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Escape for love

Valentine's Day deals abound for those who enjoy travel – and romance

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Whether you are tempted to take the plunge or you're just trying to turn up the thermostat on your relationship, think outside the candy box this Valentine's Day. Steal your beloved away from the boring "bonbons and roses" routine to a glamorous getaway. Here are some deals and excursions guaranteed to impress.

(Unless noted, rates quoted are double occupancy, valid Valentine's Day weekend and do not include tax.)

Maryland

- Gramercy Mansion (Green Spring Valley) has a Romantic Elopement Getaway that includes a wedding or vow renewal ceremony for 20 guests; one-hour professional photo session and framed photo; dinner for two; and overnight accommodations for the couple. \$1800. 410-486-2405 or <http://www.gramercymansion.com>
- Inn at 2920 in Fells Point has the Romance Package, which

provides two nights' accommodations, breakfast, champagne, couples massage and dinner at Aldo's, Cinghiale Osteria, Kali's Court or Pazo beginning at \$650.

- Scarborough Fair B&B in Federal Hill offers the Ultimate Romantic Escape, with two nights' lodging, sparkling wine, chocolate-dipped strawberries, gift card for Ryleigh's Oyster, pastry from Tenzo Bakery, spa gift basket and 90-minute massages, beginning at \$823. 410-837-0010

- Inn at Horn Point in Annapolis offers two nights in a suite with fireplace, clawfoot tub, breakfast and couples' cooking and coffee classes. \$289 per night. 410-268-1126

- The Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels has a Valentine's Day package that includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, dinner, \$100 spa credit and a bottle of wine, beginning at \$520 per night. 866-278-9601

- In Easton, the Inn at 202 Dover's Valentine's Package includes overnight accommodations with champagne, steam shower and air-jet tub, gourmet four-course dinner and breakfast, \$590. 866-450-7600

- The Savage River Lodge in Frostburg offers the Let It Snow package, including snowshoes, trail map, bandanas, snowman building kit, thermal mugs with cappuccino or latte, chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne. \$220 per night. Add a guided moonlit snowshoe hike to a remote bonfire champagne toast, \$40 per couple. 301-689-3200

- Great Oak Manor Inn in Chestertown offers a Music & Culinary Valentine's Weekend featuring classical and jazz piano, hors d'oeuvres, wine cocktails, five-course, wine-paired dinner, aperitifs and two nights' accommodations with breakfast, beginning at \$729 per couple.

<http://www.greatoak.com/specials.html>

- The Inn at Buckeystown offers an Artistic Afternoon Tea for two, including love stories read by the fireside, seven-course candlelight dinner, harpist or classical music, a toast with dessert, four-course breakfast and a favor bag, with rose petals and chandeliers in each room. Package is \$333. Add a second night, with breakfast, for \$100. Package includes nonalcoholic beverages, corkage fee and taxes. Prepayment required. 301-874-5755 or go to innatbuckeystown.com.

Washington

- The Fairmont's An Affair to Remember package includes overnight accommodations, dinner in bed and a DVD of "An Affair To Remember." Begins at \$299 per couple.

<http://www.fairmont.com/washington/HotelPackages/Celebration/anaffairtorememberpackage.htm>

- Park Hyatt's Suite Romance package includes Presidential Suite with a dedicated butler, champagne, chocolate, couples massage, personalized five-course chef's dinner, chauffeured shopping spree at Tiffany & Co, moonlight tour of the monuments and breakfast. \$8,000. 800-778-7477.

Virginia

- Holiday House, in Orange, Va., offers the Aphrodite Package includes suite with whirlpool tub, in-room massages, homemade lava cake, Virginia wine and dinner. \$789. 540-672-4893

- Inn at Meander Plantation in Locustdale has a Cooking Up Some Romance Package that provides

two-nights accommodations, Virginia wine, heart-shaped balloon bouquet, chocolate-dipped strawberries, candlelit Valentine dinner, gourmet breakfasts, cooking class of romantic foods, apron, recipes, free tasting coupons to local wineries. \$650. 800-385-4936.

