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# IT'S LOOKING GRIZZLY

## Bear market has economy running scared



The stock market officially moved into bear market territory yesterday, as traders worried how much the Fed will raise interest rates — and possibly spark a recession in their bid to rein in inflation.

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**Y**OU don't need to journey to Hawaii, Fiji or Paris for an unforgettable honeymoon. It's just as easy to find romance on inviting Main streets and in the down-home allure of fly-speck towns. Here are five all-American honeymoon hamlets worth booking a suite in.

**Peak romance**

**Tilghman Island** — a town of just 1,000 residents in Maryland, and one of the last small fishing villages left on Chesapeake Bay — is an oasis straight out of a Hallmark movie.

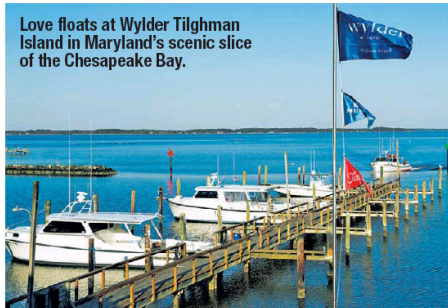
The summer splendors of the bay are numerous, but you can knock almost all of 'em out at **Wylder**, a lovely 50-room boutique property (from \$245 per night; [WylderHotels.com](http://WylderHotels.com)). Chief among them are eating blue crab along the waterfront at **Tickler's Crab Shack**, savoring s'mores by evening bonfires, or reliving your childhood camp memories with your better half on canoes or kayaks.

Be sure to take a sunset cruise (\$65) or book a charter fishing trip (prices vary) via Wylder before your stay ends. Should you decide to venture farther off-site, the **Assateague Island National Seashore and State Park** are two hours away, and offer lovebirds the chance to gape at wild horses frolicking on the sand.

Oenophiles will also find several steps along the **Chesapeake Wine Trail**, less than an hour away.

**Bliss-ville, USA**

Everything is bigger in Texas — except for idyllic **Salado** (population: 3,002), which sits halfway between Austin and Waco.



Michael Carmelie

Love floats at Wylder Tilghman Island in Maryland's scenic slice of the Chesapeake Bay.



**MAINE SQUEEZE:** Honeymoon on the state's craggy and oh-so-charming southern coast at the Cliff House.

# MINI MOONS

These pint-sized towns are big on romance



Visit Big Sky

Find reel love by fly-fishing and hiking at Montage Big Sky (above left); it's more like Kiss-issipi at romantic Dunleith (above right); deep in the heart of Texas, Shady Villa will flutter yours (inset).

When you get there, head for **Shady Villa Hotel** (rooms from \$155 per night; [ShadyVillaHotel.com](http://ShadyVillaHotel.com)), and grab a lavender daiquiri by the pool before dining at **Stagecoach Restaurant**, a Bell County stronghold since 1861.

Don your cowboy hats and saunter along Main Street — brimming with shops, art galleries, cafes and restaurants — and nearby drags, where favorite activities include scoping out **Salado Sculpture Garden** and watching glassblowers at work at **Salado Glassworks**.

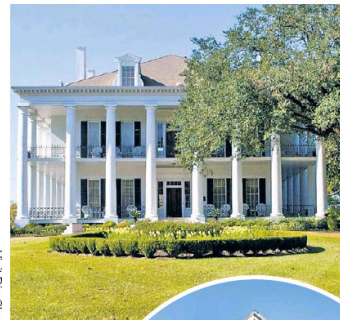
After all that walking, sate your appetite back at Stagecoach with some pimento cheese and a hot baked pretzel and quarrel over who should get the chicken fried steak. (You both should.) Fun fact: The post-Civil War era cattle-driving Chisholm Trail came right down Main Street, bringing through the stagecoach lines that served Central Texas, and Sam Houston, George Custer and Jesse James were all

rumored to have visited the hotel.

**Dream big**

You might think of **Big Sky**, Mont., as ski central, but this mountainous nabe of some 3,591 locals is ripe for a summer rendezvous, too. Opened in 2021, the **Montage Big Sky** (from \$1,395 per night; [MontageHotels.com](http://MontageHotels.com)) will celebrate its first summer season with a whirlwind of activities: from golf on **Spanish Peaks Mountain Club's** course and hiking to horseback riding and fly-fishing.

In town, if you've recovered from all that wedding cake, swing by **Sweet Buns**, a new bakery that will wow you with standouts like red wine buttercream-filled cracked-pep-



Visit Natchez, Nick Shonohie (inset)



per macarons, Key Lime pie and cupcakes. Or, embrace your hankering for 'cue at **Riverhouse BBQ**, on the banks of the Gallatin River.

You're also close to **Yellowstone National Park**, should you decide a night in a tent is in order.

**Bless your hearts**

**Natchez**, Miss., a historic steamboat stop on the

state's eponymous river is known as the "Little Easy," making it the perfect spot to take it easy with your new spouse.

Dripping with Southern charm, Natchez is renowned for its magnificent historic homes, some 1,000 of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of its grandest is **Dunleith**, a sprawling 1856 residence turned bed-and-breakfast with an outdoor pool and on-site restaurant and bar (from \$143 per night; [DunleithHistoricInn.com](http://DunleithHistoricInn.com)).

Take a horse-drawn carriage with **Southern Carriage Tours**, ghost tour with **Downtown Karla Brown** or learn the art of biscuit-making in **Chef Regina Charboneau's** cooking classes.

**Edgy accommodations**

Welcome to **Cape Neddick**, a town of 2,563 people, on Maine's craggy southern coast that brings the quaint in spades. **Cliff House Maine** (from \$509 per night; [CliffHouse-Maine.com](http://CliffHouse-Maine.com)) is the town's most chichi resort, perched atop Bald Head Cliff with dramatic views of the Atlantic (that are particularly mesmerizing when it's stormy).

Choose from guest rooms, suites and a stand-alone cottage and an itinerary that consists mainly of spa days, pool-front chilling and lobster galore.

At the spa, book a signature suite with two treatment tables, drench-experience shower for two and a built-in lounge nook with a fireplace.

Then, head to **The Tiller Restaurant** or **Nubb's Lobster Shack** to blow postnuptial calories on crab and chorizo mac and cheese, Maine mussels, duck fat-poached swordfish, clam chowder and more lobster rolls than you can count.

Neighboring **Ogunquit** offers access to top-notch beaches, restaurants, two museums and the **Ogunquit Playhouse**, an acclaimed theater company founded in 1933.

While in Ogunquit, don't miss the **Marginal Way** walking trail, which hugs the foamy Maine coastline, is a must for letting that provincial magic soak into your soul.