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## Romance and Love Shared Through Travel

Dear Friends,

“In life, it’s not where you go. It’s who you travel with.” Charles Schulz had it partly right. While we agree that your travel partners are integral to the experience, we firmly believe that where you go counts, too. The best possible scenario? Setting off with your favorite person to a well-loved or brand-new destination, falling head over heels for a new corner of the world together.

Our Rebecca Recommends partners have put their best foot forward to create the romantic escapes below. From secret gardens to couple’s spa treatments, miles of sand to mountain hideaways, these love-laced destinations, tours, and experiences kindle romance, whether newlyweds or those celebrating a milestone anniversary. We hope your “love-ly” clients will find inspiration. When they’re ready to set off, hand in hand, we can connect you with any of the partners below to put the finishing details on an exquisite holiday.

Fondly,

*Rebecca*



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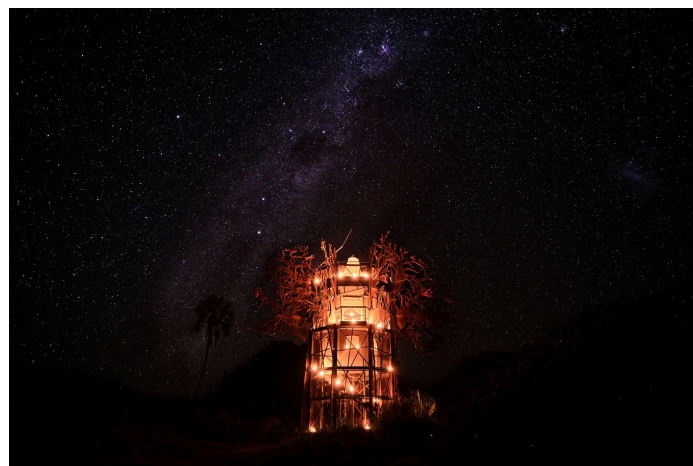
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## [Xigera Safari Lodge](#) - Discover the Magic of Botswana

Embark on a journey of unparalleled romance and luxury at Red Carnation Hotels' Xigera Safari Lodge in Botswana.

Couples are invited to discover the unique pleasures of Xigera Safari Lodge in Botswana's Okavango Delta, where romance intertwines with the wild for an unparalleled experience. Picture this: a night under the expansive African sky from the Baobab Treehouse at Xigera Safari Lodge, where sounds from the surrounding birdlife, animals and insects drift through the tree-like branches and screened windows. The striking structure, built in the evocative shape of a baobab tree, ascends nearly 10 meters above the floodplain, offering panoramic views from each of its three levels. It's a serene aerie from which to witness the magic of the Okavango Delta.

Nestled in a pristine wilderness, Xigera invites guests to explore the magic of the delta on an exclusive safari adventure. Traverse the landscape on open 4x4 vehicles, expertly led by seasoned guides who reveal the secrets of the bush. Witness majestic elephants bathing in the delta, catch a glimpse of elusive big cats, and marvel at the kaleidoscope of birdlife that graces the skies.

As the sun sets and paints the horizon in hues of gold and amber, return to the lodge for a romantic interlude at the award-winning spa. Here, a sanctuary of serenity awaits, surrounded by the sounds of nature. Indulge in luxurious couples' treatments that seamlessly blend traditional techniques with a modern touch, fostering a sense of relaxation and rejuvenation. Let skilled therapists pamper you with bespoke spa rituals, using indigenous botanicals that echo the essence of Botswana's rich biodiversity.

After the soothing spa experience, retreat to a private dinner under the African sky, where candlelight dances in the gentle breeze. Savor a gourmet meal crafted from locally sourced ingredients, complemented by fine wines carefully selected from Xigera's cellar, to enhance the flavors of each dish.

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## The Boathouse at [Ashford Castle, County Mayo, Ireland](#) - Intimately Irish, Unabashedly Romantic

Nestled within the enchanting embrace of Red Carnation Hotels' Ashford Castle Estate, The Boathouse stands as the epitome of a romantic escape, offering an unparalleled experience for those seeking tranquility and intimacy. Boasting uninterrupted views that stretch across the mesmerizing Lough Corrib, this haven of luxury is surrounded by private gardens and terraces, creating an idyllic retreat for couples.

Immerse in a world of serenity, where the only sounds are the gently lapping waters, providing an uninterrupted symphony of nature. A private lakeside terrace becomes a sanctuary, inviting one to unwind and soak in the breathtaking scenery. Whether choosing to dine à deux indoors or revel in alfresco delights, The Boathouse promises a culinary journey using the finest ingredients sourced from the bountiful West of Ireland.

For the adventurous at heart, a pair of bicycles awaits, allowing couples to explore the Estate, and nearby village of Cong, at their leisure. And when they decide to return to their charming home-away-from-home, a 24-hour butler is on hand to cater to every whim, personally showcasing the wonders of the estate.

Beyond The Boathouse, indulge in the full splendor of Ashford Castle. Enjoy fine dining in the George V restaurant, embark on a wine-tasting journey in the atmospheric wine cellars, and get pampered with spa experiences in the multi-award-winning spa.

