



## *Martinique Romantique..*



Love is always in the air in Martinique! This seductive little corner of France nestled in the heart of the Caribbean combines the legendary romance of Paris with the sultry allure of the tropics to create the ultimate honeymoon paradise.

From its extraordinary natural beauty, rich cultural traditions and world-renowned gastronomy, to its chic boutiques, swanky hotels and warm hospitality, Martinique more than meets the needs of discerning and budget-minded honeymooners alike.

It is little wonder, then, that one of the world's greatest love stories, that of Napoleon and Josephine, has roots in Martinique.

A native of Martinique, Josephine rose from humble beginnings to rule France alongside her iconic husband, igniting one of history's hottest romances along the way.



Honeymooners and romance travelers to Martinique can re-live the royal couple's passion by visiting la Musée de la Pagerie, a museum housed in the Empress' quaint childhood home. Here, visitors can trace Josephine's remarkable story and read several of Napoleon's sensual hand-written love letters, some of them quite risqué.

Honeymooners and visitors to Martinique can enjoy a sailing excursion to Josephine's Bathtub, a sparkling green tidal pool nestled between two islets off Martinique's east coast.

The royal romance experience can also be taken to the next level with a visit to one of the two islets bordering Josephine's Bathtub, Îlet Oscar. The islet is home to a sultry five-bedroom, 19th century plantation house available for rental in its entirety or on a per room basis. What could be more romantic than your own private island?





Honeymooners seeking to channel a romance of more recent vintage, albeit a fictional one, may want to consider a stay at one of Martinique's chic hillside villas or boutique hotels a la Thomas Crown (Pierce Brosnan) and Catherine Banning (Renee Russo) in *The Thomas Crown Affair*. The movie's sizzling tropical island getaway scenes were filmed in Martinique, and while the actual villa featured in the film is not available for rental, many comparable options abound.

At 425 square miles, Martinique invites intimacy, while also stirring passions with a wealth of romance-themed vacation experiences. *Vive l'amour en Martinique!*

For more information on honeymoon and romance travel to Martinique, visit [www.martinique.org](http://www.martinique.org).

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