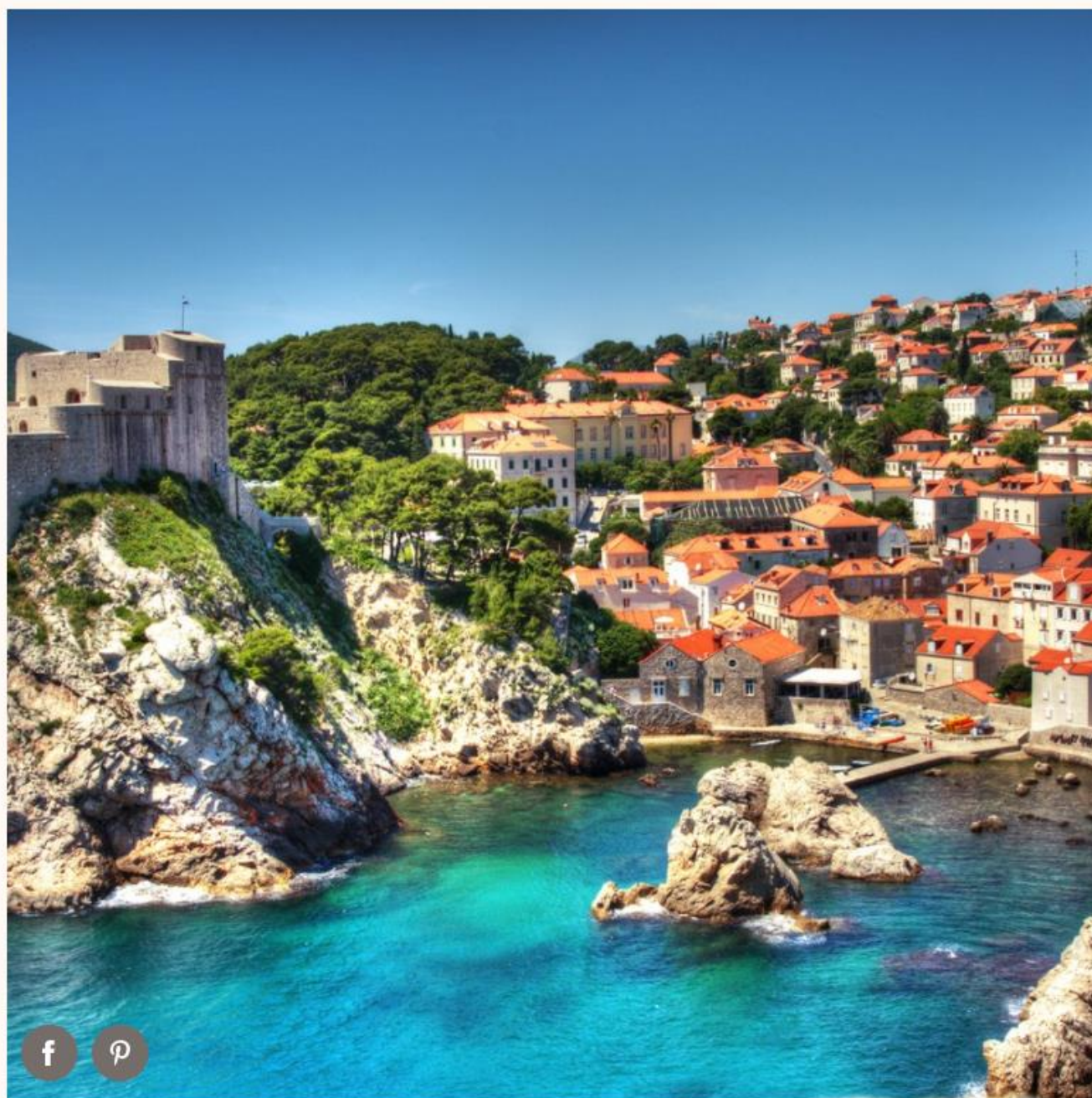


HONEYMOONS

These *Game of Thrones* Filming Locations Make for an Epic Honeymoon

Want to honeymoon in Croatia, Iceland, Spain, Ireland, or Morocco? Let these GOT backdrops inspire your post-nuptial vacay.