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*Enjoy a scrumptious and romantic dinner for two at Table Secrète - Peninsula.*

## [Decouvertes, France](#) - Unveil Romance in France with Decouvertes

Escape into a world of romance with Decouvertes as they curate unforgettable experiences that redefine the essence of love in the heart of France. Indulge in an intimate dining affair at Peninsula's Table Secrète, where gourmet delights and exquisite ambiance blend seamlessly for an unforgettable culinary journey.



### Private Seine River Cruise:

Sail on the Seine in absolute luxury aboard iconic vessels like Bateau Français or Paris Yacht 1, embracing the enchanting views of Paris at sunset.

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**Capture the Moment: Lavande, Paris, and More:**

Immerse in the beauty of love with a romantic photoshoot amid lavender fields or the charming streets of Paris, capturing shared moments in timeless frames.

**Picnic at Domaine de Fontenille:**

Experience the epitome of romance with a picturesque picnic at Domaine de Fontenille, surrounded by the serene beauty of nature.



**Hot Air Balloon Adventure:**

Soar to new heights in the Loire Valley or Provence with France Montgolfière on a breathtaking hot air balloon ride, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

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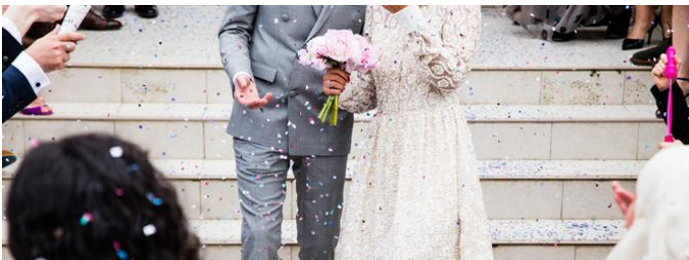


## Bike Tour, Wine Tasting & Picnic:

Savor the romance of the French countryside with a delightful bike tour, wine tasting, and picnic, curated by Ride & More, where every moment is a celebration of love.

## Horse Carriage Tour:

Relish the charm of Paris or Versailles with a horse-drawn carriage tour, where the rhythmic clip-clop sets the tone for an elegant and romantic exploration.



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## Renouvellement de Voeux:

Renew your vows in the most enchanting settings, reaffirming your love amidst the splendor of France.

Let Decouvertes be the guide to a romantic escapade, crafting moments that transcend time and kindle the flames of love. Let your clients' French love story begin!

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*Annandale Seascape is a self-contained contemporary luxury villa for two on a picturesque private bay.  
Photo credit - Annandale Seascape*

## [Southern Crossings, Australasia](#) - Tailored Trips for Two Down Under

Ingredients for a romantic vacation Down Under: barefoot beachside bliss or next-level lakeside luxe; waterfront, outback, or mountain-top; or Australia's most romantic retreats, New Zealand's most seductive suites, and a collection of intimate and indulgent islands in the South Pacific.

Boasting fine food and wine, glamorous indulgence or sublime seclusion, private plunge pools or hot tubs under star-studded skies, adventure action, or relaxation, there are destinations aplenty for every personality and passion. Honeymoon, milestone anniversary, or simply valuable time together with the special someone in your life, let the Southern Crossings Travel Designers curate the perfect vacation just for two.

### [IN NEW ZEALAND](#)

Whether your clients' idea of romance is long vineyard lunches, sunset sailing or hot tub stargazing, wild walks or tranquil spa treatments for two, New Zealand delivers romance to the luxe. A few favorite romantic retreats:

#### **Annandale Seascape, Banks Peninsula near Christchurch**

This self-contained contemporary luxury villa for two is a secluded romantic retreat set in a picturesque private bay on New Zealand's Banks Peninsula. Watch the changing moods of the great outdoors through the floor-to-ceiling glass walls or take in the ocean views from the cantilevered outdoor spa. Guests may enjoy a refreshing swim in their own private bay or curl up by the cozy fire (inside or out). This piece of the planet is entirely theirs. Gourmet meal hampers are delivered to Seascape to enjoy when and where one pleases.

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## **The Glasshouse, Northland**

Set amongst ancient Pohitukawa trees on a picturesque private peninsula, this self-contained private villa for two is the perfect escape from the rest of the world. A spectacular contemporary architectural masterpiece of timber, glass, and steel boasts floor-to-ceiling glass walls that slide open in almost every room (including the spectacular shower!), taking in the surrounding ocean views and letting the beautiful outside in. Enjoy sundowners on Glasshouse's private deck or stargazing from the hammock. Pull up a bean bag by the cozy outdoor fire or take a dip in the refreshing natural rockpool. Explore walking tracks that lead to secret coves and private sheltered bays. Your clients may spend each day doing exactly as they please. Private chefs and in-house massages can also be arranged.

## **Split Apple Retreat, Abel Tasman Peninsula near Nelson**

Holistically focused on relaxation and wellness, this three-suite romantic retreat on the edge of Abel Tasman National Park delivers all the ingredients of a relaxing romantic retreat: coastal walks and tailored dining, kayaking to a secluded bay or relaxing with a soothing massage. From heli-picnicking to horseback riding on the beach, the choice is entirely up to your clients.



*Enjoy a romantic evening with endless views across the Outback's rugged red earth at Longitude 131. Photo credit Longitude 131*

## **[IN AUSTRALIA](#)**

Luxury city stays, idyllic island hideaways or over-the-top outback getaways, private beach picnics, or star-studded nightcaps, Australia serves up romance. Here are three favorite love-full stays:

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## **Longitude 131 - Uluru (Ayers Rock), Red Centre**

With almost endless views across the Outback's rugged red earth, canopied safari-style "tented" accommodation delivers countless opportunities for romance. From private dune-top dinners and decadent spa treatments to a nightcap in hand while gazing up at the star-filled outback skies, love is in the air.

