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## The Most Romantic Places for Valentine's Day

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It's that time of year again... 14 February, the day that the enamored among us dote with gleeful abandon while everyone else sulks and pretends it's just another Winter's day. If you're in the first group why not make the most of the occasion and pay a visit to any of the following Valentine's Day romantic hotspots.

### The best places for Valentine's Day romance



**Boston:** History might be the first word that jumps into your mind when you consider the beautiful New England city of Boston but, with the gorgeous view of the coast and the possibility of snowy strolls in lovely, tree-lined neighborhoods, the city is also a nice place for a couples getaway. Partake of a wonderful, local seafood dinner then go ice skating on the Boston Common Frog Pond – only \$28 for a couple. Now it's time for that moonlight stroll in the snow.

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**Philadelphia:** Another historic city, the Liberty Bell is probably the most famous landmark of this Pennsylvania city but you can again expect some romantic snow and incredible views of the skyline at night. Take a day to go skiing in the nearby Camelback Mountains, then spend the evening at a local spa getting a couples massages and have a light dinner – just don't forget the chocolates to celebrate the holiday!

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**New York:** The Big Apple is a great place to spend Valentine's Day because it has Broadway for great shows and every kind of restaurant you can possibly imagine. For the perfect evening out, first have dinner at the charming and warm Ember Room. Order the Korean BBQ Beef Fried Rice – just don't be surprised when it is served with a raw egg on top! Stir it in as the hot dish served in a cast-iron post will cook it and enjoy as it delicious. Then stroll to the August Wilson Theater to see "Jersey Boys" – you are going to love it! You will more than likely find yourself singing along with all the rest of the crowd.

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**Seattle:** Pike Place Market and the Space Needle might seem to make this a city that is not very romantic but that's not true at all. Walk to Fisherman's Wharf for an evening cruise of the harbor to watch the sunset, and then stop in one of the many excellent restaurants in the area for some of the best, freshest seafood in the world. Finish your evening with a stroll along the water admiring the lights of the city skyline.

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**Chicago:** Winter in Chicago can be a cold, blowy affair but this just makes for more cuddling time on Valentine's Day! Of course, you have to try some of Chicago's world-famous deep dish pizza and there are plenty of restaurants which offer it – and, of course, they all claim to be the best. You will just have to do your own taste test. Lake Michigan will be frozen in winter but still offers an incredibly beautiful view of its icy and snow covered surface as long as you are viewing it from in front of a warm fire with a cup of hot chocolate. Or be really adventurous and try ice skating at the Millennium Park Ice Rink. And then enjoy that fire and hot chocolate!

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