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Valentine's Day Dining in Phoenix 2017

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Whether you're seeking a decadent night out for two or a casual outing for the entire family, the Valley is brimming with Valentine's Day dining specials to check out. (Many restaurants listed require reservations; visit each restaurant's Web site for the most up-to-date menu and pricing.)

Ready to swoon? Reserve your spot for dinner at **Prado** at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia for four decadent courses. Choose from baked brie, jumbo lump crab, broiled Maine lobster, prime rib and much more for the starting and main courses, before ending your repast with a Midnight Kiss—an artistic tabletop dessert.

Featuring sweeping views of sparkling city lights and floor to ceiling windows, **Different Pointe of View** at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort is Arizona's longest running AAA Four-Diamond restaurant. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 5 to 10 p.m., couples can enjoy a special four-course menu, with wine pairings available.

Guests can savor **elements'** four-course Valentine's Day menu by Executive Chef Beau MacMillan on Feb. 14. Menu highlights include Prime Beef Tartare; Maine Lobster Risotto; Miso Glazed Chilean Seabass;

Crispy Petaluma Chicken; Grilled Eggplant Cannoli; and Dark & Milk Chocolate Oreo Cookie Cake. The meal include Chef's amuse and glass of sparkling rose and will be served from 5 to 10:30 p.m.

Enjoy a candle-lit dinner at **ZuZu** at Hotel Valley Ho, done up in Valentine's style. Russell LaCasce has crafted a delicious four-course menu (think Maine lobster and artichoke tart, Wagyu flat iron steak and more). Dinner is served from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

At Scottsdale's **Rhythm + Wine**, enjoy a special four-course holiday menu with course choices including Sonoran-spiced Atlantic salmon, strawberry shortcake and more from 5 to 10 p.m.

Consider celebrating over dinner during Valentine's week, Feb. 10 to 17, with a visit to the Desert Botanical Garden and **Gertrude's**, the restaurant located just inside the Garden entrance. During this romantic holiday week the restaurant is featuring special oyster, beef, fish and chocolate dinner items from 4 to 9 nightly.

From 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Valentine's Day, **District American Kitchen and Wine Bar** at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix dishes up a three-course, prix fixe menu with complimentary three-hour parking validation.

Spoil the ones you love this Feb. 14 with a stunning view of the Valley as you savor every bite of Chef Jacques Qualin's exquisite four-course Valentine's Day menu at **J & G Steakhouse** at The Phoenician.

Geordie's Steak at Wrigley Mansion is serving up a special, one-day-only Valentine's Day menu diners can enjoy amidst the sophisticated, stylish surroundings. Order the decadent four-course feast or order from an a la carte menu.

Christopher's Restaurant & Crush Lounge at Biltmore Fashion Park is cooking up a fanciful, four-course tasting menu featuring fine French fare. Divine dishes will include Foie Gras Royal and Salmon Tartare Galette.

Scottsdale's newly opened **Zen Culinary** will feature a special Valentine's Day menu, a three-course meal of a small house salad, followed by your choice of entree including organic lemongrass chicken, duck breast, Pad Thai or baby back ribs.

Toro, La Hacienda and Bourbon Steak at **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess** are offering romantic menus for Valentine's Day, starting at 5:30 p.m. At Bourbon Steak, enjoy a three-course menu as well as Michael Mina classics (like Russian Ossetra caviar and Maine lobster pot pie) while both Toro and La Hacienda will have special holiday dishes in addition to the restaurants' fab menus.

The Valentine's Day menu at **EVO Italian Restaurant** in Old Town includes four courses, complete with starters, salads, a main course and dessert. This special menu will be the only menu offered on Feb. 14 but will be offered in addition to the regular menu on Feb. 10 to 13.

At **Miracle Mile Deli** on Valentine's Day, kids 12 and under get a free kids meal with an adult purchase of an entrée/sandwich. (One free kids meal per sandwich/entrée purchase.)

At **Pomelo** in Phoenix, you and your loved one will enjoy fine food and drinks on the beautiful patio or in the restaurant. The locally owned restaurant will be offering a special prix fixe menu on Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. as well as Tuesday (Valentine's Day) from 4 to 9 p.m.

