

LS SUGGESTS

# BUDGET HONEYMOON DESTINATIONS

For newlyweds, a honeymoon is a must for clearing the mind and embarking on the most astonishing journey of life. It offers much needed down time after weeks of hectic wedding planning. It is an escapade from never ending post-wedding dinners and heavy party wear. You should definitely not miss out on the honeymoon even if you have a limited budget. Here is a list of some alternative, lesser known yet enthralling budget-friendly honeymoon destinations:



**T**HESE are only a few of the many affordable yet exciting honeymoon destinations you can try out with your spouse. Each destination has much to offer and it is best to do adequate research before heading out. Guided tours are helpful and reading blogs and forums about travel experiences in websites such as Lonely Planet, Trip Advisor and Make My Trip will also be beneficial. Do not let worries of a limited budget cancel your honeymoon plans. There is a myriad of honeymoon destinations to choose from where you can have the best time of your life.

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## SYLHET

**S**YLHET is a haven of picturesque tea gardens, evergreen tropical forests and hill tracts. Lala Khal, a mystic lake where water appears in different colours at different points will enchant you and your partner. You can go canoeing, kayaking or swimming in the Shari River. There are hills surrounding the lake where you can go on short walks or long treks. Jaintapur, an archeological ruin of Jainta Kingdom, is a treasure for those who have an affinity for culture and history. You can also indulge in savoury chai, unwind amongst sights of emerald tea gardens and calls of majestic tropical birds. Finally, Sripur, known for its gushing waterfall, is a delight for wilderness lovers. You can stay in affordable resorts such as Shukhtara and Nazimgarh, from where you can easily access all the must-visit sites. Sylhet promises privacy, tranquility, rejuvenation and most importantly, romance for couples.



## BANDARBAN

**O**NLY a bus ride away from Dhaka, this natural sanctuary in south-east Bangladesh is for the adventurous couples who want to take refuge in larger than life hill tracts, and explore the crisp quietness of lush greenery. Boga Lake, rugged in beauty and surrounded by cloud adorned hills, is a major attraction for energetic couples who love to trek. You can enjoy camp fire and retreat away from the chaos of city life. If you do not want to trek, you can visit Nilgiri, one of the tallest peaks of Bangladesh, on a local bus known as 'chandergari.' The Sangu River also invites a restful getaway with its river cruises and scenic views. You can rent a guided cruise on a traditional wooden ferry or opt for a private reserved boat. Bandarban has something for everyone, and indulging in its charm is undoubtedly a great way to start marital life.