## **qualia - Whitsundays, Great Barrier Reef**

In the heart of the wonderful Whitsundays, qualia provides a romance-ready, adults-only retreat with beachside dining and pampering spa treatments, private beach picnics and champagne sunset cruises. The resort's free-standing Windward pavilions perched on a secluded peninsula on Hamilton Island enjoy privacy, indulgence, Coral Sea views, and a private plunge pool on the deck.

Add a "Journey to the Heart" experience to heli over the swirling white sands of Whitehaven Beach and the Great Barrier Reef's iconic Heart Reef to land on a private pontoon surrounded by technicolor corals and spectacular snorkeling.

## **Capella Lodge - Lord Howe Island**

With just nine suites (some with private outdoor hot tub or palm-fringed plunge pool) in a quiet cove on lovely Lord Howe Island, Capella Lodge offers an intimate and idyllic laid-back island escape. The tiny World Heritage Island offers opportunities for scenic hikes and relaxed bike rides, to swing a golf club or throw in a fishing line, to snorkel with inquisitive marine life, or simply slow down with a relaxing massage at the Capella Spa. With no mobile phone reception, Capella invites couples to disconnect to reconnect.

Just footsteps from Capella Lodge the aptly named Lover's Bay is the perfect place for a refreshing dip and a romantic gourmet picnic.

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*Overwater bungalows and deluxe beachside bures with private plunge pools await you at Likuliku Lagoon Resort.*

*Photo credit - Likuliku Lagoon Resort*

## [IN FIJI](#)

Few places on the planet offer a warmer welcome than the fabulous islands of Fiji: wide smiles and endless turquoise blue oceans, palm-fringed beaches and tropically inspired cocktails are just the beginning. Here are three favorite Fijian resorts for romance:

### **Likuliku**

In a tranquil bay on Malolo Island in the Fijian Mamanuca island group, Likuliku adults-only resort offers a combination of indulgent overwater bungalows and deluxe beachside bures with private plunge pools. Guests also have access to the resort's private island - a 15-minute boat ride away, "Honeymoon Island" is the perfect escape for a picnic for two.

### **Tokoriki Island Resort**

Also in the Mamanucas, this highly awarded, adults-only boutique resort offers accommodation in 36 free-standing beachside bures and spacious villas (many with private pool) complemented by a decadent day spa (don't miss the opportunity to take up the offer of "unlimited massage," two swimming pools, a tennis court and a multitude of watersports. Add an in-villa couple's massage, an indulgent private beach picnic, an exclusive snorkel tour to a secluded sand cay or an exclusive jetty dinner for two to round out a most romantic stay at Tokorki Island Resort.

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## **Udu Residence at Como Laucala**

For next-level romance, check out (or rather check into) the Udo Residence at Como Laucala. Perched on a private peninsula with access to its own private beach, Udo Residence is a collection of thatched bures connected by boardwalks that lead to private decks with comfortable sunbeds or tranquil hammocks, an outdoor bathtub, and a private plunge pool. With access to all of the resort's facilities and amenities (two stunning pools, a world-class wellness and spa facility, an 18-hole private golf course and tennis courts, a collection of delicious bars and restaurants as well as a fleet of vessels for water sports and touring), the opulent private villa for two is the jewel in Como Laucala's stunning crown.

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## [Sea Song, Turkey](#) - Cruise to Romance in Turkey

Imagine a romantic Gulet voyage for two on the turquoise coast of Turkey, perfect for honeymoon couples or couples that just want a romantic adventure together.



The Gulet comes with a captain, mate, and private chef. Enjoy the beauty of the environment, crystal-clear sea, delicious local meals with all fresh ingredients, water sports, and local stops in villages, coves, and activities along the way.

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## [Beyond Times Square, New York and Beyond](#) - A Love Story Set in Manhattan

New York City is filled with romance and Beyond Times Square has a new experience for 2024 that highlights that romantic vibe perfectly: the Romantic Getaway Multiday Experience, tailored for couples seeking romance and relaxation.

This lovely holiday starts inside the airport, where guests are met by their friendly driver. From there check into an opulent 5-star hotel. After settling in, head to SUMMIT One Vanderbilt to see the city's dazzling lights from high above and toast to love with a signature cocktail.

The next day, guests are off to Governors Island where they'll enjoy a couple's massage at one of the city's acclaimed spas. Here rejuvenation awaits - as well as fabulous views of Manhattan's skyline. Later that evening, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through Central Park, the perfect chance to snuggle while admiring the park's beauty.

The following evening lovers embark on an enchanting dinner cruise. It features exquisite cuisine, breathtaking views of the city's skyline, live entertainment, and pure romance as one sails the waters around Manhattan.

When the romantic escape ends and it's time to bid farewell to the Big Apple, a personal driver will arrive to transfer you back to the airport in style.

The best part of this - and all our experiences? They are customizable. Want to mix it up? No problem! We will happily tailor everything to your clients' passions and interests!

