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**TIME FOR US:** PLACE306 Health + Spa in Del Mar is helping couples celebrate one another all year with its Time For Us package, a 12-month offering of customized health and spa services. Sessions begin with a meeting with a life coach and are based on monthly goals to help focus on good health, lower stress levels and a strong relationship. Individual options are massage, body treatment, skin care, acupuncture, homeopathy and nutrition. Then couples can head out together for massage lessons, guided couples meditation on the beach, a guided hike and more. The package is \$4,800 per couple for the year. Too much? The Eyes for Love package, available Sunday and Monday, helps prepare for a Valentine's Day date with \$50 off a one-hour essential facial plus set of eyelash extensions by Lash Out. Go to [www.place360healthspa.com](http://www.place360healthspa.com) or call 858-793-1104.

**SWEET DEAL:** The Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant in San Diego's Old Town is offering a sweet deal for Valentine's Day: Book two nights between Feb. 10 and Feb. 15, and receive a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant and saloon. A special three-course menu will be available all week for \$29.95. E-mail [stay@sdcosmo.com](mailto:stay@sdcosmo.com) or call 619-297-1874. Go to [www.oldtowncosmopolitan.com](http://www.oldtowncosmopolitan.com).

**SWEETHEART SKI:** Celebrate love and snow together with Big Bear Mountain Resorts' special ---- free lunch for two on Feb. 14 (a \$27 value). To get a free lunch, book two young adult or adult all-day tickets online at least one day before Feb. 14. Go to [www.bigbearmountainresorts.com](http://www.bigbearmountainresorts.com).

**VALENTINE'S DAY HIDEAWAY:** Stonepine Estate Resort in Carmel is offering a Valentine's Day Hideaway package starting at \$1,095 (private houses and suites are \$1,395 to \$2,000). The package includes room, a private massage for two, a picnic lunch and candlelight dinner. Go to [stonepineestate.com](http://stonepineestate.com) or call 831-659-2245.

**MAKE A PLAYDATE:** Hotel Solamar in San Diego offers Valentine's Playdate and A Robemantic Retreat packages. The Playdate package (code PVAL) includes deluxe room, sparkling wine and chocolate-covered cherries, and a hosted evening wine reception. The Robemantic package (code ROBES) includes two leopard-print robes, a \$25 dining credit and an evening wine hour. The package is available through Feb. 28; go to [www.hotelsolamar.com](http://www.hotelsolamar.com) or call 619-819-950.

**ESCAPE TO HARD ROCK:** Hard Rock Hotel San Diego offers a Rock 'n' Romance package, starting at \$199 per night Feb. 11-14. The package includes room, chilled champagne and a "whipped cream bikini" amenity, VIP access to Float and 207, or a free in-room movie, and a 90-minute Your Body Is A Wonderland couples experience at Rock Spa (an interactive mud body treatment and a 50-minute couples massage). Also, Nobu is offering a seven-course menu for an additional \$120 per person. Go to [www.hardrockhotelsd.com](http://www.hardrockhotelsd.com) or call 888-593-6177.

**PALM SPRINGS VALENTINE'S DAY:** Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Palm Springs is offering a Valentine's Escape package, available throughout February starting at \$309. The package includes a three-course dinner for two at bluEmber and a \$25 daily resort charge. There are also spa add-on items available; go to [www.rancholaspalmas.com/valentine-escape](http://www.rancholaspalmas.com/valentine-escape).

**ROMANCE IN NAPA:** Milliken Creek Inn & Spa in Napa Valley is playing Cupid for guests staying Feb. 9-15; during those dates, guests will enjoy free Romance Turndown Service, which includes a split of champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries, scattered rose petals, candles and music. Go to [www.millikencreekinn.com/packages.php](http://www.millikencreekinn.com/packages.php) or call 800-822-8418.

**LOCAL VALENTINE:** Stay local for Valentine's Day at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, which is offering a beachfront one-bedroom suite on Feb. 12 to celebrate. The package also includes a bottle of champagne with chocolate-covered strawberries on arrival, a Month of Romance three-course dinner for two at The Marine Room and breakfast for two in Club Dining on Feb. 13. The package is \$599; go to [www.ljbtcc.com](http://www.ljbtcc.com).

