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5 Elopement Packages for the Bride Who Wants a Non-traditional Wedding

Why plan a wedding when these hotels make tying the knot easy?

With flowers, ball gowns, music, and romance, there's a reason weddings are something we dream about for years. But they [can also be incredibly expensive](#). In fact, the average wedding costs around \$35,000. Since they've become such over-the-top affairs, many couples are opting to take the plunge in a more intimate setting and combine their weddings and honeymoons by [traveling to exciting locations](#) to hold elopement ceremonies.

"Millennials tend to value unique experiences, which is a key driver behind the growth of elopements," Janessa White of Simply Eloped tells Brides.com "They can experience a new place, get married, and still save way more money when compared to a traditional wedding. Couples can elope for well under \$1,000, which is naturally appealing."

Hotels have even taken notice of the trend and have started to offer elopement packages to make getting hitched even more hassle-free. But just because the matrimonial fete is lower key, doesn't mean these properties are skimping on luxury details.

Here are five elopement packages that will you have reconsidering a traditional wedding.



Mustique's Exclusive Elopement Package

The [renowned private island](#) in St Vincent & Grenadines is one the most exclusive addresses in the Caribbean and it has been attracting A-list guests and celebrities for generations their weddings. Now, elopers can get married on the island with a package that includes four nights' accommodation for two at The Cotton House, champagne and canapés in room at arrival, return flights to St. Vincent, all ceremonial organization, a wedding dinner for two at the hotel venue of choice, and a [surprise wedding gift](#). This package is also buildable with add-ons that include spa treatments, florals, a private sunset cruise, photographer, music, and more.