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## [Dinaric Adventures, Croatia and Beyond](#) - All Roads (and Rivers) Lead to Romance in Croatia

Picture this: a honeymoon destination that combines adrenaline-fueled activities with breathtaking beaches, stunning sunsets, and a touch of magic.

That's Croatia, a land of romance and beauty. Dinaric Adventures is here to bring you some reasons for an out-of-the-box journey that will ignite your clients' sense of adventure. Let them say goodbye to traditional spa days and hello to the thrills of this diverse country.

Allow them to dive into the exhilaration of river rafting, canyoning, cycling through charming towns, and hiking to hidden gems - sensing the unity of adrenaline and love. Let them relish exciting fishing or buggy rides to the highest peaks, infusing a touch of luxury with private helicopter flights or sea kayaking between islands. Witness their anticipation for heart-pounding moments, shared laughter, and the joy of conquering new adventures together. Explore Croatia's captivating beaches, from the pristine pebbles of Vis to the romantic shores of the Pakleni Islands.

Uncover hidden treasures within mystical caves - let them immerse themselves in the luminescent Blue Cave and the dramatic rock formations of Monk Seal Cave or Green Cave. Allow these natural wonders to serve as the backdrop for heartfelt moments in their love story. Indulge in a whirlwind romance with Croatian cuisine, relishing freshly caught fish, local delicacies, and world-class wine. Roam through picturesque towns like Diocletian's Palace in Split and the preserved old local island roads of Hvar. Let them forge memories that will endure a lifetime. Croatia, a land steeped in history, beckons them to explore, fall in love, and immerse themselves in its unique charm.

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## [Curated Greece](#) - Finding the Hidden Corners in Greece

If your clients are looking for a romantic escape to spend quality time with their significant other, whether for their honeymoon, their anniversary, or any special occasion, Greece is the perfect destination. With a wide variety of options, from cozy, mainland or mountain stays to idyllic seaside resorts, they are guaranteed relaxation and memorable moments.

For those longing for classic, timeless romance, Santorini is the place. Curated Greece recommends choosing a hotel in Oia or Imerovigli, where one can wake up every morning to the infinite shades-of-blue horizon of the caldera cliffs. There are countless choices of cave-style rooms with indoor hot tubs, outdoor infinity pools, or even villas. Enrich time spent on the island with PDO volcanic wine tastings, or a mesmerizing sunset catamaran cruise.

For the couple seeking off-the-beaten-path experiences, barefoot luxury, Folegandros awaits them. This small Cycladic gem will provide an intimate vacation amidst unspoiled natural landscapes, pristine beaches, and traditional architecture. They can feast their eyes on its quaint village houses with an Aegean blue backdrop.

Finally, choose Sifnos for a truly unique getaway. Comprised of hills and valleys, it is one of the greenest islands in the Cyclades. A tour of the island will reveal neat dovecotes, cubic houses, windmills, and little churches in every corner. As it is still new to the tourism scene, guests will have many opportunities to experience its culture and try its outstanding, locally sourced cuisine.

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## [Middlethorpe Hall & Spa, North Yorkshire, England](#) - Make It a Date in a Secret Garden

Middlethorpe Hall & Spa embodies romance, set in a tranquil oasis surrounded by immaculately tended gardens and parkland. Enter the Hall and wander through its elegant rooms, one leading into the other, with a fireside beckoning warmth and an invitation to relax into the plump sofa cushions. Similarly outside, find a series of interconnecting walled garden rooms, displaying seasonal interest, each with its quiet niche for romantic talks or quiet contemplation.

The Hall dates back to 1699 and holds the secrets of many former residents. Sit down in the window seat of its beautiful rooms, with floor-to-ceiling sash windows, and take in the view across neatly mowed lawns, and beyond the ha-ha to a meadow where guests may catch a glimpse of a wild deer roaming.

If your clients can tear themselves away from this paradise, the City of York awaits them. This ancient walled city has many attractions, from the Vikings at Jorvik to the Royal Carriages at the National Railway Museum, the magnificent York Minster to National Trust's Treasurer's House, the possible aphrodisiac virtues of chocolate while exploring the York Chocolate Story, or the age of Georgian Romance walking around the UNESCO-listed water gardens at Fountains Abbey, to name but a few. For the discerning traveler, a stay at Middlethorpe Hall and a discovery visit to the City of York should be high on the romantic getaway bucket list.

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## [Lismore Castle, County Waterford, Ireland](#) - Romance Is in the Details at Lismore

Described by American *Vogue* magazine as “ultra-romantic,” Lismore Castle’s seven acres of gardens are exclusively for castle guests from early evening.

Stroll through the ancient yew tree avenue, get lost amongst the wildflower meadows, climb fairy-tale turreted towers, or dine under the vine-covered pergola for supper under the stars. Among the meadows and orchards, find a greenhouse designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, and sculpture by Eilís O’Connell, David Nash, and Franz West. This is Ireland’s oldest continually cultivated garden, where magnolia and rhododendrons bloom.

The romance continues in Lismore Castle itself, stepping into a vast hideaway of grand staircases, enchanting bedrooms, tapestries, Old Masters, and contemporary art.

All guests are attended by the family’s private team, led by Denis Nevin, who has been the castle’s Butler for over 45 years. Every detail at Lismore has been carefully considered and overseen by the Devonshire Family and Lord and Lady Burlington, for whom this special sanctuary remains a private home.

