers only accommodation costs, meals and some on-site activities.
TheBigDay.com 800/304-1141		This homespun site takes a do-it-yourself approach: You pick the place(s), customize a gift list and even choose how much each gift segment is worth (for example, 20 gifts of \$75 each for hotel costs).	Casual and cozy, this site is all about having your guests get to know you and your fiancé, with a free wedding Web site, bios and an itemized itinerary with descriptions and photos you choose.	Announcement cards with the 800 number allow Web-inept guests to call and get in on the action. Plus, sample registries are fun—and trigger ideas! You can also link to your wedding Web site.	If you decide to book your honeymoon independently (rather than through TheBigDay’s in-house travel agency), the Web site will take 9 percent off the top of your registry’s total earnings.

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