Love is in the air, as the restaurants at **JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa**, **MÉRITAGE**, an urban tavern and stonegrill, will offer special limited-time menu additions, like Wagyu filet and lobster tail and seared sablefish, respectively. The items are available Feb. 10-14.

Zookz Sandwiches at Central and Camelback is offering a special on Valentine's Day for breakfast or lunch: thinly sliced turkey, parmesan and goat cheeses topped with a roasted almond, green onion and sun dried tomato marmalade, served with a side salad and a passion fruit mimosa.

Camelback Inn's **Lincoln** Executive Chef Chris Neff has crafted a specialty menu, exclusively available on Valentine's Day for guests, filled with aphrodisiacs and beautifully plated and inventive dishes. On the holiday menu, try oysters smothered in Hendricks Gin relish and foie gras topped with hazelnut crumble.

Prix fixe menus and special items will be offered throughout **Casino Arizona** and its five award-winning restaurants, including decadent menus at Cholla Prime Steakhouse & Lounge and the Eagles Buffet.

Executive Chef Jeremy Pacheco at **LON's at the Hermosa** whips up a special four-course Sweethearts Tasting Menu that begins with a sensual shellfish for two. The Sweethearts Tasting Menu will be offered Friday, Feb. 10 through Tuesday, Feb. 14. (The regular a la carte menu will also be available.)

Hand Cut Burgers & Chophouse and **Farm & Craft** are offering a complimentary bottle of Champagne for groups of four or more on Feb. 14. Double date anyone? Groups of six or more, get a complimentary bottle of Champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries.

Serving dinner for the first time in 87 years, **Tom's Tavern** downtown is offering a sophisticated spin on classic tavern dishes. The menu includes slow-cooked pork belly and BBQ grilled salmon.

Tomaso's Italian Restaurant will host a true "language of amore" dinner over the course of Valentine's Day weekend. Just a couple of the special menu items include the Juliet Ravioli with roasted butternut squash, organic ricotta and butter-sage parmigiana and the Romeo Black and Red Pasta.

Guests of **BLK Live** in North Scottsdale can select from a prix-fixe menu complete with a bottle of wine, choice of appetizer, entrée and dessert on Valentine's Day.

This Valentine's Day, celebrate with your loved one with a delicious Southern-inspired feast from **Okra Cookhouse & Cocktails**. Chef Cullen Campbell is cooking up a Valentine's Day shared menu available only on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Citizen Public House in Scottsdale offers one-night-only, three-course chef's tasting menu offered Tuesday, Feb. 14. Course options include the Original Chopped Salad, Amaretto meatloaf, peppercorn filet mignon and more.

On the roster for Valentine's dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 14, is a three-course tasting menu prepared by **The Gladly's** Chef Bernie Kantak, which includes an appetizer, main course and delectable dessert.

Tanzy's prix-fixe Valentine's Day dinner will be served Friday, Feb. 10, through Tuesday, Feb. 14,. This six-course dinner will be served with a glass of Piper Heidsieck Champagne.

Thirsty Lion Gastropub is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxed Valentine's Day. All three Thirsty Lion locations in Tempe, Scottsdale and Gilbert will be serving a special menu Friday, Feb. 10, through Tuesday, Feb. 14. The menu includes a bronzed Mahi Mahi, filet mignon and more.

From 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Perk Eatery** offers a Valentine's Day special: red velvet pancakes and chantilly cream.

On Feb. 10, 11 and 14, **The Market Restaurant + Bar by Jennifer's** offers a delicious three-course menu, in addition to an amuse bouche and a take-home treat, for the Valentine's Day holiday.

Join **LDV Winery's** winemakers Peggy and Curt Dunham for a Valentine's Day celebration. On Valentine's Day at 5:30 p.m. The four-course menu will be served in Fountain Hills, though the exact address will be shared upon securing a reservation.

A unique Valentine's Day date, hop on the **Scottsdale Wine Trail** Feb. 11 and 12 and enjoy wine and chocolate pairings at five different Downtown Scottsdale wine tasting rooms.

