When it comes to Valentine's Day, sure, it's lovely to wrap up a gift like a special piece of jewelry or a personalized trinket. But what's even better than that is giving the gift of a shared experience — a chance to make priceless memories that last forever and absolutely never go out of style. And one of the most romantic experiences you can give is a special trip away from all the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

These Valentine's Day getaways around the U.S. have options accessible from every region of the nation — no passport required — and for every personality and budget. You can decide to take a full week off to unwind, check out a new spot for the weekend or, if you're lucky enough to live close to one of these spots, do a fun day trip. Whatever works for you!

Whether your honey loves quaint ski towns like Stowe, Vermont and Telluride, or sunny escapes like the Florida Keys and Catalina Island, our list includes all top-rated vacation spots for the month of February. There are plenty of great girls' trip ideas too (spa weekend, anyone?) if you rather celebrate Galentine's Day with your besties.

As you browse through our wanderlust-inspiring guide and work on planning the perfect trip, don't forget to check out our 2023 Travel Awards, where you can find everything you need to make your next escape the best one yet.

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South Padre Island,
Texas

One of the world's most beautiful barrier islands — and the only tropical island in Texas — South Padre Island offers more than 300 days of sunshine per year and 34 miles of coastline for romantic walks on the beach. Stop at the Port Isabel Lighthouse for stunning views — and a romantic selfie, of course.

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Catalina Island, California

Although it has the feel of a Mediterranean riviera vacation, Catalina is just a ferry ride across the Pacific Ocean from Los Angeles. The Catalina Express ferry takes you to the seaside town of Avalon, just made for a day of romantic strolling. Keep it relaxed, or add thrill to the trip with a Zip Line Eco Tour.

Castle Hot Springs, Arizona

Arizona’s natural hot springs are said to offer health benefits from stress reduction to pain relief — and they’re totally romantic, too. Castle Hot Springs dates back to the 1890s, when it was a favorite among America’s titans of industry. Come for adventure like archery, ATVs and —
CASTLE HOT SPRINGS for the truly fearless — an intense aerial bridge and Via Ferrata climbing course. Or just hit the spa with your honey — whatever works!

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Scottsdale, Arizona
Scottsdale offers something for every couple’s style — whether it’s rugged outdoorsmanship or luxurious resorts that turn you on. Nestled at the base of Camelback Mountain, Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa has incredible dead-on mountain views and secluded casita-style guest rooms for the ultimate in romance. (And just in case you’re not convinced yet, FYI: Beyoncé and Jay-Z honeymooned here!)

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Chattanooga, Tennessee
Chattanooga, tucked between the mountains of Southeast Tennessee along the Tennessee River, is an under-the-radar destination for a romantic getaway. Plan an intimate weekend getaway to downtown’s walkable The Read House Hotel, a 150-year-old historic property that
recently undertook a multimillion renovation with modern amenities and a Gatsby-like vibe. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a date at Boccaccia Ristorante Italiano for Northern Italian comfort food or Bridgeman’s Chophouse.

**Santa Barbara, California**

Santa Barbara is a lovers’ paradise — just ask Harry and Meghan, who set up house in the area, or Kourtney and Travis who got engaged in front of the Rosewood Miramar Beach Hotel. Come for wine tasting along the urban wine trail, ride bikes together or stroll along the beach at sunset.
Daufuskie Island, South Carolina

Truly get away from it all with your sweetie at South Carolina’s Daufuskie Island, blanketed in Spanish moss and Gullah history, with a sense of remoteness and simplicity. Arrive to the island by ferry. Then head to Haig Point and check into one of two historic accommodations — the Strachan Mansion or the restored 1873 Lighthouse. Next, unplug and enjoy three miles of pristine white sand beaches and incredible views together at your own pace.

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Snowmass Village, Colorado

Only nine miles away from Aspen, Snowmass features 90% ski-in, ski-out lodging, so couples can hit the slopes together effortlessly. Soak in the romance amid breathtaking mountain views, steamy hot tub sessions, fire pits, and ice skating (while holding hands, of course).

PLAN YOUR TRIP
Charleston, South Carolina

Often considered among the country's most romantic cities, Charleston's walkable historic district, world-class restaurants, and tucked-away gardens all combine for a perfectly dreamy Valentine's Day getaway. Arrange a horse-drawn carriage tour or take in a sunset aboard the Schooner Pride.

Beaufort, North Carolina

Along North Carolina's Crystal Coast, Beaufort is the third-oldest town in the state, with a vibe that feels plucked right out of a romance novel — literally. (It's the setting of two of Nicholas Sparks' novels, A Walk to Remember and The Choice.) Explore the historic downtown waterfront.
and try your hand at fishing side by side. (You've already got the best catch of them all!)

