2016 Valentine’s Day Guide

San Diego’s best dinner specials, wine tastings, spa deals, staycations, shows and more

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Dining Specials

A.R. Valentien

A five-course menu awaits you and your sweetheart at the award-winning A.R. Valentien Restaurant in the Lodge at Torrey Pines. A surprise giveaway per couple and live entertainment is also included.

Pricing: $125 per person
Location: 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla
Date: February 14
Phone: 858-777-6635

Bahia Resort Hotel

In the Ventana Room of the Bahia Resort Hotel, a four-course dinner will be served in honor of St. Valentine. Some menu items to whet your appetite: lobster bisque, pepper crusted bone-in rib eye, and a hazelnut crème brulee.

Pricing: $90 per couple
Location: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island
Date: February 14
Phone: 858-488-0551 x7635

Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant

Chef de cuisine Ted Smith will prepare the three-course prix-fixe menu with an optional $20 half pour beverage pairing or $30 full pour beverage pairing that will include a choice of sparkling wine, wine, beer, or a hand-crafted cocktail with each course.

Pricing: $55 per person
Location: 2202 4th Avenue, Bankers Hill
Date: February 14
Phone: 619-231-0222

BO-beau Kitchen + Bar

This cozy French farmhouse in Ocean Beach is serving a candlelit dinner for two. A sweetheart salad, pistachio crusted salmon, and red velvet cake are on the night’s menu.

Pricing: $49.95 per person
Location: 4996 W. Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach
Date: February 14
Phone: 619-224-2884
**Bleu Bohème**

Bring the romance of France to Valentine’s Day with Bleu Bohème’s Saint Valentin three-course menu. The holiday-inspired Saint Valentine Martini will be available, made with Flor de Cana rum, Grand Marnier, Fonseca #27 port, and fresh lime juice.

**Pricing:** $69 per person  
**Location:** 4090 Adams Avenue, Kensington  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-255-4167

**Café 21**

Baked oysters, lamb chop with pistachio crust, a winter roasted veggie medley, and chocolate fondue are some of the highlights of Café 21’s three-course fixed menu. This trendy eatery and lounge will also offer a glass of strawberry sangria with every meal.

**Pricing:** $45 per person  
**Location:** 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 1-14  
**Phone:** 619-795-0721

**Coasterra**

Chef Deborah Scott’s three-course menu of modern Mexican cuisine will kick-up the romance. Enjoy crema de elote or mar y tierra served with a lobster-risotto cake. And save room for the passion fruit cheesecake and chocolate torte.

**Pricing:** $64.95 per person  
**Location:** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-814-1300

**Don Chido**

If you’re looking for a casual way to enjoy the holiday with your sweetie, try “Chido’s Take-Out Dinner for Two.” Enjoy this three-course dinner in the comfort of your own home. Plus, a surprise gift will be included in the package.

**Pricing:** $49.99 per couple  
**Location:** 527 5th Avenue, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-232-8226
Extraordinary Desserts Brunch

Join Extraordinary Desserts for their weekly buffet-style brunch. The price includes house coffee, hot tea, and bubbly champagne.

**Pricing:** $32.95 per person  
**Location:** 1430 Union Street, Little Italy  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-294-7001 x 101

Fiore Restaurant at Harrah’s Resort

Harrah’s Resort SoCal has created a romantic couple’s spa package and five-course dinner for two at Fiore. Start off with jidori chicken and black truffle raviolis and finish with a glazed chocolate bombe to complete the meal.

**Pricing:** $130 per couple  
**Location:** 777 Harrah’s Rincon Way, Valley Center  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 760-751-3100

Hotel Del Coronado

The Del’s 1500 Ocean will offer an intimate Valentine’s Day celebration, which will include a five-course menu with boutique wine and champagne pairings. Sheerwater, the hotel’s umbrella-dotted patio restaurant, will also offer a romantic three-course menu over the holiday weekend.

**Location:** 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado  
**Date:** February 12-14  
**Phone:** 619-522-8490

Humphreys Restaurant

Enjoy a three-course menu by executive chef Nicolas Bour with a waterfront view. Iconic jazz pianist Keiko Matsui will be on hand to set the mood.

**Pricing:** $65 person  
**Location:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-224-3577
Leroy’s Kitchen + Lounge

Chef Tim Kolanko’s three-course menu offers your choice of appetizers such as a bloomsdale spinach salad, and main course options like parsnip ravioli with truffles to keep your Valentine’s Day farm-to-table fresh.