**GO BIG:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe is taking Valentine's Day to the next level with two packages. The Ultimate Valentine's Package for Two is \$4,000 and is available for the night of Feb. 14. It includes roundtrip limousine transportation to and from any location in San Diego County; the Honeymoon Suite, with champagne and caviar on arrival; a couple's massage in the suite; cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the suite patio; an eight-course dinner with wine pairings prepared personally by Executive Chef John Beriker, served on a custom-built platform over the pool and accompanied by three violinists, flowers and candles; champagne with a quality one-half carat diamond resting in the lady's glass; golf cart transportation back to the suite; and breakfast for two in the suite the next morning. Or take it down a notch with a Valentine's

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Room and Dinner package, available Feb. 11-14 for \$575. The package includes a deluxe room, a three-course champagne dinner and a full breakfast for two in-room the next morning. Go to [www.theinnatrsf.com](http://www.theinnatrsf.com) or call 858-756-1131.

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**AIN'T LOVE GRAND:** The Grand Del Mar is offering the Ain't Love Grand package for Feb. 1-28 for \$945 per night (additional nights are \$365 Sundays through Thursdays, and \$395 Fridays and Saturdays). The package includes one night's accommodations with an upgrade; a dozen long-stemmed roses; fireside champagne, caviar and oysters for two; a do-it-yourself spa treatment turndown amenity; breakfast for two in bed or at a resort restaurant; and a 2 p.m. late checkout. Call 858-314-2030. Also, all month at The Spa, the Cupid's Classic treatment in the couple's suite includes a 30-minute mineral-rich bath for two, accompanied by champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries; a 60-minute Swedish massage; and a 30-minute moisturizing aromatherapy scalp massage. The spa package is \$725 per couple; call 858-314-2020. Go to [www.thegradndelmar.com](http://www.thegradndelmar.com).

**NEWPORT BEACH VALENTINE'S DAY:** Pelican Hill in Newport Beach is offering a handful of packages in February, with a couple geared to Valentine's Day. The This Weekend, Whisk Her Away package starts at \$545 per night (available through March) and includes one night in a garden-view bungalow; breakfast for two at the Coliseum Pool & Grill; a private cabana with sparkling prosecco and fresh berries at the pool; and two 50-minute spa treatments. Or get creative with the Build Your Own Valentine's Weekend Getaway, available any weekend in February for \$775. The package base is one night in a bungalow guest room, a bottle of sparkling prosecco and strawberries, a rose-petal turndown, continental breakfast in bed and a late checkout. Then choose one of the following: a couple's red pomegranate body gelato 50-minute treatment, romantic bath for two, spa cuisine lunch and Crystal Cove fitness walk; a round of golf for two at the Ocean North or Ocean South course; or a dinner with wine pairings for two at Andrea, complete with mini red velvet cake, handmade truffles and a bottle of red wine back at the bungalow or on a private terrace. Other packages include The Great Villa Family Escape; Ladies' Spa Daycation; and Winter Dine & Stay. Call 800-820-6800.

**L.A. EXTENDED WEEKEND:** Several hotels in downtown Los Angeles are inviting couples to extend Valentine's Day weekend with their hotel packages. The Omni Los Angeles has a Sweet Rendezvous package that includes sparkling wine, truffles and breakfast with morning cocktails. The Los Angeles Athletic Club has From Russia With Love, which includes a three-course Russian dinner and morning Russian aerobics. And the Standard Downtown L.A. has The Love Inn, which includes champagne, chocolate-dipped strawberries and a long breakfast in bed. Go to [www.downtownla.com](http://www.downtownla.com).

