



**Courtney Cox and David Arquette**

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# THE 'MOON AND THE STARS

The inside scoop on where celebrity newlyweds find honeymoon nirvana  
by Sona Charaipotra

JUST ONE WEEK AFTER HER WEDDING, *The King of Queens* star Leah Remini fell into a postnuptial funk. "We had been so caught up in the wedding plans that we actually never talked about the honeymoon," recalls Leah, who married actor Angelo Pagan in an elaborate wedding at the Four Seasons Resort Las Vegas in July 2004. "The wedding was a big party. And then it was just coming home to everyday life, and we were like, 'Oh my God, we never planned *anything*.' Angelo said, 'It doesn't matter to me—I'm still on cloud nine.' But every day that went by, I thought, This is ridiculous. We should be going somewhere to celebrate the fact that we just got married."

Two days later, they were happily

ensconced at Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a white-sand hideaway in Los Cabos, Mexico. "I called my publicist and asked her what the great spots were," says Leah. "I told her, 'I swear to God I will fire you if this place isn't perfect.'"

It was, and then some. "The resort was beautiful, beyond beautiful. It was more than what I imagined," says Leah, who admits she was shocked by the five-star treatment she and Angelo received. "You put your sunglasses down for a minute outside by the pool, they'll spritz them to get all the gunk

off of them. You go to move and it's, 'Can I help you, ma'am?' And they have little stools for your purse when you go to dinner. You try to put your purse on the floor and they come over with the little stool. I loved it!"

## Privacy, please!

While lounging in the lap of luxury was a new experience for Leah and Angelo, to most celebrities it's old hat. Which means planning something as significant as a honeymoon requires pulling out *(continued on page 388)*

a price in mind, and they'll say, 'Okay, this is what I'm thinking...' And yet by the time it's over, they've spent a quarter of a million dollars. And they're okay with that. It adds up really fast—it's 'I want a private jet at \$175,000. I want a yacht.' Already the prices are insane. Then add \$20,000 a night for a luxury suite." If that last number sounds inflated, think again. That's the high-season pricetag for The Villa, the top digs at Sandy Lane in Barbados, where golf great Tiger Woods wed model Elin Nordegren in October 2004. (Because such over-the-top pampering is probably not compatible with your budget, see "Same Place, More Affordable Price," page 399, for other resort options in the celebs' favored locales.)

Is the luxury worth the cost? The stars seem to think so, since the payoff is ultimate indulgence—whether that entails private pampering or having a favored pet tag along. "I made Dave do girly day-spa treatments," Carmen Electra has said of the couple's stay at Bacara, where guests can enjoy stone therapy, Reiki and deep-tissue massage for up to \$7,500 per night in the Presidential Residence. (A more reasonable \$450 per night will get you a perfectly lovely Spanish-style Garden Room.) Meanwhile, at the nearby San Ysidro Ranch, the \$3,990-per-night Eucalyptus Villa played host to honeymooners Julia Roberts and Danny Moder (as well as their dog). The resort's two-story oceanfront Kennedy Cottage (named for JFK and Jackie, who spent part of their September 1953 honeymoon there), which runs \$1,875 per night, was where Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck reportedly were to have spent their wedding night; instead, the Latin diva honeymooned there with singer Marc Anthony just five months later.

For harried East Coasters, nothing is simpler than a quick trip to the Caribbean. In late 1999, Jerry and Jessica Seinfeld flew just three hours from New York to honeymoon in an \$1,800-per-night oceanfront villa on

Parrot Cay, a 1,000-acre island in the Turks & Caicos with no shops, no nightlife—and no paparazzi. In late June, Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck—a.k.a. Bennifer II—recited surprise I Do's at this secluded paradise. Non-newlyweds love this resort, too. Penelope Cruz and Matthew McConaughey stayed last year after wrapping filming on *Sahara*, and Bruce Willis, Keith Richards and Donna Karan all own homes there.

Other Caribbean beaches have beckoned celeb lovebirds, as well. Courtney Cox and David Arquette chose Anguilla's sexy Cap Juluca for their June 1999 honeymoon. And this past May, Renée Zellweger married country star Kenny Chesney in a private beach ceremony on St. John, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where the singer owns a home. Their honeymoon was a short one; Chesney was back onstage for his aptly named "Somewhere in the Sun" tour just three days later.

Tried-and-true Hawaii, a five-and-a-

half hour flight from L.A., also draws famous honeymooners: In 2003, TV star Matt LeBlanc married model Melissa McKnight in front of *Friends* like Jennifer Aniston and Matthew Perry on Kauai before staying on to honeymoon in a private villa. And after their September 2002 destination wedding in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, was almost blown away by a hurricane, Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze, Jr., found some honeymoon sunshine in Hawaii with a luxurious 11-day stay in a \$900-per-night oceanfront suite at the posh Four Seasons Resort Wailea on Maui.

## Virgin territory

Still, some celeb honeymooners crave something a bit more far-flung—and they get it. Newlyweds Tori Spelling and Charlie Shanian, who honeymooned at Villa d'Este on Lake Como, Italy, in July 2004, were dining on trout and free-range chicken at the La Locanda (*continued on page 399*)

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