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Where to Have a Romantic Retreat This Valentine's Day

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When your significant other suggests a special trip to celebrate Valentine's Day, it's time to start making plans.



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With so many places to choose from, this could be an exciting and possibly challenging assignment. Are you thinking of a [warm destination](#) and visualizing yourselves lounging on a tropical beach? Is your idea of fun an active day that ends with a [relaxing, intimate dinner](#)? Perhaps the traditional European romantic cities come to mind.

Sunny destinations like Hawaii, Baja California, and French Polynesia with sandy beaches, swaying palms, and balmy evenings fulfill many romantic fantasies. Other couples might seek the excitement of a big city like New York or Hong Kong for busy stimulating days, fabulous restaurants, and glittering nighttime views over [sophisticated cocktails](#). Paris and Venice were made for lovers, it seems, and both guarantee both fun and romance. Winter sports lovers would enjoy a day in Aspen's snow and a [cozy fireplace](#) or steamy hot

tub in the evening. California offers the desert of Palm Springs and coastline of Palos Verdes, both ideal for romance and relaxation.

As always, planning a vacation is pleasurable in itself, so the fun can begin even before February 14 rolls around. A glass of wine, a few brochures, and an evening of browsing websites together would be a perfect start to a romantic Valentine's Day trip. Here are some suggestions to get you started.



Robert Reck/Courtesy The Resort at Pedregal

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

White sand beaches, dramatic coastal cliffs, and desert landscapes beckon lovers to the southern end of [Baja California](#) where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortes. February's warm sunny days and cool evenings are ideal for enjoying the beach or activities that include jet skiing, snorkeling, diving, horseback riding, and more. The Resort at Pedregal offers the best of [Cabo San Lucas](#) with luxurious rooms, spectacular views, and dining at Cliffside El Farallon overlooking the Pacific.