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There are plenty of fabulous island getaways for every pair of newlyweds. But the hardest part about running away to an island idyll together can be picking your perfect paradise. Whether you've got money to burn or are sticking to a budget, are nostalgia buffs or style queens, hooked on formality or hang-loose types, you're sure to find your dream honeymoon hangout among our hot 100 Caribbean hideaways.



ISLAND FEVER: 100 HOT

FROM THE PUBLISHERS OF VOGUE GLAMOUR

### cheap-yet-chic compounds

#### 1. Bucuti Beach Resort, Aruba

The sea outside your window is a neon blue, the sands sugar white, but that's no match for the vibrancy of your digs at Bucuti Beach, where the palette is a buoyant bounty of cobalt, orange, and yellow. From your private terrace, watch suntanned Continental couples soak up rays on the island's fabled Seven Mile Beach; head to the poolside bar to down frosty cool ones alongside couples sporting swimwear straight from Milan. That galleon poking from the powdery sand is no 17th century shipwreck—it's the Pirate's Nest Restaurant, where you'll sit near Parisian pairs as they say *bonjour* over smoked salmon and bubbly at breakfast. It's not for nothing that the Euro crowd comes here for quiet getaways; you'll understand the appeal as you draw the curtains and snuggle on the couch in your room's sitting area, where a crimson parrot gazes down from multicolored palms in a portrait that would do Gauguin proud. Doubles from \$220; 800-223-1108. —RICH RUBIN

*Editor's Note: Room rates throughout this story are for the Caribbean's high season, or about mid-December through April. Expect prices to drop as much as 40 percent the rest of the year.*