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'Royal' Babymoons Fit for a Queen



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge pose wearing traditional island clothing during a visit to the Governor General's house as part of their Diamond Jubilee tour of the Far East on September 2012 in Honiara, Guadalcanal Island. (Chris Jackson/Getty Images)



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If there's a way for the hotel industry to exploit an earth-shaking event to its benefit, you can bet it will find it. Case in point: the impending birth of the royal baby.

The babymoon -- a trip taken by expectant parents to relax together one last time before their little one arrives -- is a well-established trend. But now the hotel industry brings us the option of a royal babymoon. And after all, who wants to take a regular old babymoon when there are royal babymoons to be had?

Never mind that Kate and Wills reportedly took their babymoon in February, on the island of Mustique (remember those controversial photos?). Also never mind that Kate, who is weeks away from giving birth, has absolutely no business being on an airplane between now and her due date.



And never mind the fact that several of these packages also carry a royal price tag -- one goes for \$6,000 for a two-night stay.

Read on for "royal" babymoons fit for a (future) king or queen.

Draycott Hotel, London and Ellenborough Park, the Cotswolds, \$2,600

"The mom-to-be will feel like the Duchess of Cambridge herself as she is greeted with sparkling cider and roses upon arrival, while champagne will await her partner," said the hotel. A two-night stay includes a prenatal massage for the mom-to-be; a voucher for a local London restaurant so the couple can enjoy a night out together; and ice cream delivered to their room before bed. Guests will depart with a signature Draycott Teddy as a gift for the newest family member.

The couple will then travel to the only five-star hotel in Cotswolds, where, during their two-night stay, they'll enjoy dinner for two; spa treatments, including a 25-minute prenatal body treatment, while her partner gets an aromatherapy massage.

Stateside, at least two hotels are jumping on the babymoon bandwagon.

Trump Hotel, New York, \$6,000

The Trump Hotel New York has created a Trump Royal Heir Package for expectant mothers and fathers. The bundle includes a two-night stay in an executive room stocked with a prenatal pillow, massages for both momand-dad-to-be, in-room breakfast for two and a selection of special teas, smoothies and mocktails. The package also includes \$3,000 worth of gift cards to spend at Neiman Marcus, FAO Schwarz and Ivanka Trump Fine Jewelry.

Royal Palms Resort & Spa, Phoenix, \$1,600

Esencia, Riviera Maya, Mexico, \$2,959

The aptly-named Royal Palms in Phoenix, Ariz., offers the Babymoon Bliss package, which includes two nights' accommodations, a photography session of mom-to-be's "bump" plus a \$25 print credit; a "whatever-yourcraving" in-room amenity plus cigars and cognac for dad; a prenatal massage for mom and a theputic massage for dad; selection of Talking," "Three Men and a Baby," including a variety of gourmet popcorn,

complimentary in-room movies such as "Expecting Moms," "Looks Who's sparkling water for mom-to-be and chilled beer for dad-to-be.

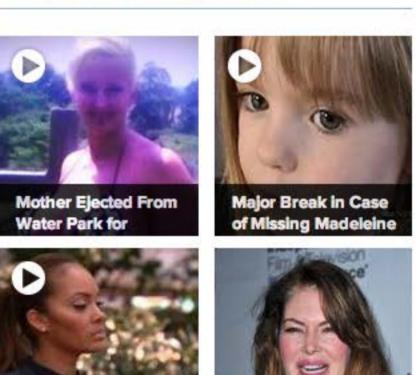
Elsewhere, travel website HotelsCombined.com has come up with several

babymoon packages around the globe.





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