From bespoke menus to immersive experiences on and off the estate, every part of the guest stay can be tailored, ensuring they enjoy the wealth of activities Ireland has to offer. The estate offers a range of one-of-a-kind experiences across its famous gardens, miles of riverbank, and award-winning contemporary art gallery.

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## [Meadowood Napa Valley, California](#) - Winter Romance in the Napa Valley

Nestled in the heart of wine country, enchanting surroundings set the stage for a singular romantic retreat. Guests may unwind in style as they relish the serenity. Elegantly appointed rooms provide the perfect sanctuary for a dreamy escape. With personalized concierge service, romantic dining offerings, and a tranquil ambiance, this getaway promises to be a perfect blend of comfort and love.

The Romance in the Valley package includes two nights' accommodations, a bottle of sparkling wine upon arrival, a rose petal turndown on the evening of arrival, breakfast daily for two to be enjoyed in one's room or at Forum restaurant, and a \$300 estate credit.

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## [The Living Circle, Switzerland](#) - A Table for Two in Switzerland

Embark on a captivating romantic journey in Switzerland, where each moment unfolds as a mesmerizing symphony. The Living Circle's hotels introduce a distinctive signature experience: "Just" a Table for Two. Throughout the hotel's most picturesque spots, guests can reserve a dinner where the skilled chefs and attentive staff curate a delightful multi-course menu.

In Zürich, a city synonymous with timeless elegance, immerse yourself in romance at the jetty of Alex Lake Zürich. As the sun gracefully sets, the panoramic view transforms into a masterpiece, painting the sky with hues of warmth. Storchen Zürich, nestled along the Limmat River, provides an enchanting ambiance. On its jetty, marvel at the panoramic vista of churches and the historic old town.

Venture farther south to Castello del Sole Hotel and indulge in Mediterranean charm. Renowned Michelin-starred chef Mattias Rook crafts his acclaimed risotto amidst the unique allure of the hotel's rice field. These moments, embraced by the timeless charm of the Swiss landscape, redefine the concept of a table for two, offering a front-row seat to a love symphony in one of the world's most picturesque countries.

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## [Babylonstoren, Franschhoek Wine Valley, South Africa](#) - A Love Note to South Africa

Live a *Midsummer Night's Dream* at Babylonstoren and check into the Farm Hotel during the month of love. It's the perfect fairy-tale setting to spend time with your beloved. And while there ...

- Embark on a sunset drive up the slopes of Simonsberg Mountain, immersing in the late-afternoon tranquility of the farm. When guests reach In the Clouds - a special lookout with glorious views of the valley and beautiful Table Mountain in the distance - they can sit back and sip on a glass of wine.
- Begin the morning together with a relaxing stretch and breathing session in the garden, a ritual designed to start the day on a calming note. Take a stroll hand-in-hand during the daily guided farm walk up Babylonstoren koppie (hill) and through the fruit orchards. Cycle through the vineyards and orchards - a simple yet charming way for lovebirds to explore the abundance of the working farm. Find serenity at the farm dam as you enjoy a canoe ride, sharing quiet moments on the water. The spectacular views and fynbos vegetation make the effort well worthwhile, creating lasting memories.
- Share moments of tranquility with a calming treatment at the Garden Spa. The Arabian-inspired rasul (mud experience) for two, combined with a duo massage, provides the perfect escape. Float in the indoor-outdoor pool while admiring the sky through a glass-paneled pitched roof. A sauna, salt room, and heated vitality pools weave a holistic tapestry, enhancing a romantic escape.
- Savor the simplicity of a picnic set up in a secret spot in the garden, relishing the perfect al fresco fiesta. Babel, the signature farm-to-fork restaurant, awaits with a seasonal menu guided by the offerings of the garden - a delightful way to share a meal prepared with love. Meanwhile, the Greenhouse Restaurant is the ideal spot to enjoy easy, effortless picnic-style food beneath majestic old oaks.
- At the Tasting Room, overlook beautiful vineyards and the iconic Babylonstoren conical hill. This spot is perfect for sharing a delicious snack platter while tasting one's way through the farm's range of wines, creating an intimate experience that lingers on the palate.

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## [The Nare, Cornwall, England](#) - Romantic Breaks in Cornwall

The Nare is hidden away in one of the most beautiful parts of Cornwall, on the Roseland Peninsula, and is an idyllic place for romance. Go for quiet strolls along the endless coastal paths in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and indulge in a relaxing couple's massage in the health spa followed by an al fresco hot tub soak with panoramic sea views. Come evening, savor traditional five-course table d'hôte dining by candlelight.

The four-day "Get Away from It All" break, which runs from October to April every year (excluding Christmas and New Year), is the ultimate way to relax and unwind. The Carne Bay Spa is located in a quiet corner of the hotel and offers a calming treatment room and a full menu of therapies.

Stay four nights in luxurious surroundings overlooking Carne Beach, enjoying two treatments of choice in the spa, swimming in the pool, relaxing in the outdoor hot tub, or just sitting in one of The Nare's comfortable lounges by the fire enjoying the view with a good book.

For a full menu of treatments and to enquire about a stay, allow us to connect you with The Nare's reservation team.

