



10 Top Wedding Night

Hotels

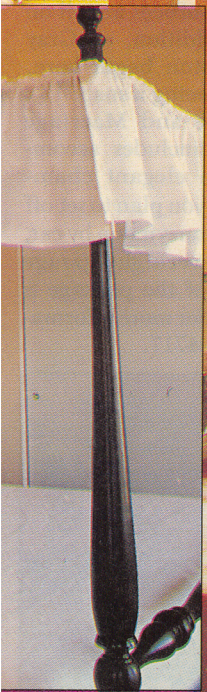
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ABOVE: THE SILVER CORRIDOR OF THE WALDORF ASTORIA. **BELOW:** THE QUEEN ANNE BEDROOM OF THE QUEEN ANNE INN. **RIGHT:** THE WALDORF ASTORIA PARK AVENUE LOBBY.

Your wedding day has finally come, and gone. It was fun, exciting, emotional—and exhausting. But just when you thought the last of your last-minute details had been attended to, you realize that you've got a 6 A.M. plane to catch, which means you have to be at the airport at 5, and it's already midnight, and you haven't packed, and...

Is this any way to begin a honeymoon? Of course not. So instead of frantically scurrying to take off right after the wedding, why not channel that energy toward putting some romance back into the wedding night? Delay your departure for a day or two, and use that time to relax in a nearby luxury hotel or charming inn. To help you with your plans, *Bridal Guide* has selected some of the finest hotels in ten of America's top gateway cities—convenient and refreshing starting points for your new life together.





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ATLANTA

The Ritz-Carlton

Located in the heart of one of the South's most exciting and fast-growing cities, the Ritz-Carlton provides comfort and glamour—just the right ingredients to get your honeymoon off to a perfect start.

Crystal chandeliers, Italian marble floors and Chippendale antiques adorn the richly colored interior. Outside, Atlanta's fashionable



Peachtree district is a short walk way.

Among the hotel's features is the Special Occasion Weekend, which includes accommodations, a chilled bottle of champagne, a dozen red roses, chocolate truffles and breakfast in bed. The cost for the first night of the Special Occasion Weekend is \$290. For an additional fee, limousine or chauffeur service is also available (bustling Hartsfield International Airport is just a 15-minute ride away). For more information, call (404) 659-0400.

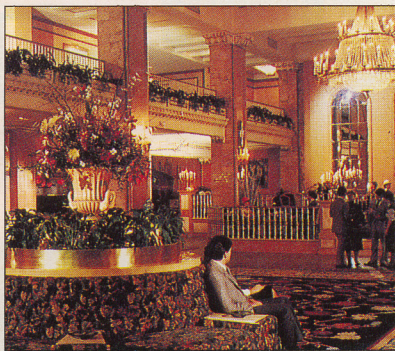
BOSTON

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers

One of the most beautiful places to stay in historic New England is the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. Overlooking the public gardens and Boston Common, it has 1,000 rooms and provides almost every imaginable amenity.

Eight well-known restaurants, health clubs, beauty shop, a bank, a pharmacy, fine shops and international airline ticket offices are all on the premises. In addition, all Gray Line Tours of Boston begin here, making local sightseeing a snap.

The hotel's Love and Marriage Weekend package includes accommodations and an elegant champagne breakfast. If you plan to set off on the rest of your honeymoon by car, there's also free overnight garage parking. The cost of the package is \$72.50 per person. For more information, call (617) 542-4717.



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CHICAGO

The Drake

The Drake prides itself on being the Windy City's grand hotel, the first choice for visiting American presidents and foreign heads of state.



Having recently undergone a \$20 million restoration, the hotel reflects the elegance of the 1920s and 30s. Each suite, decorated in its own distinctive style, offers lovely views of Lake Michigan and scenic Lake Shore Drive. Nearby is Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, with a montage of shopping, exciting nightlife and cultural exhibits.

