

Romantic

# TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

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February is the time many people get romantic. It's time for flowers, chocolates, jewelry and more. It's also a perfect time for a romantic getaway.



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Romance travel can mean so many things to so many people. Right here in our backyard we have many destinations within a few hours drive that are wonderful romantic spots. Islamorada is absolutely beautiful and less than 2 hours away.

A weekend at **CHEECA LODGE** will include lovely dinners on the water, a couples massage at the world famous 5,700 square foot spa, afternoons at the poolside cabana with butler service and tv's and more. You can try the **Couples WEEKDAY SPA ESCAPE** for the best value including hotel accommodations, a full day

cabana rental at the adults only pool and a 90 minute couples massage. If you want to drive a little further south and can afford the splurge, the little gem of an island escape at **LITTLE PALM ISLAND** may be just what any couple would love. Little Palm Island is a perfect choice for a couple seeking the romance and



allure of **Bora Bora** or **Bali** and want to get in the car rather than fly across the world. It is a 5 acre islet just 3 nautical miles off the shore just north of Key West. You will take their private boat literally to another world. The accommodations are housed in thatched bungalows, have king beds canopied with netting and very South Pacific in feel. Try the **GET LOST PACKAGE** which includes accommodations, a chilled bottle of champagne in your suite, breakfast daily and a \$100 spa credit per day.

What can be more romantic than a ski getaway. Perhaps you can't leave immediately but you have plenty of time to plan a ski vacation even into March and enjoy some of the seasons best spring skiing. There are nonstop flights from Ft Lauderdale and Miami to Denver, Vail and Salt Lake City. **THE RITZ CARLTON BACHELOR GULCH** is a great resort where you can have a room with a fireplace, overlooking the mountain and enjoy all of the amenities of an alpine lodge with the comforts of a luxury resort minutes from Vail Mountain. In Utah, the **WALDORF ASTORIA PARK CITY** is an amazing resort right at the Canyons Mountain. This beautiful chalet-style resort is absolutely beautiful. If you want even more luxury, you can try the St Regis or the **MONTAGE IN DEER VALLEY** but rest assured any vacation to the Park City area will be a romantic winter fantasy.

February can be a great time to plan a romantic getaway to many different

destinations that may take more time and money to plan. River Cruises have become so popular. Imagine a week on the Rhine or Danube River. Travel through France, perhaps a few days in the most Romantic City in the World, Paris and then take a beautiful cruise down the Rhone River to Avignon and Provence. Plan a vacation to Bora Bora if you can get away for 10 days or more. Stay in an over the water bungalow and explore the waters of **FRENCH POLYNESIA**. If you want to venture closer to home the resorts in the Caribbean have endless choices. Couples love to travel to resorts where they can be

guaranteed romance and what better way to accomplish that then finding a luxury adults only resort. Try **SANDALS** in one of the many Caribbean locations or one of the lesser known but really luxurious resorts in the Caribbean or Mexico such as Secrets, or Excellence. There are rooms with private jacuzzis, plunge pools and butler service at most of these resorts and you can truly have nonstop romance, sun and fun all vacation long.

Whether you decide to stay near, or go far away there is sure to be a destination for your new love, or to rekindle the flames with your old love and come back fresh and renewed. ●

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