



Holidays by the Stars

What's it like travelling with a Taurean? Where do Leos like to be seen? Find out in this fun guide below... Why not sign up for our free monthly horoscope newsletter and 2008 forecast and find out when travel is next on the agenda for you!

Aries

Aries always likes being the first to explore and discover something new, even if just to boast that they went to the latest café that opened the day after you left. They tend to frustrate tour guides by saying confidently, "I know a better spot." If you find a normally energetic Aries lying quietly on a tropical island beach in Vietnam, he/she has probably just finished scuba diving in the wreck off the bay before an afternoon of golf and dancing at night. They prefer the heat, but any unusual climate is fine as long as there's lots to discover. Consider Myanmar, South America, parts of Africa, a 'cowperson' holiday in Colorado or the Australian outback.

Taurus

Taureans like gentle honeymoons where the ambience is soothing and the cuisine worthy of recipes to take home. If they can lie by a resort pool with cocktail in hand without being exhorted to exert, they'll be happy. They enjoy traditional spots with some history, so consider one of the 'foodie' Tasmanian guesthouses with generous antique four-posters, French cooking classes with accommodation in a nearby Loire Valley chateau, or a lazy holiday driving through California's Napa Valley. Taureans respond well to familiarity; the movie *The Accidental Tourist*, about people who want life to remain reassuringly the same overseas, was probably written about them.

Gemini

Geminis hate escorted bus tours of 'six countries in 19 days' which fleetingly visit the sights – yet it's what they end up doing themselves because they want to see everything! Cerebral stimulation junkies, they like New York, London and Tokyo for the kaleidoscopic, 24-hour activity. Geminis always intend to speak the (foreign) language like a local but they tend to lose their phrasebooks and end up speaking Chinglish with wild gesticulations. Tropical islands holidays must have plenty of activity and mainland contact – Geminis don't like to 'be away from it all', but right in the middle of everything. Without Internet access they'll be in tears.

Cancer

The best type of honeymoon for a Cancerian is one with a history angle which appeals to their love of nostalgia. Let them stay in cooler climate towns renowned for their antique shops, retrace the family background in the 'mother country', or even just do a number of historical interest tours. Paradoxically, these humble, kind-

hearted souls get all fired up about famous battlefields, so consider the towns of the American Civil War, France's Normandy or Scotland's Hadrian Wall. They're fascinated by royalty so allow plenty of time for castle sightseeing. Many Cancerians are sensitive to the sun and loathe beach holidays.

Leo

All Leos are movie stars at heart so if the money is tight, book a decadent three-day break in a five-star resort rather than eke out the days in a less fabulous place for longer. Their ideal place involves lots of sun, glamour shopping and dressing up: think Noosa, the Caribbean, Hollywood, French or Italian Riviera. A couple in which at least one is a Leo is quickly recognisable: they're the ones who dress similarly in colour-co-ordinated clothing, put on amusingly theatrical public displays of affection, and generally act as though they're being secretly filmed for *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*.

Virgo

Honeymoons where Virgos can improve themselves or their mind are a priority. Health spas with an intensive diet and exercise regime, a literary tour of Shakespearean England, or an archaeological dig can appeal. Raucous 18-35 trips and boozy nights at Oktoberfest do not. They'll get their money's worth whatever is chosen. Virgos are fussy hotel guests – whether it's properly cooked dishes, hospital bed corners or snappy room service, but they'll happily do the washing up at a B&B. Any destination pre-selected by Virgos will have been heavily researched, thus saving their travel agents the bother.

Libra

The sign of marriage and partnerships, Librans' honeymoons are very important to them. Famously keen on art, beauty and romance, Paris is an obvious choice, as is staying in a grand Roman or Florentine palazzo. Turtle Island's strictly 'couples only' policy makes it an attractive option, as is Bedarra Island in far north Queensland. Librans adore flirting – book them into an antebellum mansion in the American Deep South to hone up their *Gone With the Wind* skills. Easy point to remember: Librans can't abide locations with dirt, ugliness or disharmony, so India is out of the question.

Scorpio

It's a myth that Scorpios request suites with king-sized beds – but they do demand privacy and solitude, generally selecting remote islands or locations or ensure seclusion. Paradoxically, they can also enjoy the crowded noisiness of a place if hasn't been too 'civilised' by Westerners – basically, they don't want to run into their neighbours. They enjoy the unknown; don't rule out a trans-Russian train trip, culminating with a tour around the Kremlin and St Petersburg, a bareboat charter on their own around the Pacific, a visit to the Middle East or a sojourn in exotic Casablanca.

Sagittarius

Much beloved by travel agents, globe-trotting Sagittarians are the sign most likely to bring their friends with them on their honeymoon. They touch down in American and European cities long enough only to change money and catch a plane, train, boat, or

ride out of there to somewhere off the beaten track. Instead they enjoy activity holidays like skiing in the Andes, trekking through Nepal, exploring the Papua New Guinea highlands, diving off the Philippines or rafting down the Amazon. Their backpacking habit is so entrenched that they feel indulgent if they book the double room in the hostel. 'Horsey' holidays appeal.

Capricorn

On the rare occasions Capricorns permit themselves to have a little fun, they usually spend serious money checking into a supreme establishment (where they can get points for being a repeat guest). Not above networking on their holidays, Capricorns make careful note of, and book where their business heroes tend to holiday. As a general guide, they enjoy the mountains more than the sea, and snow more than the sun. Suggestions include the upmarket ski resorts of Gstaad and Banff, any of the five-star resorts around Lake Como in Italy and the exclusive golfing lodges around Pebble Beach USA.

Aquarius

Hippies if even they weren't born in the 60s, most Aquarians believe in sharing and protecting Earth. They vote with their wallet, staying at intimate, low-key environmentally aware resorts such as Green Island in Queensland. They feel morally corrupt staying in high-rise resort hotels – they'd never set foot on Waikiki – and are sickened by the Hiltonisation of the Third World countries. They're here to help humanity, so if part of their honeymoon involves joining a scientific mission to Antarctica, teaching kids English in Asia, or helping to rebuild a community torn apart by war, they'll feel they've done something of lasting value.

Pisces

Dreamy Pisces are lovely clients for travel agents. Should a trip not live up to their idealistic expectations, few would consciously realise it – let alone complain. They make Hamilton Island their own *Blue Lagoon*, 'discover' new lands as they sail off Turkey and thrill to the snake charmers and palm-readers in India as they're getting pickpocketed. All this 'out-there' behaviour usually manifests in missed connections, misplaced passports, minor scrapes on rental cars and cameras lost overboard as they lean over for a better look at the coral. They'll queue for ages for a photo with Mickey Mouse.