Available any night of the week, the Drake's Celebration package costs \$250 per night. It includes accommodations in a deluxe suite, fresh fruit and flowers, champagne, lounging robes, continental breakfast and crystal champagne glasses etched in

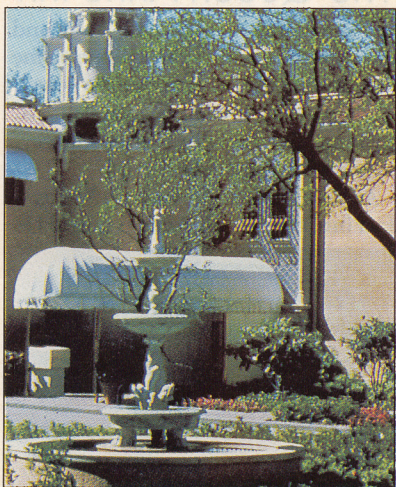
the "Flower Basket" pattern brought exclusively to the hotel from France in the 1930s. For more information, call (312) 787-2200.

DALLAS

The Mansion on Turtle Creek

Who wouldn't love to stay in a mansion—especially one as grand as the Mansion on Turtle Creek?

With 143 rooms and 14 suites, it's not as large as some of downtown Dallas's other hotels, but it is known as *the* place to stay for Texas's visiting rich and famous. On any given day,



you might run into a Saudi prince in the lobby or the Queen of Thailand in the dining room.

Set on tree-lined Turtle Creek Boulevard and less than 30 minutes from

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the Dallas/Ft. Worth airport, this magnificent 1925 Italian Renaissance-style residence has been restored with marble floors, carved fireplaces, inlaid wood ceilings and stained glass windows. Antique porcelains, marble baths and French doors that open onto beautiful private balconies are bound to inspire your great romance.

For \$195 per night, honeymooners receive accommodations, plus wine and a seasonal snack prepared by the hotel's renowned chef. For more information, call (800) 527-5432.

DENVER

The Queen Anne Inn

In this world of high-tech steel and chrome structures, the Queen Anne Inn stands out as a romantic jewel. "We have tried to create an elegant, urbane, yet homelike atmosphere," says owner Chuck Hillestad.

A Victorian-style bed-and-breakfast inn, the Queen Anne is located in

a residential neighborhood a few blocks from Denver's central business district. Horse-drawn carriages can be ordered to pick you up at the inn for a tour of the city.

From Laura Ashley linens and a brass bed in one room to lace curtains and Midwestern antiques in another, the decor is varied in color and style. Many newlyweds choose the Fountain Room, with its arched canopy bed, black sunken tub with gold fixtures, and an overstuffed loveseat in a spacious five-window interior. The cost, \$95, includes continental breakfast, an afternoon wine tasting or high tea, fresh fruit, candy and fresh flowers everywhere. For more information, call (303) 295-2500.

DETROIT

The Westin Hotel

It's easy to find your way to Detroit's Westin: Just look for the tallest building in the city's skyline. In fact, this hotel is the third-tallest in the world (after the Westin Hotels in Singapore and Atlanta).

A monument to modern architecture, the 73-story hotel on Motor City's riverfront looks out over both the United States and Canada. There are seven good restaurants to choose from, including the Summit, a rooftop revolving restaurant and lounge. Filled with greenery, the lobby looks more like a park; the swimming pool is enclosed in a glass dome; and some rooms provide a 180-degree view.

The Westin's Romance package, priced at \$185, includes one night's



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accommodations in the luxurious River Suite, a bottle of champagne with souvenir glasses, valet parking and use of the pool and state-of-the-art health club. For more information, call (800) 228-3000.

glamorous cities, the Waldorf-Astoria is one of the most glamorous hotels in the world. Its Presidential Suite has housed every U.S. president since Herbert Hoover and has been a home-away-from-home for dignitaries ranging from Queen Elizabeth II to Frank Sinatra.



NEW YORK CITY The Waldorf-Astoria

Situated in one of the world's most

Taking up an entire city block in the center of Manhattan, the Waldorf is an ideal setting from which to explore the many wonders of the Big Apple. The hotel staff can arrange special tours of New York and can help you get tickets to Broadway shows. Four restaurants and a number of elegant shops vie with the lavish surroundings for your attention.

The Waldorf's one-night Honeymoon package is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Deluxe accommodations, plus a bottle of Waldorf champagne and American breakfast in bed are included in the \$175-per-couple price. For more information, call (212) 355-3000.