In honor of Arizona's 105th birthday and Valentine's Day, **Tavern Americana** is offering several AZ Love specials all day on Feb 14, starting at 11 a.m. Specials include Sonoran hot dogs, Navajo tacos and much more.

This Valentine's Day, **Marcellino Ristorante** and Black, Starr & Frost, America's first jeweler, present "Dinner and Diamonds." The delectable five-course dinner is paired with his Reserve wines. This is a customized menu for two. Black, Starr & Frost will provide 18-karat white gold Diamond Hoop Earrings with .5 carats of round brilliant cut diamonds set outside and inside. This special gift will be presented during dessert. For those who would rather order off of the menu, check out Marcellino Ristorante's Valentine's Day menu, available in the dining room. The menu features a variety of dishes, including heart-shaped gnocchi.

Valentine's Day at **El Palacio** means a three-course meal including a choice of one appetizer, two entrees and one deep fried ice cream.

Sorso Wine Room in Scottsdale on Valentine's Day is dishing up a four-course menu, featuring warming beef stew served in a bread bowl.

Until 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day, the **Original Breakfast House** offers to holiday specials: Mexican Eggs Benedict and red velvet pancakes and cream cheese glaze.

The four-course **Coup des Tartes** Valentine's Day dinner begins at 5 p.m. with dishes like Canadian lobster tail, roasted beet soup and much more.

Friday, Feb. 9, through Monday, Feb. 13, enjoy the Sweethearts Menu at **Rusconi's Kitchen**, in addition to the regular dining menu, after 5 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb 14, enjoy a prix fixe Valentine's Day Menu in the dining room or an a la carte "Lonely Hearts Menu" at the bar, after 5 p.m.

From 4 to 9 p.m., celebrate Valentine's Day at **Drexyl Modern American** in Scottsdale. Dishes include pan-roasted chicken mole and prawns, 8-oz. filet and more.

Valentine's Day at **MATCH Cuisine + Cocktails at FOUND:RE Phoenix** has something for everyone this Valentine's Day. Coupled? Enjoy a special V-day menu with seatings start at 5 p.m. Uncoupled? Join in for "HateFlix and Chill." Enjoy happy hour all day in the lounge, plus unromantic flicks (think "Gone Girl") in both galleries, starting at 5 p.m.

Churros, paella, pan-seared tilapia and much more are on the Valentine's Day prix-fixe menu at **Ticoz Latin Kitchen**.

Executive Chef Todd Allison will be preparing a special four-course, prix-fixe menu for Valentine's Day at the legendary **T. Cook's** at Royal Palms Resort and Spa. Reservations are available from 5 to 10 p.m.

On Valentine's Day, **Crudo** will add one-night-only specials to its regular menu of Italia-inspired favorites including swordfish crudo with grapes and radish, oysters on the half shell and trout "Piemontese style."

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, make reservations between 5 and 9 p.m. at **Flourish** at CopperWynd Resort for a three-course prix fixe menu. Dishes include grilled Colorado lamb, rosemary-grilled veal chop and more.

With the purchase of two or more entrees at Uptown Alley's Restaurant, **Red Embers Bar and Grill**, each entrée, including kids entrees, will receive a \$5 game card and a chocolate-covered strawberry.

This Valentine's Day, romance your loved one with a mouth-watering three-course dinner (dishes include mesquite-grilled beef tenderloin and pan-seared Chilean sea bass) and glass of vintage Dom Perignon at **Kitchen West Restaurant** at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, A Destination Hotel.

Indulge in a delicious, decadent prix-fixe dinner for two at the **Ahnala Mesquite Room** at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center. Dishes include halibut, chicken palo verde and more.

You're invited to toast to your sweetheart while indulging in the Valley's premier culinary experience offered at **Kai** restaurant at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. Ryan Swanson, chef de cuisine at Kai, has prepared an exquisite seven-course prix-fixe tasting menu to be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Vintage 95 in Chandler is hosting a pre-fixe Valentine's Day dinner with optional wine pairing. Diners can choose either a three- or five-course dinner plus wine pairing. Entrees include seared monk fish, sirloin steak and much more.

