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## These Honeymoon Destinations Will Need Your Tourism the Most After the Pandemic

Supporting travel and honeymoon destinations after this crisis is over will be vital for those who can.

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As we “settle” into the COVID-19 pandemic, you may see couples on vacation popping up on your Instagram feed and are wondering if it’s ok to take that honeymoon or baecation you had to postpone at the top of quarantine. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there’s still major health risks to consider. They just released their guidelines for traveling through these uncertain times and ask folks to consider things like the current status of the virus at their travel destination.

Should you choose to help yourself to a trip now—taking the necessary precautions, of course—or later, you’ll be simultaneously helping the suffering tourism industry. The most recent data released by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), while staggering, is probably not surprising. Aside from the loss of human life and effect on our daily lives, 75 million jobs in the tourism industry are at risk around the world due to the coronavirus crisis.

The financial losses are expected to reach \$2.1 trillion globally, with the Asia-Pacific region hit the hardest, followed by Europe and North America, where seven million jobs will be affected by the pandemic aftermath. So while the health and the safety of you and your loved ones are paramount right now, traveling to support the travel and honeymoon industry is a bonus if you’ve done your coronavirus research and can’t be stopped. Overall the CDC’s stance on travel, however, hasn’t changed: “Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.” Consider planning for future travel and visiting some of the hardest hit tourism regions that will need your support:

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**By the numbers:** Tourism is the largest sector in Fiji’s economy and contributes about 40% of the country’s GDP, according to a rep for Tourism Fiji. And if the pandemic wasn’t already causing enough harm to this South Pacific island, the recent Cyclone Harold caused widespread damage to the Melanesian island.

**Where to go:** Fiji is regularly lauded as paradise for those travelers seeking sun, fun, friendly culture, cuisine, and sensory pleasure at its finest. It’s also known for some of the poshest and insanely unique accommodations in the world. Take, for example, the thatched-roof villas with wrap-around private swimming pools at the Laucala Island Resort; the Kokomo Private Island Fiji which is only accessible by helicopter and home to an on-site farm that elevates the property’s culinary program; and the Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort Fiji, with its unparalleled spa and eco-luxury focus.

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