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## [Curtain Bluff, Antigua](#) - Moments of Warmth, Wonder and Intimacy and laughter

Couples looking for romance in the Caribbean find it at Curtain Bluff. Situated on a peninsula on Antigua's southernmost tip, the property's location allows for 360-degree views of stunning sunsets, forested hills, and neighboring islands. The boutique hotel invites newlyweds to stay in one of the signature Hulford Collection suites - complete with a private plunge pool - for the ultimate romantic getaway. Active couples can take part in the property's array of watersports while couples seeking relaxation can enjoy the miles of sandy beaches complete with beach concierge service. The luxury all-inclusive, five-star sanctuary is also the perfect wedding venue, with an experienced and attentive team led by the resident wedding planner overseeing all event details. The resort accommodates groups ranging from intimate private gatherings to full property buyouts of up to 140 guests.

**2024 Longer Stay Specials** - Curtain Bluff will welcome guests until the end of their season on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and are pleased to introduce specials for your clients to take advantage of. Book a 5-night stay for a 25% discounted client rate and a 30% discount for a 10-night stay. ***\*Please note that blackout dates apply.***

*Please reach out to Rebecca Recommends for an introduction to the team so they can check availability. Remember a 15% commission applies for all bookings at Curtain Bluff.*

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## [The Newt in Somerset, England](#) - Fall in Love with the Great Outdoors

Inviting couples to reconnect with nature, themselves, and each other, The Newt in Somerset makes for an indulgent romantic holiday year-round. With just 4 of the 41 bedrooms offering children's rooms, it's largely a couples retreat.

The most romantic activity is always the simplest luxury of time spent in the great outdoors, with guests encouraged to get outside in the fresh Somerset air in all weathers. There are walking maps and a boot room offering Hunter wellies, rain ponchos, and umbrellas.

For those seeking more pampering luxury, the spa features couples' treatment rooms for massages and body treatments such as wraps and reflexology. A private mud rasul chamber is the perfect place to fling mud at each other before steaming it off, or step into the hammam for a truly immersive experience that leaves body and mind rejuvenated.

Learn something new that will last for years with a workshop or guest experience; the House cellar plays host to expert-led tasting experiences throughout the week, including wine tasting and honey tasting.

Real wood-burning fires in many of the bedrooms provide the perfect end to a romantic winter's stay - top room choices to stoke the flames include Llamrei, Farrier's, the Granary, or Milkmaids. Meanwhile, at the Farmyard, seven bedrooms include a private steam chamber for the ultimate night in.

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## [Great Fosters, Egham, England](#) - Treat a Loved One to Valentine's Day at Great Fosters

Nestled in 50 acres of formal gardens and parkland near Windsor, Great Fosters is a Grade 1-listed building originally built as a hunting lodge for King Henry VIII. The hotel oozes history and romance with cozy nooks, secret gardens, and viewpoints in which to enjoy a cocktail or two.

Step back in time to experience a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride exploring the 4,000 acres of Windsor Great Park, His Majesty The King's estate. Afterward, visit Windsor Castle to take a tour of the staterooms and St. George's Chapel and then return to Great Fosters for a relaxing couple's massage side by side. Make sure to reserve the beautiful Tapestry Suite, which spans the width of the house. It has three huge 16th-century Flemish tapestries adorning the walls and an impressive original fireplace, plus an emperor-sized bed. The bathroom has sweeping views across the gardens plus a free-standing tub for two. Enjoy an aperitif by the Saxon moat amidst the heady perfume from the rose garden before a romantic dinner in the Michelin-starred Tudor Pass, intimately sized with only seven tables and offering individual, highly personal service.

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## [Dream Escape, United Kingdom and Ireland](#) - The Ultimate in Inspirational, Customizable Love-Infused Getaways

Ireland and Northern Ireland have played host to cinema's unforgettable love stories throughout the years. There are wide stretches of golden, sandy beaches and dramatic clifftops to explore, and it's easy to get a taste of the action with Dream Escape's once-in-a-lifetime experiences ...

**Find mystical romance on the Cliffs of Moher** - Yet another Harry Potter gem, the Cliffs of Moher are not only one of Ireland's most famous natural sights, with spectacular vistas across the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands, but they also play a key role in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. The cliffs act as the foreboding cave where Harry and Dumbledore go in search of Salazar Slytherin's Locket, one of the seven Horcruxes.

If classic romance is more your clients' style, Academy Award-winning *Ryan's Daughter* also called, "Action!" on the cliffs. The opening scene sees Rosy lose her parasol on the coast before the story of unrequited love unfolds. The area is great for exploring on foot - with safely carved trails along the clifftops - but a Dream Escape private charter boat or helicopter flyby really is the ultimate way to take in its natural glory.

**Celebrate a romance for the ages in County Wicklow** - The historical series *Vikings* shines a spotlight on the beautiful Wicklow Mountains. Find the Luggala Estate (and former Guinness family home), the stunning Blessington Lakes, and Powerscourt Waterfall, where Dream Escape can arrange private tours of the garden and Powerscourt Whiskey Distillery. Even better, learn about sheep herding and explore the best hiking trails with local experts.

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Then, there's the classic love story, *P.S. I Love You* - the film adaptation of Irish writer Cecilia Ahern's million-copy bestseller starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler. This wonderful film was shot across Wicklow, and travelers can find the famed bridge location at Sally Gap. You'll never get as lost as Swank though, with private hiking and tours led by knowledgeable guides.

Read more [here](#).