**BE MINE, VALENTINE:** The Garden Court Hotel in Palo Alto is inviting couples up north for its Be Mine, Valentine package, available Feb. 11-14 for \$299 per night (add a consecutive night for \$189). The package includes a deluxe king room, a bottle of champagne, rose petals and candles, a \$25 dine-in gift certificate to Il Fornaio, artisan chocolates, evening port and cookies in the main lobby, late departure and more. Go to [www.gardencourt.com](http://www.gardencourt.com) or call 800-824-9028.

**HOT TO THE TOUCH:** Andaz San Diego offers a Hot to the Touch package Feb. 1-28 starting at \$239. The package includes a bottle of champagne, a dozen red roses, strawberries, an "intimacy kit," breakfast for two at Quarter Kitchen and a late checkout. Go to [www.andazsandiego.com](http://www.andazsandiego.com) or call 619-849-1234.

**SWEETHEARTS SAIL:** If hotel packages seem too expensive, the Maritime Museum of San Diego is offering a less-expensive option with its Sweethearts Sail on the Bay, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The four-hour scenic cruise on the tall ship Californian will show off the San Diego Bay, marine wildlife and local attractions. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$35 for children, and include keepsake photos, souvenirs and a gift bag for each guest. Go to [www.sdmaritime.org](http://www.sdmaritime.org) or call 619-234-9153.

**B&B VALENTINE:** Several California bed and breakfast inns are offering romantic getaways for Valentine's Day. For example, the Mount View Hotel & Spa in Calistoga has the Heart to Heart Special for \$309; it includes a 25-minute chocolate hydrotherapy mineral mud bath, a 50-minute couple's signature massage, a bouquet of roses, a bottle of sparkling wine, Napa Valley truffles and a personal love note. Or, the Brewery Gulch Inn in Mendocino has a \$430 add-on that includes a romance basket, a backpack picnic and hot stone massages for two. Check out all the packages at [cabbi.com](http://cabbi.com).

**KEEP ROMANCE ALIVE:** Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes has several packages for February to help couples keep the romance alive. The KISS (Keep It Simple Sweetheart) package starts at \$455 per night and includes room, dinner for two and breakfast for two. Date Night starts at \$810 per night and includes a two- to four-bedroom villa, a romantic dinner for two while the kids enjoy Tidepools kids club, and breakfast for the family in the morning. Reconnect starts at \$450 and includes bungalow, day spa access, a spa welcome amenity, all-day dining at the Spa Cafe, and 10 percent off spa and salon services. Go to [www.terranea.com](http://www.terranea.com) or call 866-802-8000.

**SEASIDE ROMANCE:** Jamaica Bay Inn in Marina Del Rey is offering a Valentine's Day Special for Feb. 12-15 for \$299 per night. The package includes one night in a Marina view room, chocolate-covered strawberries, a bottle of champagne, a seven-course chef's dinner paired with wine and cocktails, and a late checkout. Go to [www.jamaicabayinn.com](http://www.jamaicabayinn.com) or call 888-823-5333.

**MEXICO OR MAUI?** Looking to get out of town for Valentine's Day? Head to either Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, or Ka'anapali Beach, Maui. The Esperanza Resort in Cabo's Para Dos package, starting at \$4,118, includes a room for three nights, daily breakfast, a dinner for two, a one-day car rental and picnic lunch, two massages and more; go to [www.esperanzaresort.com](http://www.esperanzaresort.com). The Ka'anapali Beach Hotel in Maui's Island Romance package starts at \$1,899 and includes five nights' accommodations, a rental car, daily breakfast and more; go to [www.kbhmaui.com](http://www.kbhmaui.com).

**CHECK IN, ROCK OUT:** Hard Rock Hotel San Diego has partnered with Gibson Guitar to offer "Check In, Rock Out," a program that allows guests to take a top-of-the-line Gibson guitar to their rooms to rock out, at no cost. The program launches Thursday with an appearance by former Ozzy Osbourne guitarist and Black Label Society frontman Zakk Wylde. At check-in, guests can select a guitar, a Pocket Pod Amp and high-definition Beats by Dr. Dre headphones (so other guests won't be disturbed). Go to [www.hardrockhotelsd.com](http://www.hardrockhotelsd.com).

