

## **MARTINIQUE, THE ROMANTIC GETAWAY FOR HONEYMOONERS** **Newlyweds follow in the wake of “The Thomas Crown Affair”**

An island is an island is an island, unless it's Martinique, the ultra-romantic tropical paradise featured in 1999 MGM film, “The Thomas Crown Affair” chosen as the seductive hideaway to which billionaire Thomas Crown (Pierce Brosnan) flies off with the tempting female investigator Catherine Banning (Rene Russo).

Called the “Island of Flowers”, Martinique, a seductive little corner of France in the Caribbean is the perfect setting for engaging into romance. The island combines all the elements of stylish and chic French *savoir-faire*, with a sensuous and fun-loving Creole *joie de vivre*.

Blessed with lovely beaches, incredible lush vegetation, idyllic climate and a wealth of cultural, artistic and scenic attractions, Martinique is the perfect destination to savor a unique *art-de-vivre* and to tantalize your senses.

Newlyweds are well advised to rent a car to take in the island's sights, to visit the “Balata Gardens” whose paths unfold fabulous tropical flora, the “Balata Church” which was designed after the Sacré Coeur in Paris, and “La Pagerie”, birthplace of Empress Joséphine where sensual love letters from Napoleon are on display.

Many hotels offer honeymoon packages to fit every budget.

Honeymooners looking for luxury and seclusion can stay at **Habitation Lagrange**, an 18<sup>th</sup> century plantation home renovated into a hotel. In 2001, this magnificent historic plantation house offers a special 5 or 7-night honeymoon package that includes a deluxe room; full American breakfast and dinner; transfer on arrival; fruits, flowers and a half-bottle of champagne in room, and all taxes and service charges for \$1,720 per couple for 5 nights and \$2,400 for 7 nights, from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Habitation Lagrange is located in Marigot, on the North Atlantic coast of Martinique, close to the rainforest and is a perfect location for soft adventure experiences, such as the hike down the Gorges de la Falaise waterfalls.

- For reservations at **Habitation Lagrange** contact Caribbean Inns Ltd., Tel: (800) 633-7411, Fax: 803-686-7411, or Martinique Select, Tel: (800) 823-2002, Fax: (410) 692-9579, or French Caribbean International, Tel: (800) 223-9815, Fax: (805) 967-7798, Loire Tours, Tel. (800) 755-9313, Fax. (212) 254-0654, or Wimco, Tel: (800) 932-3222, Fax: (401) 847-6290. For information on the property on the internet, [www.habitation-lagrange.com](http://www.habitation-lagrange.com).

Another property which offers honeymoon packages is beachfront **Le Méridien**, a 200-room hotel located in the resort area of Pointe du Bout, Trois-Ilets. This 4-star property offers a special 5-night honeymoon package that includes full American breakfast and dinner daily, bottle of champagne on arrival, two t-shirts and complimentary non-motorized watersports. The honeymoon package prices start at \$860 .

**Le Méridien** is conveniently located in the a resort area which offers nightlife and leisurely dining in French in Creole restaurants nearby. Couples can try their luck in the casino of the hotel and are invited to dance to the seductive rhythms of the island called “zouk love” at the Méridien’s discotheque La Baraka.

Only five minutes from the hotel, the ferry in Pointe du Bout is a convenient way to visit Fort-de-France, an intriguing waterfront city which resembles the French Riviera, with its wonderful shops.

- For reservations, contact **Meridien hotels**, Tel. (800) 543-4300.

Right of the shore of the Caribbean, in Sainte Luce, south of Martinique, the hotel **Amyris** offers a package honeymoon rate from \$974 to \$1,044 per couple for 7 nights from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 to December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001. Package includes junior suite with ocean view, flowers, a bottle of champagne, a lobster menu offered with wine on a VIP table and daily breakfast and dinner.

Four 3-storeyed buildings harmoniously disposed around the garden and a main building of Creole architectural style with a hint of contemporary inspiration, the **Amyris** includes 110 rooms with a panoramic view of the marine horizon and a beach nestling in a protected bay situated below a lush tropical garden.

- For reservations, contact **Amyris**. Tel: (596) 62-12-00, fax. (596) 62-12-10  
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For further information on honeymoons in Martinique, contact the Martinique Promotion Bureau, 444 Madison Ave., NY 10022, Tel: (800) 391-4909, Fax: (212) 838-7855. On the Internet: <http://www.martinique.org>. By e-mail: [info@martinique.org](mailto:info@martinique.org)

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