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## [The Dwarika's Resort, Dhulikhel, Nepal](#) - Finding Togetherness in the Wildest Reaches of Nepal

Love and travel intertwine in a sophisticated fusion of passion and exploration, surpassing borders and deepening connections with each shared adventure. Travel nurtures relationships, offering various ways to explore diverse cultures and encounter new perspectives, enhancing partnerships from the early stages of romance to decades of marriage.

Nepal, embraced by the Himalayas, with breathtaking landscapes and a rich cultural heritage, makes an enchanting destination for a romantic retreat against the backdrop of majestic mountain vistas.

The Dwarika's Resort, surrounded by lofty Himalayan peaks and lush landscapes, extends a gracious welcome to couples seeking a realm of romance and enchantment. From captivating mountain views to intimate moments, and wellness activities to artistic pursuits, the resort meticulously crafts experiences that celebrate love in a setting as unique as the relationship itself. The Prayanati Package unveils an exceptional honeymoon, with every detail thoughtfully curated for a truly magical journey. Sundowners, private dinners beneath starlit skies, couples yoga, and the art of pottery contribute to creating enduring memories.

Immerse in this sacred setting and its centuries-old customs, infusing vows with the essence of togetherness. The Dwarika's Resort offers the perfect backdrop for a vow ceremony - whether it's the first ceremony or renewing one's vows, where love blossoms in harmony with nature's wonders. From the intricately decorated ceremonial space to the sumptuous celebratory feast, every moment is customized to suit the sweet couple's preferences.

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## [Resplendent Ceylon, Sri Lanka](#) - Resplendent Romantic Getaways

Celebrate love as a couple in an intimate, tranquil setting, complete with quiet walks amongst nature in the hills, champagne sunset cruises along the Indian Ocean, and exclusive dining experiences beneath the canopy of the starry skies.

**Hideaways for Two** - Embrace the slow pace of island life and experience solitude and tranquility. Think private villas and suites offering their own little luxury escape, butler service, and in-room indulgences for a captivating hideaway for two.

**Cozy Bungalows (Ceylon Tea Trails):** A haven for honeymooners, Resplendent Ceylon offers newlyweds a wealth of accommodations, including five cozy tea-planters' bungalows, Master Suites with a separate spacious living room, Garden Suites with verandahs and serene private gardens, comfortable Luxury Rooms and a secluded Owner's Cottage. Unwind in immense four-poster beds, between crisp white sheets. Walk-in rain showers and freestanding bathtubs are perfect for a refresh. No request is too much trouble for the personalized butler service.

**Intimate Suites (Cape Weligama):** Generously sized Villas and Suites are nestled along the natural slopes of the resort, complete with contemporary living quarters, sumptuous bathrooms, walk-in wardrobes, and large terraces. Modern-day comforts include Sonos wireless audio, handmade toiletries, and a stone tub for rejuvenation. Surrounded by tropical gardens that capture the essence of tranquility and intimacy, this is the ideal getaway for romantics.

**Serene Seclusion (Wild Coast Tented Lodge):** Cocooned, serene seclusion amongst the rugged wilderness, the Suites, and Pool Suites are a vision of double-height glass and canvas facades. Within the chic, yet whimsical interior, find four-poster beds, freestanding copper bathtubs, and panoramic jungle canopy views. A selection of these suite sanctuaries have a private plunge pool.

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*Ahilya by the Sea - Goa. Photo credit - Ahilya by the Sea*

[Ventours International, India, Sri Lanka, The Maldives, Bhutan, Tibet, Nepal](#) - Secrets on the Sea in India

## Ahilya by the Sea - Goa

This private escape by Dolphine Bay is pure paradise. Sink into understated elegance in this cozy haven, spread over three independent villas. Highlights include a sunrise infinity pool, surrounded by pink and white frangipani, and delectable cuisine enjoyed al fresco under the sky.



*Postcard on the Arabian Sea - Karnataka. Photo credit - Postcard on the Arabian Sea*

## Postcard on the Arabian Sea - Karnataka

On the secluded coast of Maravanthe Beach, the postcard-perfect Arabian Sea and not a lot else, guests can immerse themselves in the luxurious Karnataka, offering views of the ocean. Large rooms, mere steps away from the sea, open out to a lush garden, offering a tranquil, luscious atmosphere. To complement this serenity, the palate is seduced by cuisine that is incredibly heartfelt, each dish crafted from the freshest ingredients. It's the best-kept secret on India's west coast.

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## [Exeter Safari Company, Eastern Africa](#) - Experience the Enchanting Santorini Mozambique

When in search of the ultimate romance getaway, Exeter Safari Company collaborates with luxurious properties to provide exclusive, intimate experiences. Perched on the red cliffs of the Bazaruto Archipelago, Santorini Mozambique is a cherished romantic destination. Revel in the breathtaking views from every angle as Santorini's villas nestle amidst coconut trees and lush landscaping, creating a private oasis on the coast of Mozambique.

Couples will immerse themselves in the alluring charm of the Greek-inspired village, blending seamlessly with the wild beauty of Africa and the Indian Ocean. Santorini offers a plethora of activities and experiences for couples to enjoy. Embark on a private snorkeling trip to Margaruque Island, complete with a beautiful beach picnic lunch and refreshments. Spa Na Colina, the on-site tropical oasis designed for ultimate relaxation, offers an array of couple's massage treatments for those seeking to unwind.