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**SOUTHWEST DEALS:** Southwest Airlines Vacations offers regular deals on hotel and flight packages. Go to [www.southwestvacations.com](http://www.southwestvacations.com) or call 800-423-5683. Here are the latest local Southwest deals:

-- Save up to \$125 on Las Vegas vacation packages. Book a flight and hotel package and save \$25 per night on the hotel, up to \$125; plus, receive more incentives, like a free night or free dining, at some hotels (book by Feb. 17, for travel Feb. 11-Aug. 11; code is LAS25PNFEB).

-- Have relatives coming to town? Book a Disneyland vacation package and receive a fourth night free. Flights must go into Los Angeles, Burbank, Ontario or Orange County; package also includes hotel accommodations at one of the Hotels of the Disneyland Resort, a four-day Park Hopper ticket, Magic Morning admission and more (book by Feb. 19, for travel through April 11).

-- Receive \$75 off Colorado vacation packages (Breckenridge, Keystone or Beaver Creek) of four nights or more; also receive a free night at select properties (book by Feb. 24, for travel through April 24; code is VAILSKI75).

**RBI SPECIALS:** Rancho Bernardo Inn is offering several packages to celebrate winter. The Big Man on Campus package, starting at \$349 per night through Feb. 28, includes a golf game or lesson with a boxed lunch and beer; an athlete's massage or a men's skin fitness facial; a Scotch-paired tasting dinner at El Bizcocho; and a room stocked with male-inspired goodies, including cigars, men's interests magazines, beer, a game system and a deck of cards. The Sugar & Spice package, starting at \$349 per night through Feb. 28, includes a spa manicure and pedicure with mimosas and muffins; a spa amenity; a gourmet spa lunch; a selection of Oprah books; and a room with "Sex and the City" in-room DVD, flights and bites. The Spa & Lunch package starts at \$140 (Monday through Thursday) through Feb. 28 and includes a 50-minute facial or massage, or an 80-minute manicure and pedicure; and a spa lunch. Go to [www.ranchobernardoinn.com](http://www.ranchobernardoinn.com) or call 877-517-9340.

**STAYCATION SPECIALS:** The rest of the country is buried in snow, so why not vacation in San Diego? The San Diego Marriott La Jolla has three specials that take advantage of San Diego's sights. First, stay two nights and receive a third night free, as well as a 20 percent food and beverage discount. The deal is available through Feb. 28; use the code ES1. The Legoland Park & Sea Life Adventure package starts at \$199 and is available through June 30. The package, which requires a two-night minimum stay, includes parking and two tickets to Legoland (use the code EB7). Also, the San Diego SeaWorld Adventure package starts at \$199 and is available through June 30. The package, which requires a two-night minimum stay, includes parking and two tickets to SeaWorld (use the code EW5). Go to [www.marriott.com/sanlj](http://www.marriott.com/sanlj) or call 858-587-1414.

**GRAND SLAM:** Kimpton's FireSky Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., is offering a Play Ball package for baseball spring training from March 1-31. The package starts at \$199 and includes accommodations, a basket of baseball snacks and a bucket of beer. Go to [www.fireskyresort.com](http://www.fireskyresort.com) and use the code PBAS.

**BREW WITH A VIEW:** The Omni San Diego hotel is celebrating San Diego's beer scene with its Brew With a View package, available throughout 2011. Starting at \$249, the package includes accommodations for two, a pre-arrival phone call from the hotel concierge to review a brewery tour list, a welcome amenity with local beer, and a "Burgers & Brews" lunch at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant. Go to [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com) or call 800-THE-OMNI.

**SHRED & BED:** Get the best of both worlds with the Vegas Shred & Bed package, available for arrivals through April 20 at the Westin Casuarina Las Vegas Hotel. Rates start at \$164 per night; the package includes two adult full-day lift tickets for Utah's Brian Head Resort (three hours from the hotel), trail maps, a road map, access to the hotel's steam room and sauna, and two bottles of water. Call 866-716-8137 and use the code LBPKG1-10.

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