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PHILADELPHIA

Four Seasons Hotel

Located on Philadelphia's wide tree-lined Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Four Seasons is perhaps the most elegant hotel in Pennsylvania.

Flanked by the Philadelphia Museum of Art and historic City Hall, this five-time Diamond Award-winning establishment is decidedly cosmopolitan in ambiance. Its rich public areas are embellished with exquisite chandeliers and Oriental carpets; fine dining can be enjoyed in the popular Fountain Restaurant, Swan Lounge, Swan Café, Courtyard Café and several private dining rooms throughout the hotel.

Only 20 minutes by taxi from Philadelphia International Airport and 10



minutes from the Amtrak station, the Four Seasons offers honeymooners a choice of a deluxe room (\$179 per night) or the Four Seasons Room (\$195 per night) any day of the week. Both packages include champagne upon arrival, use of the health spa and swimming pool, breakfast in bed and transportation to the airport or train station by limousine or town car. For more information, call (800) 268-6282.



SAN FRANCISCO

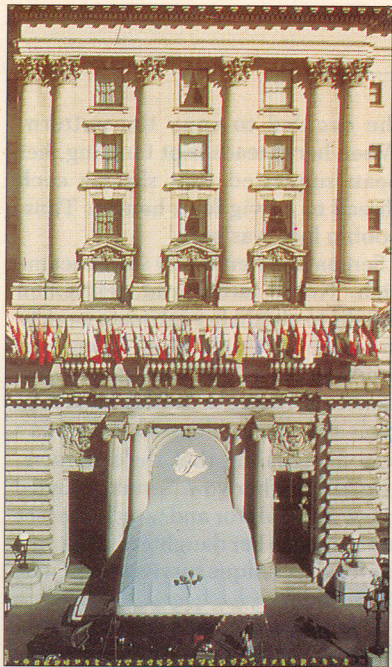
The Fairmont Hotel

If you haven't left your heart in San Francisco yet, you will after a stay at the Fairmont Hotel. High atop famed Nob Hill, the 80-year-old establishment has over 620 rooms and is almost a city unto itself. Fans of TV's popular "Hotel" will recognize it as the "St. Gregory."

Everyone from Pia Zadora to Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has fallen in love with the Fairmont. Philippine President Corazon Aquino stayed there last year, and former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt enjoyed his suite so much that he arranged for all his meetings to take place there.

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Cosmopolitan, sophisticated, romantic—all these words describe the Fairmont. A short cable-car ride takes you from the hotel to San Francisco's financial district, theater section, Chinatown or Fisherman's Wharf, and the airport is only 35 minutes away. Many of the suites provide breathtaking views of the city, and there's a spa and fitness facility where you can work off all of those wedding-cake calories.

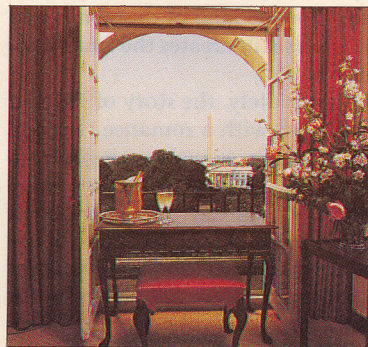


The Honeymoon package includes accommodations, champagne and petit fours, and breakfast in bed or lunch in the elegant Crown Room. The cost per night is \$177 in the main building and \$213 in the adjoining tower. For more information, call (415) 772-5000.

WASHINGTON, DC The Hay-Adams Hotel

Sporting a lovely façade inspired by the Farnese Palace in Rome, the Hay-Adams provides spectacular views of Washington's most outstanding historic monuments.

Built in 1885, it was purchased by a California financier in 1983 and completely renovated. Flowers and antique furniture abound throughout the impressive hotel's 155 guest rooms and public areas. Afternoon tea is a long-standing tradition here, the Henry Adams room is a popular spot for power breakfasting, and the John Hay Room offers diners such delicacies as Beluga caviar, hearts of palm and chateaubriand with truffles in a peaceful and charming En-



glish country estate setting.

The \$250 Honeymoon package provides newlyweds with a suite on Lafayette Park facing the White House, champagne upon arrival and American breakfast. For more information, call (202) 638-2260. **DC**