**Pricing:** $55 per person  
**Location:** 1015 Orange Avenue, Coronado  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-437-6087

Oceana Coastal Kitchen

Located at the bayfront of Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa, Oceana wants couples to indulge in a four-course prix-fixe dinner presented by Executive Chef Steven Riemer.

**Pricing:** $60 per person  
**Location:** 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Bay  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 858-488-1081

The Prado

At the Prado, your date night will include a three-course menu from Executive Chef Jonathan Hale. Choose from fresh salads, sizzling meats, and sweet treats.

**Pricing:** $59.95 per person  
**Location:** 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-557-9441

Puesto

Each couple who dines in at Puesto this Valentine’s Day will receive a free rose to celebrate the holiday. Viva el amor!

**Location:** 789 W. Harbor Drive, Downtown  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-233-8880
**Rustic Root**

On Valentine’s Day evening only, Rustic Root is offering a Champagne Special for $115 that includes a bottle of Veuve Clicquot and house-made chocolate-dipped strawberries. Get your taste buds ready for a menu that includes smoked duck salad, petrale sole, and surf and turf with filet mignon and lobster tail.

**Pricing:** $115 per person  
**Location:** 535 5th Avenue, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-232-1747

**Stake Chophouse & Bar**

Chef Tim Kolanko’s decadent four-course menu is the perfect match for your Valentine’s Day dinner. Nibble on lobster wonton soup or a citrus and crab salad, and set the mood with a white chocolate and passion fruit confection.

**Pricing:** $120 per person  
**Location:** 1309 Orange Avenue, Coronado  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-522-0077

**The Red Door Restaurant & Wine Bar**

All Valentine’s Day weekend The Red Door will be offering a prix-fixe menu as executive chef Miguel Valdez showcases aphrodisiac foods and locally sourced, in-season produce.

**Pricing:** $70 per person  
**Location:** 741 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-295-6000

**The San Diego Museum of Art**

Embrace romance with an after-hours, love-themed art tour. Then visit the Sculpture Court and Garden at Panama 66 to indulge in a picnic basket for two filled with gourmet sandwiches, a cheese or vegan plate, chocolates, and a bottle of champagne, wine, or craft beer.

**Pricing:** $90 nonmembers  
**Location:** 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-232-7931
The Wellington Steak & Martini Lounge

The “Feed Your Love” prix-fixe menu will provide love-themed options at The Red Door’s speakeasy-style sister restaurant.

**Pricing:** $75 per person  
**Location:** 729 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-295-6000

**Sweet Treats**

**Gelato Paradiso**

Gelato Paradiso is offering $2.14 off any cake or 12-pack gelato pops until Valentine’s Day. Imported from Italy, the treats range from heart-shaped creations with fresh raspberry sorbetto to double chocolate gelato on a moist chocolate sponge.

**Location:** 789 W Harbor Drive, Downtown  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-238-0307

**Le Parfait Paris**

All day on the 14th, the Parisian cafe will be serving heart-shaped macarons along with champagne specials and a one-day only specialty cocktail starting at $10. Perfect for the couple or even those who hate the holiday but want to drink the day away.

**Pricing:** Macarons start at $2.50 each  
**Location:** 555 G Street, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-245-4457

**Drinks**

**The Nolen**

Have a specialty cocktail from the Nolen all weekend-long like the “Netflix and Chilis,” which includes St. George green vodka, tequila, Ancho Reyes chili liqueur, agave, and lemon.

**Pricing:** $11 each  
**Location:** 453 6th Avenue, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 14  
**Phone:** 619-237-0678
Vom Fass

At their “Bubbles for Brunch” (starting at 11 am), guests can have a Kir Royale champagne cocktail paired with a hand-dipped chocolate-covered strawberry made using the store’s artisan Maletti vinegar.

Pricing: $5
Location: 1050 University Avenue, Hillcrest
Date: February 14
Phone: 619-534-5034

Shows

Athenaeum Jazz at Tsri

Kick off your Valentine’s Day weekend by enjoying the rare West Coast appearance by Gary Peacock Trio featuring Peacock on bass, Marc Copland on piano, and Joey Baron on drums.

Pricing: $35
Location: 10620 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla
Date: February 13
Phone: 858-454-5872

Beats Antique at The Observatory

The fusion-electronic music group plays an 18 and over show at the historic North Park Theater. Dancing encouraged.