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Whether you're looking for wide-open landscapes, far-reaching frozen tundras, or historic waterfront cities, the destinations that serve as the main *Game of Thrones* filming locations offer all kinds of epic honeymoons. First, there's Croatia, the gorgeous Adriatic Sea-fronting hot spot. Then, there's Iceland, the booming European Nordic nation. Next, there's [Spain](#), which has such diverse landscapes you could recreate most of *GOT* within that country alone. Not to mention [Ireland](#), with its verdant rolling hillsides, and Morocco, home to stunning fortified coastal cities. Where you go will depend on your [wedding date](#), budget, and preferences, but true fans should rest assured that if they want to go all-in, luxury travel operators like [Zicasso](#) offer *Game of Thrones*-inspired itineraries to Spain and Iceland that get fans of the fire and ice saga that much closer to Westero. Read on to pick your *GOT* honeymoon.



CROATIA

King's Landing, home to the iron throne, is arguably one of the most important locations in all of *Game of Thrones*. And Dubrovnik, the stand-in for the city's Old Town since season two, has quickly risen to bucket-list fame. Those looking to enter the city through the on-screen Pile Gate or reenact Cersei's walk of shame down the steps in front of the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola should plan to visit Dubrovnik, in addition to Split, Krka National Park, and Hvar.



ICELAND

Where do you go when you have to depict the barren, sub-zero tundra beyond the Wall? Iceland, of course. One look at the peak of Kirkjufell (ak.a. Arrowhead Mountain), Grjótagjá (the cave where Jon Snow and Ygritte made it official), or Reynisfjara, on Vík's black sand beach (the farthest east side of the Wall, which gets smashed to pieces by the Night King's dragon in the season seven finale), and you'll understand why Iceland was the perfect choice for so many memorable scenes.

If you're willing to brave a cold-weather honeymoon, start in the capital city of Reykjavik (booming with new hotels like the [Tower Suites](#) and the forthcoming [Edition Reykavik](#)) before making your way to the Snæfellsnes peninsula for epic Northern Lights viewings (September to April) and a frame-worthy photo at the base of Kirkjufell. Want something even more brag-worthy? Book a stay at the ultra-luxe Trophy Lodge, a mountain resort nestled beneath the Langjökull glacier, close to the Geysir hot springs and Gullfoss waterfall, where celebs like Jay-Z and Beyonce and Gwyneth Paltrow have stayed. (The lodge is so exclusive it doesn't even have a website—but you can make a reservation through a tour operator [Black Tomato](#).)





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SPAIN

Spain is one of the most important *Game of Thrones* filming locations, especially in the latest season. First there's Dragonstone, the former Targyean stronghold that Daenerys recently reclaimed (in real life, the Basque Country's San Juan de Gaztelugatxe and Itzurun Beach), then there's Highgarden Castle (the 8th-century Castillo de Almodóvar del Río, near Córdoba), the former Tyrell stronghold now occupied by the Lannisters, and lastly, the Alcázar of Seville, the famed Andalusian royal palace that stands in for Dorne's Water Palace of Sunspear, home of the royal Martell family (who, spoiler, all meet tragic ends by the season seven finale).

To get a taste of Spain on your honeymoon, book a river cruise on the 88-cabin [La Belle de Cadix](#), which sails down the Guadalquivir River (Castillo de Almodóvar del Río sits of its banks). Or, post up in the Andalusian capital of Seville at a luxe hotel like the [Hotel Alfonso XIII, a Luxury Collection Hotel](#), and fill your days with leisurely lunches in El Salvador Square, which dates back to the Middle Ages, when it served as a Moorish marketplace.

