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BY NANCY RONES



TRAVEL TRANSFORMATIONS

Historic buildings are getting a second chance at life as new, luxe hotels—with a lot of character. Check out these epic revivals perfect for couples.

THEN 17th-century monastery

NOW Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa, Amalfi Coast, Italy

The hotel's owner was so charmed by the deserted monastery high on a cliff, she bought it and turned it into a lavish hotel. Take in its original details and snack on pastries made with recipes nuns once used. (MonasteroSantaRosa.com) **Don't Miss:** The Monastero Spa Life experience for private pampering.



THEN 1920s grain silo

NOW The Silo Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

This 28-room mod-industrial retreat along the waterfront offers incredible views of the Atlantic Ocean and Table Mountain from its windows and rooftop pool. (TheRoyalPortfolio.com/the-silo) **Don't Miss:** The Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (entry is included for guests).



THEN Newspaper printing plant

NOW The Press Hotel, Portland, Maine

This chic hotel riffs off the building's history as the former offices and printing plant of Maine's *Portland Press Herald* with newspaper-headline wallpaper and vintage desks. (ThePressHotel.com) **Don't Miss:** Hotel restaurant Union. Its executive chef was named a chef of the year in Maine.



PICTURE THIS

GoPro's Hero6 is a must-have for your first newlywed adventure. The genius gadget is waterproof, responds to voice commands and delivers lifelike video and pictures. Pair it with the GoPro app to transfer an automatically edited video of photos and clips to your phone.

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To search for your destination's needs, go to PackforaPurpose.org.



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