Blue Hound Kitchen & Cocktails's Executive Chef Chef Sean Currid will be preparing an exceptional five-course, prix-fixe menu to celebrate the romantic day. Seatings are from 5 to 10 p.m.

The Palo Verde Restaurant at the Boulders Resort celebrates the Valentine's Day holiday on Tuesday, Feb. 14, with a specialty menu featuring a Champagne toast starter. Dishes include seared foie gras served with white chocolate burnt orange brioche and Luxardo cherries.

Enjoy a romantic evening in Talavera or a night of casual comfort and community at Proof, an American Canteen, this Valentine's Day at **Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North**. Talavera will feature a five-course menu on Feb. 10, 11, 12 and 14, and, on Feb. 14, families and friends can enjoy shuffleboard, lively music and tables for large parties at Proof.

The new **Sonatas Restaurant** in Scottsdale will be offering couples a three-course chocolate-tasting menu and a bottle of wine on Tuesday, Feb. 14 beginning at 8 p.m.

At **Texaz Grill**, enjoy a decadent a surf n' turf Steak Lin Sue, sip on tasty prickly pear margaritas, and treat your sweetheart to complimentary Texas sheet cake this Valentine's Day.

Artizen, Crafted American Kitchen & Bar will be offering a prix-fixe dinner for couples or friends to share the romance of the holiday together. The four-course menu is crafted with local ingredients and will be available from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Market Street Kitchen is whipping up a special Valentine's Day menu offered Friday, Feb. 10, through Tuesday, Feb. 14. In addition, all items, including the crab-stuffed sole with haricort verts and fingerling potatoes, are available a la carte.

Half Moon Sports Grill, with locations in the Biltmore and Moon Valley, announce its 2017 Valentine's Day specials. Guests who dine at either location on Tuesday, Feb. 14, will celebrate in style with half price bottles of wine. And, for every two full price entrees purchased, guests will receive a free dessert.

Valentine's Day specials at Scramble include double chocolate strawberry pancakes and the sweet Cupid's Arrow Café Latte featuring Ghirardelli dark and white chocolate syrup.

Couples are invited to **deseo** at Westin Kierland to enjoy an evening of romance while indulging in a delectable four-course, prix fixe menu. Enhance the evening with wine pairings from deseo's South American wine list. Plus, the resort's Nellie Cashman's will be serving a three-course dinner from 5 to 9 p.m.

Bring your loved one to enjoy **The Melting Pot's** special five-course menu. The meal will consist of a Champagne toast and appetizer, a cheese fondue, salad, an entrée and a chocolate fondue for dessert.

Los Sombreros hosts a special dinner for two on Valentine's Day. The tasting menu includes Huitlacoche crepes, pork pozole, chocolate tamale with homemade vanilla ice cream and more.

RA Sushi is serving up some sweet heat this Valentine's Day with its lobster strawberry roll, available Feb. 9-14. Pair it with the passion fruit margarita for the perfect meal for two.

Impress your significant other this Valentine's Day with a special three-course prix fixe menu at **North Italia** in Arcadia and North Scottsdale.

Dine in style with your partner this Valentine's Day at **The Henry** in Arcadia. This year, the restaurant will feature a special al la carte menu with king crab a caviar, Korean-style skirt steal and much more.

Join **Little Cleo's Seafood Legend** in Phoenix this Valentine's Day for a four-course prix fixe menu. Enjoy oysters, seared Diver scallops, grilled swordfish and more with your date.

From Friday, Feb. 10 to Tuesday, Feb. 14, grab a date or bring in a friend to **Sauce Pizza & Wine** and savor one of Sauce's many salads, a 12-inch pizza, and two glasses of wine for a special price.

There are three ways to enjoy Valentine's Day at **Arizona Biltmore, a Waldorf Astoria Resort**. Wright's at the Biltmore will celebrate love with an elegant four-course, prix-fixe dinner that includes a sweet "Love Letter" featuring a romantic quote delivered tableside. Frank & Albert's invites couples to indulge in a three-course, prix-fixe menu designed for two. Then, during the week leading up to Valentine's Day, High Tea at the Biltmore resort will extra festive with heart-shaped pastries and Valentine's Day-themed tea, including hazelnut truffle and cherry marzipan.