

**Hot spots popular**

# Choosing the perfect honeymoon vacation

By **NANCY HOSKIN**  
 There are many honeymoon hotspots couples may wish to visit, but options are narrowed when budgets, time and distance are put into perspective. Every destination offers newlyweds a variety of activity, whether they wish to relax, sight-see or be catered to.  
 "Couples are still visiting places that have been popular for years, like Bermuda," said Joan Dempsey, travel consultant for Intra Village Travel, in Markham, "and are discovering new spots, like, Ixtapa, Mexico."

Newlyweds living in Western Canada tend to travel to California, Mexico and Hawaii, while Canadians in the East visit Florida, Bermuda and islands in the Caribbean, usually because of accessibility. But, according to Mrs. Dempsey, the requests are diverse, from finding honeymoon spots in Ontario, to tours of Europe or ski holidays in British Columbia.

There has recently been an increase in delayed honeymoons. Many couples plan on staying after their wedding day to spend time with their guests, who may have travelled great distances to be with them.

Some couples will also plan their holiday to coincide with what they might prefer doing, like taking a ski vacation in the winter, after being married in the summer.

Here are several honeymoon hotspots you might consider:

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**Ixtapa**  
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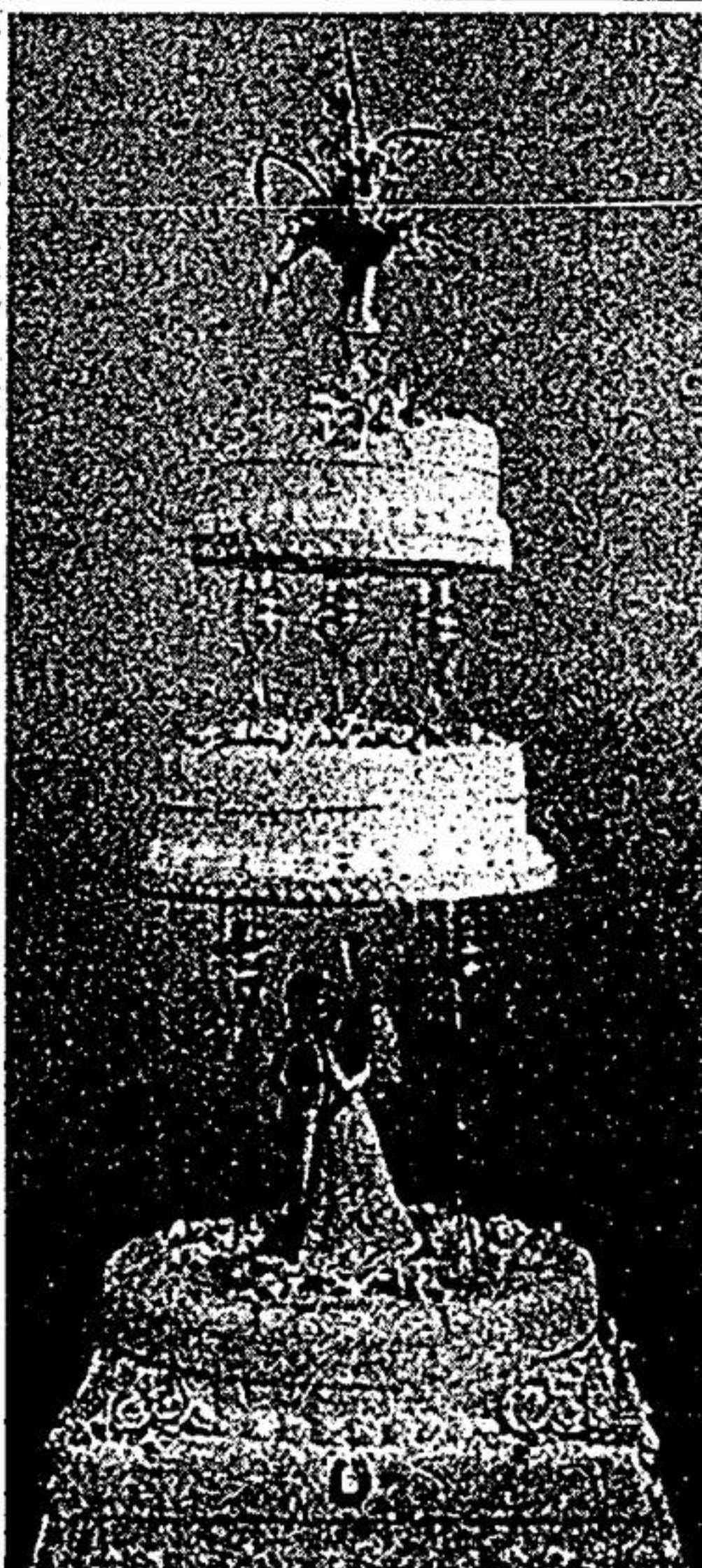
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