- Staunton's Shakespeare in Love Package includes accommodations in Juliet's room at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Blackfriar's Playhouse tour and tickets to a Shakespeare performance, dinner at Zynodoa and breakfast. Starts at \$290 for one night, \$390 for two nights. visitstaunton.com

- Wedmore Place in Williamsburg has the Winery Romance Package. It includes two nights' accommodations with fireplace, bottle of wine, couple's aromatherapy massage, tour and tasting at Williamsburg Winery, three-course dinner with Williamsburg Winery wine. \$940. 757-941-0310

West Virginia

- The Greenbrier's two-night Valentine's Package includes champagne, tickets to a comedy show, ice skating session, breakfast buffets, wine-and-chocolate session, sleigh ride, five-course, wine-paired dinner \$995. <http://www.greenbrier.com/packages-offers/Valentines-Weekend-2-Night.aspx>

Atlantic City

- Elope or renew your vows in a Free Valentine's Day Group Wedding Ceremony in Boardwalk Hall's ballroom — Includes champagne toast, wedding cake and photo ops. atlanticcitynj.com.

- The \$10,000 I Do Proposal Package at Resorts includes an engagement ring, suite, champagne, custom-designed cake, front-row concert tickets, gourmet dinner, couples massage, salon and spa treatments, breakfast in bed, limo transportation and a message playing throughout the hotel announcing the engagement. <http://www.resortsc.com/valentines2011>

- At The Borgata, \$1,149 buys her a suite, couples massage, tickets to an Enrique Iglesias concert, breakfast in bed and boutique coupons. 609-317-7555 or <http://www.theborgata.com>.

Pennsylvania

- Sayre Mansion in Bethlehem says forget the guys. It's Girls' Night Out, which includes two tickets to a chick flick, massages, shopping, dinner and overnight double-queen accommodations. Starts at \$400. 877-345-9019;

- Harvest Moon B&B in Lancaster has a Chocolate Romance overnight package including chocolate massage, chocolate candymaking, chocolate-inspired breakfast, lunch at the Chocolate Cafe and chocolate surprises. \$175. 888-824-3763 or <http://www.harvestmoonbandb.com>

- Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa's Sky's the Limit Package includes round-trip helicopter transport to the resort, Presidential Suite with butler, personal chef for a six-course dinner in the suite, couples massage, breakfast in bed, Dom Perignon, carriage ride and private transportation around Bedford. \$6,000 per night. 877-413-0933

- In Stroudsburg, Deerfield Spa's Better Than Chocolate for singles includes group "experiential sessions on ways to love yourself and support your well-being," weekend accommodations, meals and snacks, unlimited exercise, workshops and use of all spa facilities. Starts at \$600 per person.

- The Lodge at Woodloch's in Hawley has a Valentine's Special that includes two nights' lodging, couples massage class, ballroom dancing class, all meals and beverages. Begins at \$399 per person per night.

New York City

- Vikram Chatwal Hotels' "I Love Valentine's Day" includes king-bed accommodations, dinner for two with bottle of Prosecco, choice of romantic CDs, customized "Ready for Lovin'" turn-down service, breakfast in bed, chocolate tasting class at Maribelle Sweets (SoHo) and romantic movie basket. \$629.

<http://www.vikramchatwalhotels.com>

- "I Hate Valentine's Day" offers overnight king-bed accommodations; table for one at Serafina with a complimentary double shot; 24-hour "adult entertainment" channel access; "Love Hurts" turn-down service with black candles, broken heart cutouts, bottomless ice-cream room service, box of Kleenex and two bottles of tequila; breakfast in bed, break-up movie basket and self-help books: "How to Make Love with Your Clothes On," "Things I've Learned from Women Who've Dumped Me" and "He's Just Not That Into You." Both begin at \$629. 1-800-336-4110 or <http://www.vikramchatwalhotels.com>

- The Carlton Hotel's Elope to New York package features three nights' accommodations, champagne, bridal bouquet, three-hour limousine service, two-hour photo shoot and photo disk. From \$1,119.99. 646-867-6836 or <http://www.carltonhotelnyc.com/specials.html>.

- Eventi Hotel's Love On The Big Screen includes uploading your marriage proposal on an outdoor 30-by-16-foot LED screen, to be viewed during a romantic four-course meal with champagne in Bar Basque, overnight suite accommodations, bathrobes, champagne, spa treatments and chocolate-covered strawberries. Begins at \$2,011. To reserve, send an e-mail to info@eventihotel.com and quote the code "LOVE"

- Library Hotel's Erotica Package includes a bottle of Prosecco, red roses, strawberries and whipped cream, Kama Sutra pocket guide, erotic dice, CD, chocolates, bathrobes, starting at \$475 a night, 20 percent discount with advance payment.

- Spa At Trump, Soho's Romance Restored Package offers city-view suite, couple's Turkish Hammam and Balancing Diamonds Massage with diamond-infused oils, champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries and in-suite breakfast; starting at \$1400 a night.

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