

# Honeymooners

## Lovers call Caribbean hot spots heaven

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June is traditionally the busiest month for weddings — and this year most newlyweds are heading for Caribbean honeymoons, according to local travel agents.

Despite the warm summer weather in the U.S., the newlyweds seem to favor tropical cruises or the white beaches of the Caribbean islands to Cape Cod or California vacations. Europe has dropped off as a honeymoon favorite because of high prices and the distance. "People like cruises. You'd be

amazed at how many people go on them regardless of what time of year it is," said Faith Olson Stuve, travel agent at Destinations Unlimited in Troy. "They like them because they can pack and get settled for a week and see three ports. For people who haven't been many places, cruises offer them an opportunity to tell people they've been to several islands."

BUDGETING also makes cruises attractive to honeymooners. Ms. Olson Stuve said. Although they carry price tags in the \$2,500 range per couple, travelers know what they're getting before they leave town.

"Cruises are easy to budget. All the meals are included and the service is wonderful. You never have to spend any money unless you shop or want alcoholic beverages," she added.

The several travel agents surveyed agree that Caribbean cruises are the most popular honeymooners haven, but Hawaii is usually the couple's first choice.

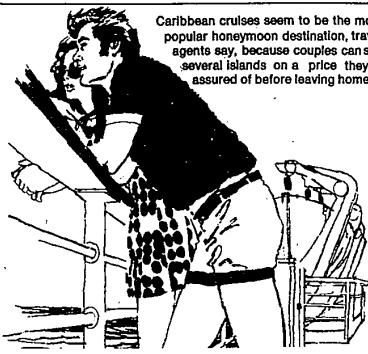
"People ask for Hawaii but when they find out it's about \$1,200 per person per week just for air fare and hotel, they usually back out," said agent Donna Anzusa of the Travel Exchange.

"Bermuda is also very popular," Ms.

Anzusa added. "It's a beautiful island with no poverty. It caters to honeymooners with its special packages of breakfast and champagne."

The Grand Cayman Islands is another tropical hot spot, said travel agent Paulette Gardella of Complete Travel. "It's unbelievably friendly there, quiet and private. You can snorkel and scuba dive and it's beautiful all year round."

TORONTO AND MONTREAL make nice vacations for those who can only get away for the weekend, travel agents noted.



Caribbean cruises seem to be the most popular honeymoon destination, travel agents say, because couples can see several islands on a price they're assured of before leaving home.

## Anderson awarded Mensa scholarship

Carol Anderson of Farmington Hills has been awarded second prize in the Southeast Michigan Mensa scholarship contest. Ms. Anderson is a Mensa member, although the contest was open to all students in or planning to enter college. Ms. Anderson, a senior at Walsh College, majoring in accounting, plans

to pursue a master's degree in taxation. Mensa is an international organization of people scoring in the top 2 percent on standardized IQ tests. In addition to the scholarship contest, Southeast Michigan Mensa holds special events and encourages programs and resources for gifted children.

## Hills woman named editor

Louise Whall, a Michigan State University senior from Farmington Hills, was recently named 1981-82 editor-in-chief of The State News, MSU's student newspaper.

active and freelance editor. As editor-in-chief, she will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the State News editorial department.

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