Pricing: $22
Location: 2891 University Avenue, North Park
Date: February 14

Outlaw Valentine: Bonnie & Clyde screening at The Headquarters

Snuggle close for an unconventional Valentine’s Day date that includes an outdoor screening of the classic Bonnie & Clyde. Bring your favorite lawn chair and grab dinner and drinks from surrounding restaurants.

Pricing: Free
Location: 789 West Harbor Drive, Downtown
Date: February 12
Phone: 619-235-4013
Daytime Fun

Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant
Bankers Hill will be hosting its Sunday School Tasting event titled “Real Men (& Women) Drink Pink: Rosé for Romance.”

**Pricing:** $45 per person

**Location:** 2202 4th Avenue, Bankers Hill

**Date:** February 14

**Phone:** 619-231-0222

Blink Lash Boutique
Blink will be offering a free gift with purchase of eyelash extensions, as well as a free upgrade with each full set.

**Location:** 665 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 108, Solana Beach

**Date:** February 1-14

**Phone:** 858-436-4456

Bub’s at the Ballpark
Dogs need love too! Bub’s will be having a Doggie Brunch benefitting Second Chance Dog Rescue. Come, sip on a Bloody Mary or mimosa, play the raffle, win prizes, and maybe even bring home a new four-legged friend.

**Pricing:** Free

**Location:** 715 J Street, East Village

**Date:** February 14

**Phone:** 619-546-0815

Blush Tan
Working on that romantic glow? Enjoy 20% off full body tans February 7-14.

**Location:** 7450 Girard Avenue, La Jolla

**Date:** February 7-14

**Phone:** 858-412-4029
Elle Bridal Boutique

One of San Diego's top rated bridal salons is offering a special treat for the recently engaged. Celebrate Valentine's Day with 14% off all sample gowns February 12-14.

**Location:** 1133 Columbia St. #101, Downtown

**Date:** February 12-14

**Phone:** 619-326-8034

Harrah’s Resort

The Valley Center resort has created a romantic spa couple package and dinner for two at Fiore. The Couples Retreat Massage is 80 minutes of bliss and comes with champagne with strawberries.

**Location:** 777 Harrah’s Rincon Way, Valley Center

**Date:** February 14

**Phone:** 760-751-3100

Jump Start Your Heart 5K

The 5th annual walk/run event will benefit the Children’s Heart Foundation. This year’s event will feature a beer garden at the Start and Finish lines, and guests who are 21+ can indulge in local craft beers.

**Pricing:** Ranges $40-50

**Location:** 2688 E. Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay

**Date:** February 14

Romantic Getaways

Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa

Catamaran’s Valentine’s room package includes a one-night stay and Valentine’s Day dinner for two at the hotel’s Oceana Restaurant.

**Pricing:** $350

**Location:** 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach

**Date:** February 13-14

**Phone:** 858-488-1081
**Hotel Palomar San Diego**

The hotel’s Nature’s Spa by Jurlique offers a couple’s treatment room, complete with a soaking tub. For Valentine’s Day, the Lazy Lover package will include $100 credit/night to its deluxe spa or $100/night dining credit for in-room dining from Saltbox Dining and Drinking, as well as a romantic welcome amenity: rose petals, champagne, chocolates, an intimacy kit, and teddy bear.

**Location:** 1047 5th Avenue, Gaslamp  
**Date:** February 13-14  
**Phone:** 619-515-3000

**Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa**

Love is in the air at Rancho Valencia with a wide variety of romantic pursuits: Private Couple's Yoga class, Sweethearts Tennis Tutorial, and a ‘Yours + Mine’ Valentine's Day Dinner at Veladora with live music and prix-fixe menu. The ‘Yours + Mine’ package includes accommodations and sparkling wine for two, and $150 dining credit to Rancho Valencia's signature holiday dinner.

**Location:** 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe  
**Date:** February 13-14  
**Phone:** 858-756-1123

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**

At this romantic retreat, enjoy a one-night stay on the 14th, with dinner, drinks, and live music at the property’s restaurants AVANT or Veranda. AVANT will offer a four-course prix-fixe dinner $85 per person and Veranda Fireside Lounge & Terrace will have a special three-course Valentine’s dinner menu at $60 per person.

**Pricing:** Packages start at $324  
**Location:** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo  
**Date:** February 12-14  
**Phone:** 888-976-4417