Additionally, there is the option to dine privately under the magnificent African sky at the hidden paradise of Paraiso Escondido, an open-air courtyard exclusively booked for couples during their stay. Bask in the late-afternoon sun and evening stars while being treated to a Greek-style meal, complete with a chilled bottle of champagne, left in the courtyard for leisure and complete privacy. On-site activities encompass kayaking, paddleboarding, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, kite surfing, scenic helicopter flights, horseback riding, private boat charters, and beach picnics. For couples seeking complete exclusivity, luxury, and privacy, Exeter Safari Company and Santorini Mozambique are sure to deliver the perfect romantic getaway.

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## [The Hari, London, England](#) - Discover London's Romantic Side

As the first month of 2024 draws to a close, we all begin to turn our heads to ideas of romance - something which both February and London have a considerable amount of. At The Hari, the perfect Belgravia residence for a romantic escapade, guests will not fall short of ways to celebrate their shared love.

Located just a stone's throw away from The Hari, Hyde Park offers a perfect romantic setting. Whether couples choose to simply stroll through its idyllic grounds or take out a charming rowing boat on the Serpentine Lake, the Royal Park will not disappoint.

Continue the perfect day by strolling back to The Hari, where you can warm up by taking a hot bubble bath, brimming with rose petals and luxurious bath salts. Once totally relaxed, take a seat together at *il Pampero*, The Hari's Italian restaurant, for a romantic candlelit dinner. To begin, savor Valentine's cocktail for two, *Romeo & Juliette*, before indulging in a four-course set menu. Delicious highlights include lobster tagliolini with chili and fresh tomato, pan roast veal cutlet in a sage and marsala sauce, and to finish, a coconut mousse with a passionfruit cream center.

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## [The Hall at Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, England](#) - Spellbound in the English Countryside

Yorkshire provides the perfect setting for a romantic retreat, with breathtaking countryside views bursting with natural beauty. Whether your clients are interested in exploring the great outdoors with a walk through the picturesque Yorkshire Dales, or sampling local delicacies in one of the region's top restaurants, there's so much to enjoy for a romantic break away.

Nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, the Bolton Abbey Estate is the ultimate destination for a relaxing long weekend to reconnect with the natural world. With over 30,000 acres of spectacular moorland, ancient woodland, and rolling farmland, there are countless opportunities to explore and experience nature at its finest.

From a peaceful wander beside the river, a hike along the purple heights of the heather moorland, or a stroll through the picturesque woodland nature trails, there are walking routes available for all abilities.

And for those looking to discover something new, immerse in the history of the ancient Bolton Priory ruins, which date back to the 12th century. Or witness the awe-inspiring natural wonder of The Strid, a narrow segment of the River Wharfe with a captivating history and beauty that leaves visitors spellbound.

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## [Bodysgallen Hall & Spa, Llandudno, North Wales](#) - Wales, Whisky and the Warmth of Romance

February is the month of romance, with St. Valentine's Day celebrated by many on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. In Wales, love is celebrated a little earlier on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, when the Welsh saint of love, St. Dwynwen's Day, is observed. At Bodysgallen Hall, they're toasting togetherness with fine food and whisky.

Bodysgallen Hall is renowned for its excellent menus, created by Head Chef Abdalla El Shershaby, who incorporates fresh produce from our organic gardens into his imaginative dishes. In addition to the seasonal menus offered in the restaurant, a themed dinner is held each month, and to mark this special day in the Welsh calendar, it will be a whisky-inspired dinner hosted by the Welsh distillery, Penderyn, famed for its award-winning single-malt whiskies. Penderyn is the home of Welsh Whisky, Wales' first whisky distillery in over 100 years, and a pioneer in World Whisky. For lovers of whisky, who stay at Bodysgallen Hall, the partnership with Penderyn offers personalized guided tours of the distillery and an invitation to their masterclass.

Distilling in Wales was a lost art, but in the late 1990s, in a Hirwaun pub in the Welsh valleys, a group of friends chatted about establishing the first whisky distillery in Wales in over a century. They dreamt of creating a whisky as pure and precious as Welsh gold, represented today by Penderyn's "gold seam." The village of Penderyn was chosen because of the site's supply of fresh natural spring water.

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## [Hartwell House & Spa, Buckinghamshire, England](#) - Weddings, Wellness, and More in the English Countryside

Hartwell House is the perfect place to spend quality time with a special person, finding romance in this magnificent stately home, surrounded by 90 acres of Capability Brown-inspired gardens and parkland. This historic house hotel of the National Trust sets the stage for an unforgettable celebration.

Explore the grounds and discover the Hartwell Spa, where a range of health and beauty treatments elevate a feeling of well-being and rejuvenation. The landscaped gardens are an invitation for leisurely strolls to discover hidden alcoves, follies, and serene walking routes.

As the day turns to evening, venture down to the elegant drawing rooms for a pre-dinner drink before being taken into the award-winning Soane dining room for a candlelit dinner. Menus are designed by Executive Head Chef, Daniel Richardson, who utilizes only the finest locally sourced ingredients to create imaginative and beautifully presented dishes for a romantic meal.

For those celebrating a milestone event, Hartwell House is perfect for intimate family and friends gatherings with the Doric dining room seating up to 36 guests and the Octagon dining room, in the style of a tented pavilion, holding up to 18 people.