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Charlottesville, Virginia

Just like the state motto says, Virginia is for lovers! And Charlottesville is an ideal holiday destination for couples seeking a peaceful, intimate escape in the countryside. Share a bottle of wine at Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards, catch a show with the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra on the University of Virginia campus and then snuggle up together at QUIRK Hotel in downtown Charlottesville.
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Palm Springs, California

Palm Springs is a good idea any time of year. In the spring and summer, temps soar— but around Valentine's Day, the air is typically crisp and mild. Come for dining at world-class restaurants, shopping for mid-century treasures, and spa days to remember. For the ultimate in romance, book a stay at Casa Cody or the highly walkable Kimpton Rowan.

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Port Jervis, New York

Part of New York's Hudson Valley (70 miles away from New York City), Port Jervis feels like a Hallmark movie set. Make it a Valentine's Day getaway with a stay at Cedar Lakes Estate, a mountainside and lakefront escape over 500 acres, now available for cottage bookings. Indulge in farm-to-table dinners and sunset happy hours in private heated igloos.

PLAN YOUR TRIP
Orlando, Florida

Not only is Orlando a dream destination for Disney fans, it's also more than ever a paradise for foodies — and a place for a bucket-list Valentine's Day date night. For the first time ever, the city has eateries in the coveted Michelin guide — a total of 33 in all.

Los Angeles

While it might be cold in many places around the country in February, the sun is just about guaranteed to be shining on Los Angeles. And you'll find plenty to do, no matter your style — from hiking with your honey to luxuriating at a spa like the glorious new Fairmont Spa Century Plaza. For an unforgettable Valentine’s Day meal, dine at the two-Michelin-star Providence or the vegan-friendly Crossroads Kitchen.
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Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Looking to escape the cold with an active getaway? On Hilton Head Island, you can take a swing at golfing as a couple on some of the most famous golf courses in the country, or enjoy biking, kayaking, fishing and more seaside activities. It's the perfect spot for the couple who loves to do everything together.

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Florida Keys, Florida

If you're more a "sit back and relax" couple, head to the Florida Keys and catch some rays in the Sunshine State. That's not to say you'll be bored — you can go diving in Key Largo, paddle board and swim with manatees off Islamorada or enjoy the culture and nightlife of Key West.
If you’re looking for a ski vacation on the East Coast, you’ll find great February ski conditions in Stowe, Vermont. Enjoy mountain views, hit the slopes together and then celebrate the holiday with a romantic hot tub or spa date at your resort of choice.

Full of delicious dining, vibrant nightlife, historical sights and a rich music culture, New Orleans makes for the perfect couple’s trip. If you want to celebrate Valentine's Day a little late, you can also head there for Mardi Gras at the beginning of March.
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Joshua Tree, California

Go off the grid and reconnect with nature (and each other) in Joshua Tree. There are a ton of romantic stays to choose from that will bring you gorgeous desert vistas and easy access to Joshua Tree National Park.

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Blue Ridge, Georgia

Looking to explore the great outdoors down South? Stay in Blue Ridge, Georgia and discover the stunning vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains on a hike together. (You can also go shopping, visit craft breweries and enjoy a romantic meal on Main Street.)

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Bar Harbor, Maine

If you can't decide between a cozy New England getaway and an outdoor adventure, Bar Harbor, Maine combines the best of both worlds. You'll have easy access to both Acadia National Park and all the Bar Harbor eateries and lighthouses you could imagine. (Just remember that February in Maine is pretty chilly.)

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Telluride, Colorado

Hit the slopes and enjoy magical views in the ski village of Telluride, Colorado. This intimate getaway is ideal for the skiing and snowboarding couple, but the town also has great food and wine. (Head back in September for the acclaimed film festival.)

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New York, New York

New York might just be the most romantic city in America. See the sights, go ice skating in Rockefeller Center and enjoy world-class dining for a Valentine's Day you'll both love.

Fairbanks, Alaska

If you really want to create a memory together you'll never forget, head way up north to Fairbanks, Alaska to witness the Northern Lights, which are still prime for viewing in February. We can't think of anything more romantic.
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Las Vegas, Nevada

Why not have fun and let loose in Vegas? Each resort offers its own special take on Valentine's Day on top of the already-amazing dining, shopping and live shows. And if you're in the mood to elope, the Little White Chapel is right there.

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Palm Beach, Florida

If you're committed to both sunny shores and luxury, escape to Palm Beach together. You can sip cocktails on the beach, order a couples massage or enjoy Valentine's Day breakfast poolside at one of the city's many resorts.

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Aspen, Colorado

Or enjoy a snowy take on luxury in Aspen. This bustling ski town has some of the very best spas and resorts in the country, so you can unwind together after a day on the slopes. (Or skip the slopes all together and go shopping.)

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San Francisco, California

Go for a weekend getaway in San Francisco and explore all that the historic city has to offer. Head to a concert, take a cruise around the Bay and check out some of the best restaurants and bars — or partake in the San Francisco Pillow Fight that happens on February 14 every year.

PLAN YOUR TRIP
Maui, Hawaii

Whether you're celebrating your honeymoon or just splurging on a special trip, you'll have a Valentine's Day to remember in Hawaii. Maui has all the gorgeous weather, great food and beautiful views you need for a romantic getaway.

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