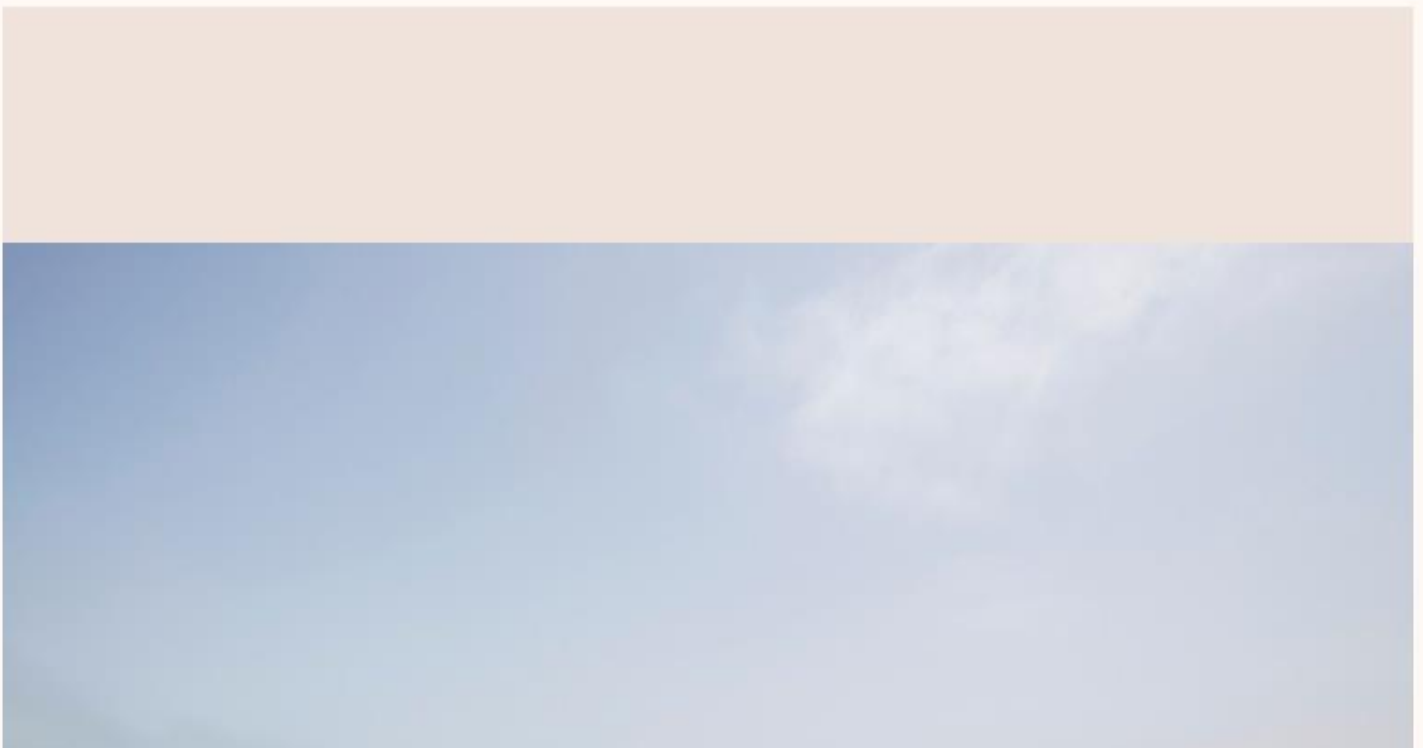




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IRELAND

From Tollymore Forest Park (which stands in for the forests surrounding the Stark family compound of Winterfell) to the Glens of Antrim (a.k.a. the jaw-dropping Dothraki Sea landscapes), Ballintoy (the Greyjoy-led Iron Islands) to the beech tree-lined avenue of Dark Hedges, in Ballymoney (the infamous King's Road), Ireland rightfully plays a starring role in *Game of Thrones*. To get your fill, drive the Dark Hedges/King's Road on a road trip from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway, or, if you prefer to stay put in one place that channels the same epic scenery, try [Ballyfin](#), a luxury hotel at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains in County Laois.





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MOROCCO

North Africa's Atlantic coast has provided a backdrop for countless movies and television series, so when it came time to film season three scenes in the Slaver's Bay cities of Astapor and Yunkai, Essaouira, Morocco, was an obvious choice. *GOT* fans will recognize the city's French-inspired fortress, which serves as the dilapidated slaveholding capital of Astapor, on the eastern continent of Essos. It was here that Danerys was first introduced to her army of the Unsullied. But don't expect to find any fearsome locals IRL—the port city has impressive beaches that make it a popular surfing spot and Essaouira's old town is fortified by stunning 18th-century ramparts for an added dose of history.